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Governor PHIL BRYANT

Known for strong integrity and commitment to an accountable government, Phil Bryant was sworn in Mississippi's 64th governor on January 10, 2012. He was elected in November 2011 after capturing 62 percent of the vote.

In his Inaugural Address, Bryant outlined his vision for Mississippians to “rise together” through economic expansion, efficiency in government and adherence to values that make Mississippi great.

The close of the 2012 legislative session saw many of the measures Bryant introduced in his first State of the State Address become law, including key components of his Mississippi Works agenda. Strong, pro-job measures like the Health Care Industry Zone Act, the Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act and Dual credit-Dual Enrollment are creating a solid foundation for Mississippi's success and economic vitality.

Bryant's commitment to economic development has led to the announcement of nearly 2,700 new jobs in 2012 and more than 1,100 new jobs to date in 2013.

Understanding the critical importance of education to Mississippi's future success

and stability, Bryant committed the 2013 legislative session to improving public education in Mississippi. On April 17, 2013, Bryant signed into law the transformational, student-centered reforms outlined in his “Education Works” agenda.

Research proves that student outcomes are tied to teacher quality. Bryant's measures increase standards for entry into university teaching programs, create scholarships to attract the best and brightest teachers to public school classrooms and reward top-performing teachers with increased compensation through a four-district pilot program.

Bryant's “Third Grade Gate” literacy improvement efforts also target Mississippi's lagging literacy achievement by combing new reading instruction resources for K-3 teachers with a policy to end social promotion of third graders who are not reading on grade level.

Bryant's “Education Works” agenda also provides school choice for families by allowing public charter schools in struggling school districts, and it directs additional resources to early childhood development efforts and dropout prevention programs.

Bryant also continues to focus on expanding Mississippi's energy and health care industries and was recently named chairman of the Southern States Energy Board. He has issued comprehensive reports that detail growth strategies for expanding both energy and health care development opportunities in Mississippi, and thanks to his leadership, the Legislature has approved an expansion of the University of Mississippi School of Medicine—a move that will help reach Bryant's goal of training 1,000 new physicians to serve Mississippi by 2025.

Prior to becoming governor, Bryant served one term as Mississippi's 37th lieutenant governor, after earning 59 percent of the vote in November 2007. He also served Mississippi as state auditor and represented his legislative district in the Mississippi House of Representatives for five years.

As lieutenant governor, Bryant continued his long-standing mission to ensure accountability in state government. In his first week of office, Bryant proposed web casting

of the Senate proceedings, so taxpayers could see their government in action and hold their elected officials accountable. He also led the fight to pass the most comprehensive ethics reform in nearly 25 years.

Bryant earned his reputation for integrity and fairness during his term as state auditor, where he recovered more than \$12 million in taxpayers' dollars that were embezzled or improperly spent. He was first appointed to that position by former Governor Kirk Fordice in 1996, won re-election by a vast majority in 1999 and was re-elected in 2003, winning 81 out of 82 counties.

Bryant has a long history of fighting for conservative beliefs like lower taxes and traditional values. During his service in the Mississippi House of Representatives, he served as vice chairman of the Insurance Committee and authored the Capital Gains Tax Cut Act of 1994. As a freshman legislator, he also began a five-year struggle to end the marriage penalty in Mississippi's tax code.

Bryant, the son of a diesel mechanic and a mother who stayed home with her three boys, learned early the values of hard work and the importance of education. The Moorhead native and former deputy sheriff earned an associate degree in criminal justice from Hinds Community College and completed his bachelor's at the University of Southern Mississippi. He holds a master's degree in political science from Mississippi College where he also served as an adjunct professor of government.

Bryant is the contributing author of three books: *21st Century Government—Digital Promise*, *Digital Reality and Leadership Secrets of Government Financial Officials* (the fourth and fifth volumes of a leadership series with an emphasis on financial management, human resources, technology, and auditing) and *Best Case Practices*.

Bryant is an avid hunter and outdoorsman. He is a staunch supporter of the Second Amendment and is a longtime member of the National Rifle Association.

Bryant's dedication to his work is evident through his years of public service, but his faith and family have always come first. Bryant and his wife Deborah have two

children Patrick Bryant and Katie Bryant Snell, and are active members of St. Marks United Methodist Church.

Duties: The Governor is the Chief Executive Officer of the state, charged with executive direction and supervision of the general administration of the State. In this capacity, he or she sees that the laws are faithfully executed, supervises the official conduct of executive officers, acts as commander-in-chief of the state militia, and appoints officials as prescribed by law.

The Governor is responsible for the presentation of a balanced budget to the Legislature and approval or veto of legislation passed by the Legislature. He or she may call extraordinary sessions of the Legislature when he or she deems it necessary, and may issue pardons, executive orders, and extraditions of fugitives from other states.

The office provides staff assistance and liaison in all areas of state government administration and researches agency programs and policies.

A number of officers are appointed by the Governor. Among these are the Adjutant General, the Commissioner of Public Safety, and the chief executive officers of the departments of Banking and Consumer Finance, Mississippi Development Authority, Environmental Quality, and the State Tax Commission. The Governor also appoints members to numerous executive and administrative boards and commissions who, in turn, appoint executive officers to the departments they lead. Some of these departments are Finance and Administration, Health, Corrections, Education, and the State Personnel Board.

The Governor serves a term of four years and may be re-elected for an additional term. Miss. Const. 1890, Article 5, §§ 116-125. Miss. Code Ann. § 7-1-1 et seq. (1972).

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Lieutenant Governor TATE REEVES

Elected in 2011 as Mississippi's Lieutenant Governor, Tate Reeves stands ready to help guide the state toward a brighter future through a focus on improving educational achievement for students, supporting the creation of high-skilled jobs and responsibly managing the taxpayers' money.

Reeves, a Republican, led the 52-member Senate in a successful 2012 legislative session with a focus on keeping government spending under control, reforming education and making Mississippi a better place to raise a family.

