

By: Representative Byrd

To: Public Utilities

HOUSE BILL NO. 495

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE MISSISSIPPI EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE
2 CHARGES STUDY COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF STUDYING ALL EMERGENCY
3 TELEPHONE SERVICE CHARGES LEVIED IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; AND
4 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is created a study committee to be
7 known as the Mississippi Emergency Telephone Service Charges Study
8 Committee for the purpose of studying all emergency telephone
9 service charges levied in the State of Mississippi, including, but
10 not limited to, the collection, distribution, use and oversight of
11 such charges.

12 (2) The committee shall be composed of the following eight
13 (8) members:

14 (a) The Chairman of the Energy Committee of the Senate;

15 (b) The Chairman of the Public Utilities Committee of
16 the House of Representatives;

17 (c) One (1) member of the House of Representatives
18 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;



19 (d) One (1) member of the Senate appointed by the
20 Lieutenant Governor;

21 (e) The Executive Director of the Mississippi
22 Supervisors Association, or his designee;

23 (f) One (1) member appointed by the Mississippi E911
24 Coordinators Organization;

25 (g) One (1) member from the telecommunications industry
26 appointed by the Governor; and

27 (h) The Mississippi State Auditor or his designee.

28 (3) Appointments shall be made within thirty (30) days after
29 the law takes effect, and within thirty (30) days thereafter on a
30 day to be designated jointly by the Speaker of the House and the
31 Lieutenant Governor, the committee shall meet and organize by
32 selecting from its membership a chair and a vice chair. The vice
33 chair shall also serve as secretary and shall be responsible for
34 keeping all records of the committee. A majority of the members
35 of the committee shall constitute a quorum. In the selection of
36 its officers and the adoption of rules and reports, an affirmative
37 vote of a majority of the committee shall be required. All
38 members shall be notified in writing, by mail or e-mail, at least
39 fifteen (15) days before the date on which a meeting is to be
40 held.

41 (4) To effectuate the purposes of this section, any
42 department, division, board, bureau, commission or agency of the
43 state or any political subdivision thereof, shall, at the request



44 of the chair of the committee, provide such facilities, assistance
45 and data as will enable the committee to properly carry out its
46 duties.

47 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
48 and after July 1, 2020.

