

Supervisors Education and Certification Program

SUPPORT House Bill 1492

Section 1.

- Establishes the Supervisors Education and Certification Program
- Participation in the program is not mandatory. No county shall participate in the program unless the participation has been approved by a unanimous vote of the board of supervisors.
- If any board member chooses to participate in the program on an individual basis, then the board member is not prohibited from participating.
- This program will be directed and implemented by the Center for Government and Community Development at Mississippi State University Extension Service.
 - **Sub-section (3)**
 - Identifies the three (3) levels of the supervisors' certification program.
 - In any year when a county supervisor take office for the first time, and decides to participate in the program, the supervisor will be required to pass an examination to successfully complete Supervisor Level I. In addition to completing Supervisor Level I, the supervisor will receive a \$2,500.00 salary supplement.
 - Upon completing Supervisor Level I, Supervisors will become eligible to participate in Supervisor Level II the following year. Upon completing Supervisor Level II, the supervisor will receive a \$1,250.00 salary supplement.
 - Upon completing Supervisor Level II, Supervisors will become eligible to participate in Supervisor Level III the following year. Upon completing Supervisor Level III, the supervisor will receive a \$1,250.00 salary supplement. Supervisor Level III is the final level for the certification program.
 - **Sub-section (8)**
 - This section of the bill establishes a Supervisor Education and Certification Advisory Board which shall provide advice and assistance to the Center for Government and Community Development and the State Auditor's Office. The members of the board shall be as follows:
 - President of the Mississippi Association of Supervisors or his/her designee
 - The State Auditor, or his/her designee
 - The Lieutenant Governor, or his/her designee
 - The Speaker of the House, or his/her designee
 - One member representing the Center for Government and Community Development of Mississippi State University Extension Service.

Section 2.

This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2016.