

By: Senator(s) Dawkins

To: Interstate and Federal Cooperation

SENATE BILL NO. 3007

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 5-5-5, 5-5-7, 5-5-9 AND 5-5-11,
2 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO RENAME THE MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON
3 INTERSTATE COOPERATION AS THE MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON
4 COOPERATION AND TO REVISE AND DEFINE THE POWERS AND
5 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMISSION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 5-5-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 5-5-5. There is hereby established the Mississippi
10 Commission on * * * Cooperation, which shall encourage and arrange
11 conferences with officials of other states and of other
12 self-governed units of government; carry forward the participation
13 of this state as a member of the Council of State Governments,
14 both regionally and nationally; and formulate proposals for
15 cooperation and such other agreements that may arise between this
16 state and other states or other self-governed units of government,
17 with the exception of the United States of America. No such
18 agreement shall be valid unless first proposed by the commission
19 and approved by the State Legislature.

20 **SECTION 2.** Section 5-5-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
21 amended as follows:

22 5-5-7. The Mississippi Commission on * * * Cooperation shall
23 be composed of eleven (11) members, namely;

24 The five (5) members of the Committee on Interstate and
25 Federal Cooperation of the Senate,

26 The five (5) members of the Committee on Interstate
27 Cooperation of the House of Representatives, and

28 The Governor.

29 **SECTION 3.** Section 5-5-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
30 amended as follows:

31 5-5-9. The Mississippi Commission on * * * Cooperation may
32 provide such rules as it considers appropriate concerning the
33 membership and the functioning of the committee. Members of the
34 commission shall be compensated by a per diem as is authorized by
35 law for each day spent in actual discharge of their duties and
36 shall be reimbursed for mileage and actual expenses incurred in
37 the performance of their duties in accordance with the
38 requirements of Section 25-3-41.

39 **SECTION 4.** Section 5-5-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
40 amended as follows:

41 5-5-11. The Mississippi Commission on * * * Cooperation
42 shall report to the Governor and to the Legislature within fifteen
43 (15) days after the convening of each regular legislative session,
44 and at such other times as it deems appropriate. Its members
45 shall serve without compensation.

46 **SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
47 and after July 1, 2007.