Mississippi will have a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2013 that spends more on education and adequately funds other priorities for the fiscal year that begins in July. One of Reeves' priorities, setting aside 2 percent of state funds for a "rainy day," was adopted to provide a cushion in the current economic climate. The budget increased spending for education programs and controlled spending with a moratorium on state vehicle purchases.

Mississippi increased education spending and enacted reforms to save money and clearly communicate school performance. In an effort to make school district ratings

more transparent, the Legislature changed the grading system to A, B, C, D, and F. The simplified grading terminology will clarify district performance for parents. Also, school district administrative functions were consolidated in both Sunflower and Bolivar counties, saving taxpayers more than \$3 million.

The Legislature approved several measures to make Mississippi an even better place to do business. Reeves believes government should create an environment to encourage the private sector to create more jobs. The Legislature laid the groundwork by allowing businesses to claim a tax credit on inventory held in the state, which will encourage companies to invest more capital in creating jobs. The state's workers' compensation law also was reformed to ensure a more fair and impartial relationship between the worker and employer with provisions to better define the employee's choice of physician, implement stronger measures against workplace drug and alcohol use and increased certain benefits.

Several measures to make Mississippi a safe place to raise a family were adopted in the legislative session. Legislators worked with law enforcement and social services experts to enact new laws that would build a foundation for a better Mississippi. The Child Protection Act requires health care professionals, members of the clergy, educators, child care providers and law enforcement to report cases of suspected child abuse. Also, the Legislature took steps to end abortion in Mississippi by requiring doctors performing abortion to have admitting privileges at a local hospital. This measure not only protects the health of the mother but should close the only abortion clinic in Mississippi.

Previously, Reeves was elected as Mississippi's 53rd Treasurer in 2003 and re-elected to a second term four years later with 61 percent of the vote, the highest percentage of any candidate running for statewide office. He was the first Republican treasurer in the state's history. Reeves is a Rankin County native and a graduate of Florence High School. He is an honors

graduate of Millsaps College and holds a bachelor's degree in economics. While at Millsaps, he played point guard for the Millsaps Majors basketball team. Reeves has continued to be an active alumnus and remains involved with his alma mater by serving as a member of the investment policy board for the Millsaps College General Louis Wilson Fund and a member the Advisory Committee of the Else School of Management.

Reeves holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation (CFA) and is a member of the CFA Society of Mississippi and the CFA Institute, an organization that leads the investment industry by setting the highest standards of ethics and professional excellence. In 1996, he was the recipient of the Mississippi Society of Financial Analysts Award.

Reeves served as president of the National Association of State Treasurers (NAST) for 2006-2007. He was very active in the association where he currently served as a member and former chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee and was a member of the Federal Legislative Committee. His service to the organization also includes previous membership on the NAST Executive Committee. Additionally, Reeves represented the State of Mississippi as a member of the Executive Board of the College Savings Plans Network. He served on the Board of Trustees for the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi, as well as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of College Savings Plans of Mississippi and the Mississippi Health Care Trust Fund.

In 2007, Reeves was named as one of 42 national "Rising Star(s) in the Republican Party" by *Rising Tide* magazine—the publication of the Republican National Committee. Also in 2008, Reeves was elected by his peers to serve as President of the Mississippi Republican Elected Officials Association. Also in December 2008, he was selected by the Aspen Institute's Rodel Fellowships in Public Leadership as one of their "Top Young Elected Officials" to its Fourth Class of Aspen-Rodel Fellows. Reeves was recognized by his NAST peers as the

recipient of the Jesse M. Unruh Award which recognized his outstanding service to the association, the profession and to his state.

Tate and his wife Elee Williams Reeves, a Tylertown native, are the proud parents of their three daughters, Sarah Tyler, Elizabeth Magee and Madeline Tate. The Reeves family attends Galloway Memorial United Methodist Church. They have been very committed to many civic and charitable organizations in Mississippi—including the Mississippi Society of Disabilities, UMC Children's Cancer Clinic, UMC MIND Center, Mississippi Museum of Art, Mississippi Children's Museum, Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi, Boys & Girls Club of Mississippi, YMCA, United Way, Stewpot Ministries and the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra.

Duties: In addition to the Governor, the Mississippi Constitution makes provision for a Lieutenant Governor who acts as president of the state Senate. The Lieutenant Governor presides over the Senate, rules on points of order, appoints standing committees of the Senate, appoints all select and conference committees as ordered by the Senate, and refers all bills. He or she serves as a member of the Senate Rules and Joint Legislative Budget Committees, votes only in cases of ties, speaks from the floor while the Senate is in Committee of the Whole, and signs all finally approved bills and resolutions.

The Lieutenant Governor serves a term of four years and may be re-elected for an additional term. Miss. Const. 1890, Article 5, §§ 128-132, and 136. Miss. Code Ann. §§ 5-1-13, 5-1-43, and 5-1-47 (1972).

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Secretary of State DELBERT HOSEMANN

Recently elected to his second term in office, the Honorable Delbert Hosemann has served as Mississippi's Secretary of State since January 2008.

A true fiscal conservative, Secretary Hosemann trimmed more than \$1.4 million per year from his annual budget since taking office by streamlining operations while emphasizing high quality service.

Committed to ensuring the integrity of your vote, Secretary Hosemann is committed to fair and honest elections in Mississippi. As chief elections officer for the State of Mississippi, Secretary Hosemann has led a crusade against those who would cast ballots illegally. For the first time, the Secretary of State's Office sends observers throughout the State during elections and issues a Report on Elections to the State Legislature and the public on their findings. These reports have provided critical public data for voter reform. Secretary Hosemann was also instrumental in the passage of a Constitutional voter identification requirement in the State and twice led the successful Legislative redistricting fight in the United States Supreme Court for the right of Mississippians to elect their leaders according to the State Constitution.

