

ANNOUNCEMENT

NEW STANDARDS FOR MEASURING RESIDENCES

As of July 1, 2014, a new state statute became effective which **REQUIRES** a real estate appraiser to choose from one of two measurement standards and to indicate the Standard of Measurement which was used to determine the size of any residential property which is being appraised. The text of the new statute is as follows, to wit:

"To establish the standard for measuring residential properties, up to four (4) family buildings, as promulgated by the American National Standards Institute or as provided in the American Measurement Standard Manual. The board shall require appraisals required to use those standards to indicate on the appraisal or separately appended document which standard was used."

BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR APPRAISERS

As of January 1, 2015, ALL applicants for a real estate appraisal license and ALL appraisers seeking to renew their licenses will be required to submit a fingerprint based criminal history and background check prior to being licensed by the Appraisal Board. The text is as follows, to wit:

"To assist the board in conducting its licensure investigation, on and after January 1, 2015, all applicants for a real estate appraiser license as a licensed real estate appraiser (license), licensed certified residential real estate appraiser (certification) or a licensed certified general real estate appraiser (certification), and all applicants for renewal of any real estate appraiser license or certification shall undergo a fingerprint-based criminal history records check of the Mississippi central criminal database and the Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history database. Each applicant shall submit a full set of the applicant's fingerprints in a form and manner prescribed by the board, which shall be forwarded to the Mississippi Department of Public Safety (department) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Identification Division for this purpose."