

By: Representative Ishee

To: Fees and Salaries of  
Public Officers;  
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 91

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-1-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 ESTABLISH THE SALARY OF THE DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE  
3 MISSISSIPPI CRIME LABORATORY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 45-1-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 45-1-25. (1) The Director of the Mississippi Crime  
8 Laboratory which has been established by the Commissioner of  
9 Public Safety under the authority of Section 45-1-17 shall be a  
10 person who is experienced in crime laboratory operations,  
11 knowledgeable of the criminal justice system, and who shall have  
12 the following minimum qualifications:

13 (a) Graduation from an accredited four-year college or  
14 university with major course work in forensic science, chemistry,  
15 biology, commercial science or physics.

16 (b) At least five (5) years' full-time employment in a  
17 crime laboratory, with supervisory or administrative  
18 responsibility.

19 (c) Thorough knowledge of the utilization of crime  
20 laboratory services and their relation to the investigating law  
21 enforcement officers.

22 (d) Thorough knowledge of techniques employed in  
23 processing of physical evidence.

24 (e) Membership in professional organizations promoting  
25 advancement of forensic science.

26 (f) Proven effectiveness as a manager and

27 administrator.

28 Unusual strength in one or more of the above qualifications  
29 may compensate for failure to exactly satisfy paragraph (b) of  
30 this subsection.

31 (2) The Director of the State Crime Laboratory may only be  
32 removed by the Commissioner of Public Safety upon proof of his  
33 inability to serve due to illness, administrative or managerial  
34 ineffectiveness, incompetence, malfeasance, dereliction of duty or  
35 moral turpitude.

36 (3) The Director of the State Crime Laboratory shall receive  
37 an annual salary in the amount of Ninety Thousand Dollars  
38 (\$90,000.00) and the Assistant Director of the State Crime  
39 Laboratory shall receive an annual salary in the amount of Eighty  
40 Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00).

41 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
42 and after July 1, 1999.