A military veteran of the United States Army Reserves, Secretary Hosemann's commitment to military voting was recognized by the U.S. Department of Defense, which invited him to join a delegation of Secretaries of State to remote areas of Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait to encourage the military voting process. Mississippi was the first state in the nation to allow online voting for our servicemen and women.

As a small business owner, Secretary Hosemann realizes the importance of economic development in our State. His goal is to make Mississippi the most business-friendly state in the nation. As part of his overall Business Reform Plan, Secretary Hosemann forms business reform study groups to revamp how Mississippi does business. These groups are composed of Mississippians from around the State, and their recommendations are drafted into meaningful legislation to promote economic development. Through various business reform proposals to the Legislature, Mississippi now has the leading Securities, Charities, and Limited Liability Company laws in the nation. Secretary Hosemann's landmark recommendation on trademark laws received global recognition by the International Trademark Association. The Secretary also drafted the nation's premier Athlete Agents Act which governs sports agents in Mississippi.

The Secretary of State also serves as State Land Commissioner. After taking office, Secretary Hosemann fulfilled a campaign promise to post all 16th Section leases on the Agency's website. This posting enabled school boards to make sound financial decisions when determining lease amounts and gave the public greater access to hunting public lands. Because of his commitment to reforming 16th Section land practices, revenue generated from these lands has increased by more than \$30 million since Secretary Hosemann took office to more than \$80 million dollars per year. This money goes directly back to the hands of Mississippi school children.

Funds generated from tidelands leases

and assessments has also reached record amounts under Secretary Hosemann's leadership. In 2012, more than \$9 million was generated to ensure public access to our Coastal areas. In addition, a \$1 million donation was made to the State of Mississippi for the acquisition and preservation of tidelands. In 2013, Secretary Hosemann obtained funding from a coalition of state, federal and international sources to purchase more than 200 acres of Cat Island located off the Mississippi Coast. It will be maintained in its natural state for future generations.

The Secretary of State also successfully recovered more than \$200 million for investors in a nationwide settlement agreement in a securities lawsuit initiated by the State of Mississippi. Because of his involvement in complex securities issues, Secretary Hosemann was asked by the National Association of Secretaries of State to Co-Chair the organization's Committee on Securities.

Secretary Hosemann was Chairman of the Board of Mississippi Blood Services, Treasurer of the Jackson Medical Mall Association and served on the Board of Directors for Jackson State University Development Foundation. He is a member of the North Jackson Rotary Club and was a Paul Harris Fellow. Some of his accolades include the George L. Phillips Community Service Award from the U.S. Department of Justice in appreciation for his distinguished service as Chairman of Project Safe Neighborhoods, and for his efforts in the Hurricane Katrina First Responder Assistance Project. He was also awarded the J. Tate Thigpen Award for exemplary leadership, support and commitment to the American Red Cross. Secretary Hosemann also served as Chairman of the Republican Secretaries of State Association.

In his spare time, Secretary Hosemann is an avid hunter and jogger. He is a life member of the National Rifle Association, and belongs to Delta Wildlife Foundation, Ducks Unlimited, and the Mississippi Wildlife Federation. He has completed both the New York Marathon and the Boston Marathon, represented Mississippi in the Senior

Olympics, and completed every Mississippi Blues Half Marathon.

A Warren County native, Secretary Hosemann comes to the position with a background in Business and Taxation Law. He earned a bachelor's degree in business from Notre Dame University, a Juris Doctorate from the University of Mississippi School of Law, and a Masters of Laws in Taxation from New York University. He is a former partner of Phelps Dunbar, LLP and was selected to the Best Lawyers in America for 18 consecutive years.

Secretary Hosemann has been married to his wife Lynn for 42 years. They are extremely proud of their three children: Kristen, Chad and Mark; and grandchildren Grace, Nora Lynn, Carson and Charlie.

Duties: The Secretary of State directs a service and information agency with major statutory functions: administration of the Mississippi Corporation Law, the Uniform Commercial Code, the Uniform Securities Law, and the Elections Code; administration and supervision of the 16th Section School Trust Lands, the Tidelands Trust, lieu lands, and tax-forfeited property; and issuance of documents and publications of the state, including those for the executive and legislative branches; investigation of charity and securities fraud; enforcement of campaign finance and lobbyist reporting requirements. Issuing notary commissions, registering correspondence schools, administering the state's trademark and service mark laws, service of process, and administering the Administrative Procedures Act are other responsibilities. The Constitution also designates the Secretary of State as the "keeper of the capitol."

The Secretary of State is elected to a four-year term and may be re-elected. Miss. Const. 1890, Article 5 §§ 133 and 136. Miss. Code Ann. § 7-3-1 et seq. (1972).

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Attorney General JIM HOOD

As Attorney General of Mississippi, Jim Hood is an aggressive prosecutor and dedicated public servant who is committed to protecting the citizens of our state and to making Mississippi a safer place to live. Attorney General Hood serves as Vice President of the National Association of Attorneys General, and he will take office in 2015 as President.

As a life-time advocate for crime victims, Attorney General Hood's new leadership role will help raise awareness and draw resources to serve and protect our most vulnerable citizens—children and the elderly.

Now serving a third term in office, Hood serves on the National Board of Directors for: The Jason Foundation, a youth suicide prevention program; The National Association of Model State Drug Laws; and as a Non-Regional Director for the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C).

Hood is a passionate champion of children. He works tirelessly to prevent children from being abused and exploited, and to rescue those who have already fallen prey to those who do them harm. He founded the nation's leading Cyber Crime Unit and Fusion Center. Based in the Attorney General's office, the

Cyber Crime Fusion Center is the hub from which state, federal, and local agencies investigate and prosecute internet predators who target children and vulnerable adults.

As a prosecutor, Hood tried more than 100 jury cases while serving as District Attorney. He successfully prosecuted several historic cases, including the prosecution and conviction of Edgar Ray Killen for the 1964 murders of three civil rights workers. As District Attorney, he also successfully prosecuted death penalty cases, including one which he originally won a conviction, and later, as Attorney General, argued and won an appeal of the case before the United States Supreme Court.

