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AN ACT TO REQUIRE EACH PERSON WHO OWNS OR RENTS A RESIDENCE, BUILDING OR STRUCTURE TO OBTAIN A 911 ADDRESS; TO AMEND SECTION 19-5-301, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY THERETO; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 19-5-303, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, FOR PURPOSES OF AMENDMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Each person who owns or rents a residence, building or structure shall obtain a 911 address.

SECTION 2. Section 19-5-301, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

19-5-301. (1) The Legislature finds and declares it to be in the public interest to reduce the time required for a citizen to request and receive emergency aid, and to raise the level of competence of local public safety and 911 telecommunicators by establishing a minimum standard of training and certification for personnel involved in the answering and dispatching of calls to law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services. The provision of a single, primary three-digit emergency number through which emergency services can be quickly and efficiently obtained will provide a significant contribution to law enforcement and other public service efforts by simplifying the notification of public service personnel. Such a simplified means of procuring emergency services will result in the saving of life, a reduction in the destruction of property, quicker apprehension of criminals and, ultimately, the saving of monies. Establishment of a uniform emergency number is a matter of concern and interest to all citizens of the state.

(2) The Legislature also finds and declares it to be in the public interest to reduce the time required for a citizen to request and receive emergency aid, by requiring all owners and renters of residences, buildings and structures to obtain a 911 address from the county.

SECTION 3. Section 1 of this act shall be codified as a new section in Chapter 5, Title 19, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2010.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
February 9, 2010

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PASSED BY THE SENATE
March 3, 2010

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR

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