

AMENDMENT PROPOSED TO

HOUSE BILL NO. 247

By Scott

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72 ~~SECTION 2.~~ (1) There is created a study committee on the
73 tax system of Mississippi. The committee shall make a report of
74 its findings and recommendations to the Legislature during the
75 2008 Regular Legislative Session, including any recommended
76 legislation.

77 (2) The committee shall be composed of the following
78 members:

79 (a) The President Pro Tempore of the Mississippi
80 Senate;

81 (b) The Speaker Pro Tempore of the Mississippi House of
82 Representatives;

83 (c) The Chairman of the Senate Appropriations
84 Committee;

85 (d) The Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee;

86 (e) The Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee;

87 (f) The Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee;

88 (g) The State Treasurer, or his designee;

89 (h) The Executive Director of the Department of Finance
90 and Administration;

91 (i) The State Auditor, or his designee;

92 (j) One (1) member designated by the State Tax
93 Commission;

94 (k) One (1) member designated by the State Board of
95 Public Accountancy;

96 (l) One (1) member designated by the President of The
97 Mississippi Bar from the Taxation Section of The Mississippi Bar;

98 (m) One (1) member designated by the Mississippi
99 Supervisors Association;

100 (n) One (1) member designated by the Mississippi
101 Municipal Association; and

102 (o) Three (3) representatives of the general public,
103 one (1) designated by the Governor, one (1) by the Lieutenant
104 Governor and one (1) by the Speaker of the House of
105 Representatives.

106 Appointments shall be made within thirty (30) days after the
107 effective date of this act, and, within fifteen (15) days
108 thereafter on a day to be designated jointly by the Lieutenant
109 Governor and the Speaker of the House, the committee shall meet
110 and organize by selecting from its membership a chairman and a
111 vice chairman. The vice chairman shall also serve as secretary
112 and shall be responsible for keeping all records of the committee.
113 A majority of the members of the committee shall constitute a

114 quorum. In the selection of its officers and the adoption of
115 rules, resolutions and reports, an affirmative vote of a majority
116 of the committee shall be required. All members shall be notified
117 in writing of all meetings, such notices to be mailed at least
118 five (5) days before the date on which a meeting is to be held.

119 (3) The committee shall study and make recommendations with
120 respect to the imposition of state taxes and the granting of tax
121 exemptions in all areas of taxation including, but not limited to,
122 sales taxes, income taxes, privilege taxes, fuel taxes, diversions
123 of taxes and the relationship between state and local taxes.

124 (4) Members of the committee who are not legislators, state
125 officials or state employees shall be compensated at the per diem
126 rate authorized by Section 25-3-69, and shall be reimbursed in
127 accordance with Section 25-3-41 for mileage and actual expenses
128 incurred in the performance of their duties. Legislative members
129 of the committee shall be paid from the contingent expense funds
130 of their respective houses in the same manner as provided for
131 committee meetings when the Legislature is not in session;
132 however, no per diem or expense for attending meetings of the
133 committee will be paid while the Legislature is in session. No
134 committee member may incur per diem, travel or other expenses
135 unless previously authorized by vote, at a meeting of the
136 committee, which action shall be recorded in the official minutes
137 of the meeting. Nonlegislative members shall be paid from any
138 funds made available to the committee for that purpose.

139 (5) The committee shall utilize clerical and legal staff
140 already employed by the Legislature and any other staff assistance
141 made available to it. To effectuate the purpose of this section,
142 any department, division, board, bureau, commission or agency of
143 the state or of any political subdivision thereof shall, at the
144 request of the chairman of the committee, provide to the committee
145 such facilities, assistance and data as will enable the committee
146 properly to carry out its task.