As Attorney General, Hood has established a Vulnerable Adults Unit, a Domestic Violence Unit, an Identity Theft Unit, and a Crime Prevention and Victims Services Division to better protect Mississippians. He has launched initiatives to prevent workplace and school violence, and stalking and domestic assault. Hood has developed and distributed numerous publications to assist and educate both consumers and other public service entities in areas such as cyber crime, consumer protection, domestic violence, victims assistance, election, and government law.

After Hurricane Katrina ravaged Mississippi, bringing with it unscrupulous opportunists who victimized citizens, Hood worked to strengthen laws to protect consumers, while ceaselessly prosecuting offenders cases of home repair fraud, price gouging, identity theft, and financial scams. He has recovered more than \$600 million for Mississippi taxpayers from large corporate violators.

Hood has also placed emphasis on protecting the utility ratepayers of Mississippi by ensuring that public utilities that hold monopolies on power operate with the utmost transparency so that consumers are not overcharged. Attorney General Hood will continue to fight for better protection for children, senior citizens and consumers in Mississippi.

Hood spearheaded a national emphasis with other Attorneys General on hazardous counterfeit products, cyber initiatives, and child protective programs. In addition, Hood serves as Co-Chair of both the Intellectual

Property and the Technology Issues Committees of the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG).

Hood received his J.D. from the University of Mississippi in December 1988. After graduation he served as a clerk with the Mississippi Supreme Court, as an Assistant Attorney General for five years, and as District Attorney for the Third Judicial District for eight years. He was educated in the public schools of Chickasaw County. He is a fifth generation Mississippian and an avid outdoorsman and hunter. He and his wife, Debbie, have three children—Rebecca, Matthew, and Annabelle.

Duties: The Attorney General is the chief legal officer and advisor for the State with responsibility to serve as lawyer for the State, its public officials, and governmental agencies. The Attorney General has the sole power under Mississippi law to bring or defend a lawsuit on behalf of the State. He or she is also empowered to act as counsel to state agencies and to defend them or bring suit on their behalf, either in person or through assistants.

The Attorney General employs a staff of attorneys, investigators, and office personnel, chosen because of legal talents or other skills. The major duties, divisions, and sections of this office are Civil Litigation, Criminal Litigation, Consumer Protection, Crime Prevention Victim Services, Medicaid Fraud, Opinions and Local Government, Prosecutors Training, Public Integrity, and State Agencies.

The Attorney General is elected to a four-year term and may be re-elected. Miss. Const. 1890, Article 6, § 173. Miss. Code Ann. § 7-5-1 et seq. (1972).

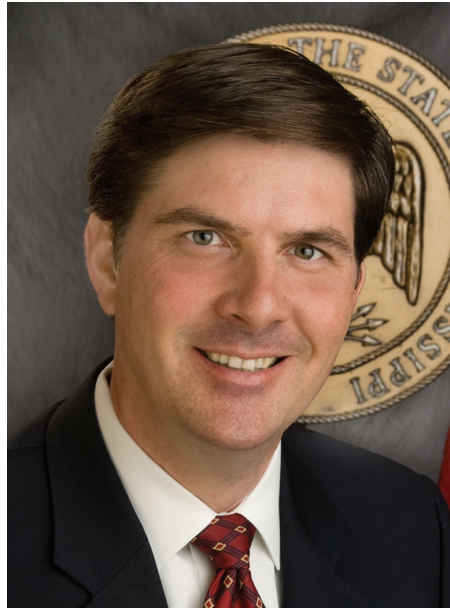
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State Auditor
STACEY PICKERING

Elected for two terms as State Auditor, Stacey Pickering has recovered more than \$5 million in embezzled, misappropriated and misspent taxpayer money on behalf of Mississippians. Over 150 cases have been investigated resulting in 99 individuals who have pled guilty or been found guilty by a jury of their peers and 57 individuals awaiting trial.

Pickering was re-elected in November 2011 with over 75 percent of the vote. The Jones County native was first elected Mississippi's 41st State Auditor on November 6, 2007.

Pickering has built a reputation of transparency and accountability and is often referred to as the "conscience of Mississippi." Pickering is committed to providing resources, education and evaluation for local and state governments to create a more efficient and performance-oriented government in Mississippi.

Under Pickering's leadership, the State Auditor's Office has earned accolades from the Government Accountability Office (GAO) of the United States for setting an example of best practice for the expenditure of one-time

federal funds as a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

Pickering currently serves on the Domestic Working Group for the Office of the Comptroller General of the United States as well as on the Financial Management and Intergovernmental Affairs and Performance Audit Committees for the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers.

Throughout his career, Pickering has made tremendous strides in improving accountability and transparency in government and continues to promote fiscal responsibility. Under his leadership, the Performance Audit Division has conducted 227 audits and reports highlighting opportunity for greater efficiency and effectiveness in government.

In June 2012, Pickering was honored with the National State Auditor's Association's "National Excellence in Accountability Award" for his work on ARRA accountability and oversight. This is the first time Mississippi has ever received this award. In 2009, the Department of Defense honored him with a Patriot Award from its Mississippi Committee on Employer's Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) in recognition of his extraordinary support of its employees who serve in the Mississippi National Guard and Reserve.

Prior to serving as State Auditor, Pickering was elected to the Mississippi State Senate in 2003 to represent District 42 in Jones County. As Senator, he served as Chairman of the Local and Private Committee and Chairman of Enrolled Bills Committee. The American Legislative Exchange Council named him to the national policy task forces on Transportation and Homeland Security. Pickering helped organize the Mississippi Legislative Sportsman's Caucus, serving as founding Co-Chairman, and under his leadership, this group passed more pro-hunting legislation than any other caucus in the nation during its first year. In 2004, he was named Legislator of the Year by the Mississippi Association of Realtors.

