

By: Representative Brown

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 975

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-9-49, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 AUTHORIZE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO DEDUCT FROM THE SALARY OF THE
3 SUPERINTENDENT, PRINCIPALS, TEACHERS AND OTHER EMPLOYEES CERTAIN
4 DUES FOR MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-9-49, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 37-9-49. * * * The school district superintendent may deduct
10 or permit to be deducted from the salary of any superintendent,
11 principal, teacher or other employee * * * dues * * * payable
12 because of the membership of such superintendent, principal,
13 teacher or other employee in a professional organization or
14 association. However, the dues deduction may be made only upon
15 written authorization from the superintendent, principal, teacher
16 or other employee requesting the deduction. School boards may
17 adopt policies and procedures for implementing this voluntary dues
18 deduction process. Dues or premiums in health associations or
19 corporations and tax sheltered annuity deductions authorized by
20 the United States Internal Revenue Code may be deducted upon
21 written authorization from the superintendent, principal, teacher
22 or other employee involved. Any superintendent of schools who
23 shall make any unauthorized deduction or permit any unauthorized
24 deduction to be made * * * shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and
25 upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than
26 Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for each such deduction.

27 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
28 and after July 1, 2007.