

By: Representative Carlton

To: Universities and
Colleges

HOUSE BILL NO. 760

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-101-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO ESTABLISH A NONVOTING STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER OF THE
3 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING; AND
4 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-101-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 37-101-3. (1) The Governor, by and with the advice and
9 consent of the Senate, shall appoint the members of the Board of
10 Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, one (1) member
11 from each congressional district of the state as existing as of
12 March 31, 1944, one (1) member from each Supreme Court district
13 and two (2) members from the state at large, with the terms of
14 each to begin on May 8, 1944. One-third (1/3) of the membership
15 of said board so appointed shall be appointed for a period of four
16 (4) years, one-third (1/3) for a period of eight (8) years and
17 one-third (1/3) for a period of twelve (12) years. On the
18 expiration of any of said terms of office the Governor shall
19 appoint successors, by and with the advice and consent of the
20 Senate, for terms of twelve (12) years in each case.

21 In addition, there shall be one (1) nonvoting student
22 advisory board member to serve on the board. The student shall be
23 appointed by the president of the state institution of higher
24 learning and shall serve a one-year term to begin on July 1 of
25 each year. The appointments shall be rotated among the
26 institutions of higher learning in the following order: Alcorn
27 State University, Delta State University, Jackson State
28 University, Mississippi State University, Mississippi University

29 for Women, Mississippi Valley State University, University of
30 Mississippi and University of Southern Mississippi.

31 (2) In case of a vacancy on said board by death or
32 resignation of a member or from any other cause than the
33 expiration of such member's term of office, the board shall elect
34 his successor who shall hold office until the end of the next
35 session of the Legislature. During such term of the session of
36 the Legislature the Governor shall appoint the successor member of
37 the board from the district from which his predecessor was
38 appointed to hold office until the end of the period or term for
39 which said original trustee was appointed, to the end that
40 one-third (1/3) of such trustees' terms shall expire each four (4)
41 years.

42 (3) The Executive Director of the State Board for Community
43 and Junior Colleges, or his designee, and one (1) member of the
44 State Board for Community and Junior Colleges to be designated by
45 the chairman of said board, shall attend all regular meetings of
46 the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning.
47 Said community/junior college representatives shall have no
48 jurisdiction or vote on any matter within the jurisdiction of the
49 board. The Executive Director of the State Board for Community
50 and Junior Colleges and any designee who is a state employee shall
51 receive no per diem for attending meetings of the board, but shall
52 be entitled to actual and necessary expense reimbursement and
53 mileage for attending meetings at locations other than Jackson,
54 Mississippi. The designee of the State Board for Community and
55 Junior Colleges shall receive per diem compensation as authorized
56 by Section 25-3-69, Mississippi Code of 1972, for attending said
57 meetings, and shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual
58 expense reimbursement and mileage, which shall be paid from funds
59 appropriated to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of
60 Higher Learning.

61 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
62 and after July 1, 2006.