Pickering is a seventh-generation Mississippian. He was raised on the family

dairy farm in the Hebron community of Jones County. A National 4-H scholarship winner, Pickering graduated from West Jones High School and went on to Jones County Junior College. He earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Samford University in Birmingham, Ala., and a Master's Degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 1993.

Pickering and his wife, Whitney, live in Laurel with their four children. They are active members of First Baptist Church of Laurel, where they teach Sunday School and he serves as a deacon. They have served as past Presidents of their children's school PTO and volunteer for the Lauren Rogers Museum of Art. Pickering is a Mason, volunteer firefighter, member of the National Rifle Association and Sigma Nu Fraternity. He serves on the Board of the Pine Burr Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America and is a member of the Mississippi Air National Guard.

Duties: The State Auditor is responsible for auditing state agencies, county governments, school districts, community and junior colleges and universities; conducting investigations into abuse of public funds and violations of law; providing best practices for all public offices of regional and local subdivisions of the state, systems of accounting, budgeting and reporting financial facts relating to said offices in conformity with legal requirements and with generally accepted accounting principles; conducting inventory audits of all state property; and auditing the quality of data and data controls in public schools.

The State Auditor is elected to a four-year term and may be re-elected. Miss. Const. 1890, Article 5, SS 113, 115, 134, and 136. Miss. Code Ann. SS 7-7-1, et seq. (1972).

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State Treasurer LYNN FITCH

Lynn Fitch made history in 2011 becoming the first Republican woman elected Treasurer in Mississippi.

A native of Marshall County, Fitch was raised in Holly Springs where her father, Bill Fitch, still lives. She graduated from Marshall Academy, heading straight to the University of Mississippi in Oxford. In just five years, she earned both a Bachelors of Business Administration and a Juris Doctorate. After graduation at the age of 23, Fitch was practicing law as a Special Assistant Attorney General with the Mississippi Attorney General's Office representing the State Bond Commission, Department of Banking and Consumer Finance, Department of Economic and Community Development, Department of Finance and Administration, and Office of the State Treasurer.

Fitch believes strongly in ideas of limited and efficient government and has spent much of her professional life working hard to ensure taxpayer dollars are used in an effective and efficient manner. In 2009, she was selected by Governor Haley Barbour to serve as Executive Director of the Mississippi State Personnel Board, an agency responsible for directing more than 130 state agencies

and overseeing 32,000 employees. Prior to her time at MSPB, she served as Deputy Executive Director of External Affairs and Support Services at the Mississippi Department of Employment Security. She has also been a bond lawyer with a focus on general and municipal bonds, corporate financing, Mississippi Business Finance Corporation, and Mississippi Department of Economic Development, Counsel for the Mississippi House of Representatives, Ways and Means Committee and Local and Private Legislation Committee.

Fitch has been recognized for her professionalism and leadership abilities by several organizations as well as for her philanthropic and charitable contributions. She currently sits on the Board of Directors of the American Red Cross and Goodwill Industries. She is the President of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and was the recent recipient of the prestigious Outstanding Woman Lawyer of the Year Award.

She is a member of the National Association of State Treasurers, was named one of the 50 Leading Business Women in Mississippi and was selected into the inaugural class of Leadership in Law by the Mississippi Business Journal. In addition to these accolades, Fitch has been active in several professional associations including Leadership Mississippi; National Association of Unemployment Insurance Appellate Boards, Board of Governors; National Association of Government Communicators; National Association of State Workforce Agencies; and National Association of Bond Lawyers.

Fitch lives in Madison and has three children; Mackenzie, son-in-law Drew, Marye Will and John Tucker.

Duties: The State Treasurer is the Chief Financial Officer for the State of Mississippi. The Office of the State Treasurer has many different divisions including Cash Management, Investments, Bonds, Collateral, Unclaimed Property and College Savings Mississippi.

Among the Treasurer's duties and responsibilities are maintaining all the state's financial records including receipts, deposits and disbursements of funds that flow

through the state's coffers. Those funds come from multiple sources including the federal government, proceeds from the issuance of bonds, interest payments and income and sales tax.

The Treasurer also is responsible for investing state funds, serves as custodian of securities held by other agencies, pays state warrants, manages the Unclaimed Property Program and administers Mississippi's two 529 College Savings Programs: MPACT, Mississippi's Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Program and MACS, Mississippi's Affordable College Savings Program.

The Treasurer serves as a member of more than a dozen Boards, including Mississippi Windstorm Underwriting Association Board, Mississippi Guaranty Pool Board, State Bond Commission, Public Employees Retirement Board, Mississippi Business Finance Corporation, Development Bank Board, License Tag Commission, Tort Claims Board, Economic Development Strategic Planning Task Force, State Prison Emergency and Management Board, Private Nonprofit Institutions of Higher Learning (MEFA), the Historic Properties Trust Fund Advisory Committee and Chairman of the College Savings Plan of Mississippi Board.

The Treasurer is elected to a four year term and may be re-elected. Miss. Constitution 1890. Article 5.SS 125, 134 and 136. Miss. Code Ann. § 7-9-1 et seq. (1972)

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**Commissioner of
Agriculture and Commerce
CINDY HYDE-SMITH**

Cindy Hyde-Smith was elected Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce in 2011, making history as Mississippi's first female elected to the post. Prior to serving as Commissioner, Hyde-Smith served as a State Senator representing District 39 for 12 years and was appointed as the Chairman of the Agriculture Committee. During her time as a Legislator, she authored countless pieces of legislation benefiting agriculture throughout the state. Hyde-Smith also served on numerous committees including Appropriations, Congressional Redistricting, Constitution, Corrections, Elections, Legislative Reappointment, PEER, Public Health and Welfare, Veterans and Military Affairs, and Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks.

Hyde-Smith's many accomplishments and honors include being appointed as Vice Chairman of the National Agriculture Committee by the National Council of State Legislators, Charter Member of the State Ag Rural Leaders, recipient of the Mississippi Association of Conservation Districts Award, and recipient of the Ambassador Award from Farm Bureau. She was named Legislator of the Year for her exemplary leadership in

agriculture by Farm Bureau, and she received the Delta Council Achievement Award for her outstanding contribution to aquaculture. She was the recipient of an Honorary American Degree from the National Board of the Future Farmers of America. The National Rifle Association recognized Hyde-Smith's distinguished service in the Defense of Liberty and the Second Amendment Right to Keep and Bear Arms through their Millennium Honor Roll Award. The National Guard of the United States recognized Hyde-Smith with the National Medal of Merit Award, and she received the Outstanding Patriotic American Award from the United States Selective Service System.

Hyde-Smith is a member of the Southern United States Trade Association, an organization to promote international marketing efforts. Other leadership efforts include memberships in the Southern Association of State Departments of Agriculture, National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, Mississippi Cattlemen's Association, Lincoln County Cattleman's Association, Lincoln County Forestry Association, and National Rifle Association.

Commissioner Hyde-Smith and her husband Michael live in Brookhaven with their daughter Anna Michael, the family's fifth generation farmer. Born in Brookhaven, Hyde-Smith is a graduate of Copiah Lincoln Community College and the University of Southern Mississippi. They are active members of Macedonia Baptist Church and serve on numerous community committees.

Duties: The Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce was created in 1906 by the Mississippi Legislature to foster and promote the business of agriculture under the management and control of an elected state official known as the Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce.

The Department performs regulatory functions in the areas of aquaculture inspection for all non-native species of fish and game fish for stocking and food consumption purposes; agricultural theft; meat, fruit, and vegetable inspection; feed, seed, fertilizer, and soil and plant

amendment inspection; weights and measures; public grain warehouse inspection; pulpwood measurement; insect and plant disease inspection and quarantine; pesticide inspection; egg inspection; retail food inspections; sanitation excluding food services; rendering plant inspection; syrup labeling inspection; honey and honey product labeling inspection; and catfish and catfish product labeling inspection. The Department operates a seed testing laboratory and a metrology laboratory.

The Department's Marketing Development and International Trade divisions promote the sale of Mississippi agricultural products, both nationally and internationally, through such programs as Make Mine Mississippi and the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program. Market information and agricultural statistics are distributed through the Department's crop reporting and market news service which publishes the bi-monthly Mississippi Market Bulletin.

The Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce is elected to a four year term and may be re-elected. Miss. Code Ann. § 69-1-1 et seq. (1972).

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Commissioner of Insurance MIKE CHANEY

Mike Chaney, a Tupelo native and long-time resident of Vicksburg, is Mississippi's Insurance Commissioner.

Prior to taking office in January 2008, Commissioner Chaney served seven years in the Mississippi House of Representatives and eight years in the Mississippi Senate, where he was the first Republican to serve as Chairman of the Education Committee.

Commissioner Chaney also served as a key member of the Senate Insurance Committee and Chairman of the Senate Education Committee.

Chaney received numerous awards while serving in the Mississippi Legislature, including being named legislator of the year by teachers and Realtors and the Mississippi Homebuilders recognized him for his legislative work in rebuilding the Mississippi Gulf Coast following Hurricane Katrina.

Commissioner Chaney was a pioneer in worker's compensation when his business, along with two additional companies, in 1991, formed the first MMA Workers Compensation Insurance Pool for businesses in the state.

He is a graduate of Mississippi State University with a Bachelor of Science degree

in Business and Finance and is a veteran of the United States Army, serving in Vietnam from 1968-69.

He is married to Mary Thurmond Chaney, and the couple has three married children and eight grandchildren.

Duties: The Insurance Commissioner is charged with execution of all laws relative to insurance companies, corporations, associations and fraternal orders, their agents and adjusters. His office licenses and regulates the practices of all insurance companies, agents, burial associations, fraternal societies, bail bondsmen, and other entities engaged in the business of insurance. The Insurance Commissioner licenses manufacturers and dealers of mobile homes and regulates their practices, including inspecting their manufacturing techniques and standards. The office enforces the liquefied compressed gas inspection program. The State's standard fire code is administered by the Commissioner through the department's State Fire Marshal Division. The Insurance Commissioner also serves as State Fire Marshal and Chairman of the State Fire Academy.

The Insurance Commissioner is elected to a four-year term and may be re-elected. Miss. Code Ann. § 83-1-1 et seq. (1972)

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**Public Service Commissioner
District 1 – Central
LYNN POSEY**

Lynn Posey is currently serving as Central District Public Service Commissioner and is also Vice-Chairman of the Commission.

Commissioner Posey was born in Brookhaven. He is a graduate of Copiah-Lincoln Community College, as well as Mississippi State University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree and a Masters degree in Public Administration. He is also a graduate of the University of Mississippi School of Banking.

Posey served in the Mississippi State Senate from 1988-2007. While in the Senate, Commissioner Posey served 16 years as Chairman of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks and was a member of the Public Utilities Committee for 16 years. He also served as a sub-committee chairman on Appropriations, Business and Financial Institutions, Economic Development and Forestry. In addition, Posey also served as the Chairman of the PEER Committee, as well as the Founder and Chairman of the Mississippi Sportsman Caucus.

He is married to the former Kathy Singletary of Crystal Springs. They reside in Union Church and have two children, Hunter and Kaitlyn. The Poseys belong to the Union Church Baptist Church.



**Public Service Commissioner
District 2 – Southern
STEVE RENFROE**

Steve Renfroe was appointed Southern District Public Service Commissioner by Governor Phil Bryant on September 10, 2013.

A ninth-generation Mississippian, Commissioner Renfroe is a lifelong resident of Moss Point and a graduate of Mississippi College with a degree in Mathematics. He retired from Chevron in 2011 after a 35 year career, which included 10 years as an environmental specialist and more than 20 years managing public and government affairs in Mississippi.

Renfroe also has a long list of volunteer accomplishments, including chairman of the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service, chairman of the United Way of Jackson and George Counties, and chairman of Excel By 5, an early childhood initiative he and his wife helped start. In addition, he was instrumental in bringing the National Audubon Society's new education center to South Mississippi.

Commissioner Renfroe's wife of 42 years, Debby, is a retired public school kindergarten teacher. They have one adult child, Robert.



Public Service Commissioner
District 3 – Northern
BRANDON PRESLEY

Brandon Presley was elected Public Service Commissioner for the Northern District of Mississippi in 2007 and re-elected in 2011, winning 28 of the district's 33 counties. Elected to the Public Service Commission at age 30, he was the youngest Commissioner ever elected in Mississippi. Prior to his election to the Public Service Commission, he served as Mayor of Nettleton from 2001 to 2007, having been elected at the age of 23, making him one of the youngest mayors in Mississippi history.

Commissioner Presley was recently elected Second Vice President of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, which is composed of Public Service Commissioners from the 11 Southern States and Puerto Rico. He serves on the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) committees on Consumer Affairs and Water, and he previously served on NARUC's ad hoc Committee on Wireless Consumer Protections Standards. Presley was elected by his peers to serve as Vice-President of the Entergy Regional State Committee (E-RSC) which is composed of state regulators from Mississippi,

Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas and the City of New Orleans. He is a former member of the board of directors of the National Regulatory Research Institute (NRRI).

Presley is past Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Itawamba Community College and former member of the Board of Directors of Gilmore Memorial Hospital. He is past Chairman of the Lee County Council of Governments and also served as President of the North Mississippi Mayor's Association. Presley, 34, is a lifelong resident of Nettleton, where he is a member of the Nettleton First Baptist Church. He is past-President and current member of the Nettleton Lions Club and is a member of the Nettleton Civitan Club.

Duties: Public Service Commissioners are elected to represent the three Supreme Court Districts of the state. Telecommunications, electric, gas, water, sewer utilities, and the enforcement of the Mississippi Telephone Solicitation Act (Do-Not-Call Law) are under the supervision and regulation of this Commission. It is the Commission's responsibility to see that rates and charges for service are just and reasonable, that the approved rate schedules are adhered to, that the service rendered is reasonably adequate, that the facilities constructed or acquired are required for the convenience and necessity of the public, and to promulgate and enforce rules pertaining to regulated public utility service and rates. In carrying out its responsibility, the Commission must answer complaints, make investigations, and conduct both formal and informal meetings. Public Service Commissioners are elected to four-year terms and may be re-elected. Miss. Code Ann. 77-1-1 et seq. (1972)

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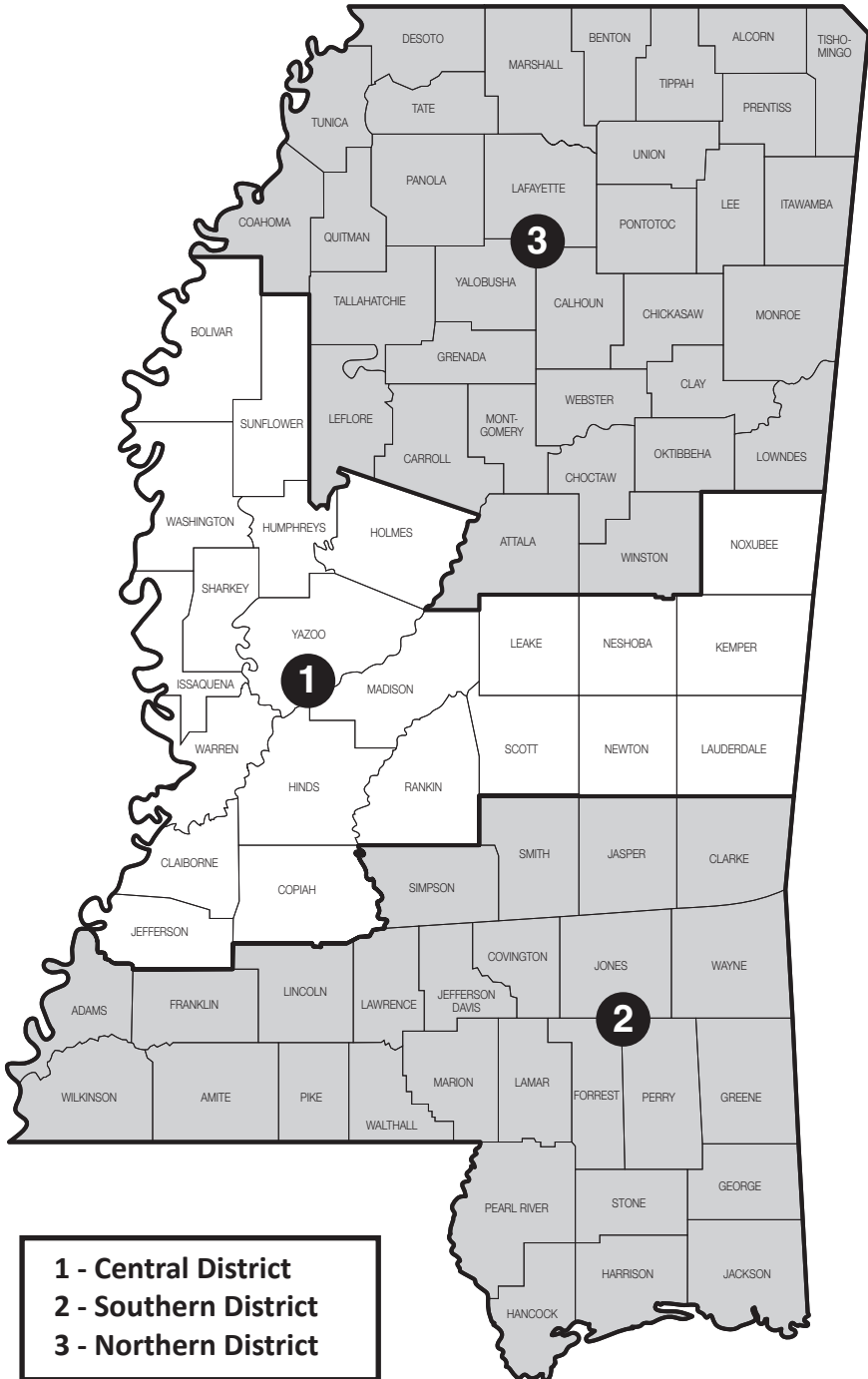
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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION DISTRICTS





**Transportation Commissioner
District 1 – Central
DICK HALL**

Dick Hall is serving his fourth full term as Central District Transportation Commissioner which covers 22 counties with a population of approximately one million people.

After serving 24 years in the Mississippi Legislature, Dick Hall was appointed Central District Transportation Commissioner by Gov. Kirk Fordice in 1999 to fill the unexpired term of a former commissioner. Hall was elected later that year to his first full term as Commissioner and has been reelected to two subsequent terms.

Hall's experience in the Mississippi Legislature was extremely broad-based serving three terms as a Representative and three terms as a Senator. In both the House and the Senate, Hall chaired the Environment Committees of each chamber, respectively. Other chairmanships included the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee and the Senate Appropriations Committee — the first Republican to occupy this position in over 100 years. He also served as president of the Mississippi Republican-Elected Officials Association and as state chairman of the United Republican Fund. Other honors have included being the first recipient of the

Hugh L. White Free Enterprise Award and Conservation Legislator of the Year.

Born in Vicksburg, Commissioner Hall grew up in Jackson and graduated from Central High School. After earning a bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University, Hall served as a Field Artillery Officer in the U.S. Army. His dedication to public service does not end with governmental involvement. Hall's community participation has included serving on the Board of Directors of the Metro Jackson Chamber of Commerce, the YMCA and the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra. He has served as Chairman of the Mississippi Manufacturers Association, the Mid-Mississippi March of Dimes and President of the Jackson Touchdown Club. He is also a member of Mississippi Museum of Natural Science Foundation. Commissioner Hall and his wife Jennifer reside at the reservoir in Rankin County and attend Lakeside Presbyterian Church.



**Transportation Commissioner
District 2 – Southern
TOM KING**

Tom King is entering his first term as Southern District Transportation Commissioner.

He previously served as a state lawmaker since 1993, when he was elected to the

House of Representatives where he remained until 1999.

In 2000, he began his tenure in the Senate, where his leadership brokered many bills designed to better the lives of Mississippians. As Chairman of the Senate Highways and Transportation Committee, King authored resolutions that honored the achievements of persons throughout his district and the state. Most notably, King authored Senate Bill 3181—the \$300 million bond bill for highways and bridges and Senate Bill 3014, known as the John Paul Frerer Bicycle Act, which promotes safety for cyclists on the roadways. King also authored Senate Bill 2514 that created the Mississippi Wireless Communications Commission, which ensures that the state’s emergency responders and law enforcement have the means to communicate regardless of any disaster that may occur.

King is a veteran of the Vietnam War, having served his country in the Air Force as an Air Policeman. He is affiliated with the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, American Legion and VFW. He has received many professional awards and honors including—2011 Mississippi Municipal League Legislator of the Year; 2010 Hattiesburg’s Veteran of the Year; American Legion Meritorious Service Award in 2007 and Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Legislator of the Year in 2002.

King was born in Hattiesburg. He attended Petal High School and graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1973. He currently lives in Petal with his wife, the former Susan Lynn Patterson, and has two children and two grandchildren. King and his wife are members of Petal-Harvey Baptist Church, where he serves as deacon.



**Transportation Commissioner
District 3 – Northern
MIKE TAGERT**

Mike Tagert has a broad background in intermodal transportation and economic development spanning the public and private sectors. Prior to being elected Commissioner in February of 2011, Tagert was Administrator of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority, responsible for promoting intermodal transportation and attracting private investment for job creation and economic growth. He signed an International Agreement with the Panama Canal Authority to promote future trade and transportation via the Gulf of Mexico and Northeast Mississippi. The agreement strengthens Mississippi’s strategic position for handling freight in anticipation of the Panama Canal widening and changing global freight patterns.

Other accomplishments include leading the successful designation of the Marine Highway (M-65) Corridor, an all-water route from the northern terminus of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway and the Port of Mobile, Alabama, to enhance freight capacity while reducing highway congestion. Tagert spearheaded various

legislative initiatives, including Mississippi's Interstate Pest Control Compact, aimed at promoting trade while protecting the environment and agriculture.

Tagert is a former member of the Trade and Transportation Advisory Council for the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. Earlier in his career Tagert served as the Executive Director of the State Bureau of Plant Industry; a member of the Alabama Intermodal Infrastructure Advisory Board; Vice President of the Coalition of Alabama Waterway Associations; Vice President of Inland Rivers, Ports, and Terminals, Inc. He is a current member of the Civil Air Patrol and Mississippi's Representative on the Export Trade Advisory Council for the Appalachian Regional Commission.

Tagert served in the United States Marine Corps and the Reserves for six years. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Millsaps College in Jackson, and a Master of Science and Master of Public Policy and Administration from Mississippi State University.

Duties: Transportation Commissioners are elected from the three Supreme Court Districts of the state and have the authority and responsibility for the control and supervision of all modes of transportation in the state dealing with aeronautics, highways, public transit, and rail safety.

The Commission appoints an Executive Director of the Department of Transportation to carry out the policies set by the Commission.

The Department of Transportation has full and general supervision over all matters relating to airport development, highway construction and maintenance, weight enforcement, public transit, and rail planning. The Department also works with state colleges, universities, and other state agencies in transportation-related matters.

Transportation Commissioners are elected to four-year terms and may succeed themselves in office. Miss. Code Ann. § 65-1-1 et seq. (1972).

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