

By: Representative Moak

To: Judiciary A;
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 127

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-4-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE AN OFFICE OPERATING ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN JUDGES OF THE
3 COURT OF APPEALS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 9-4-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 9-4-13. (1) The judges of the Court of Appeals shall
8 receive salaries as provided for in Section 25-3-35 and shall be
9 reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in performing their duties
10 at the rate authorized by law for public officials and employees
11 as provided by Section 25-3-41.

12 (2) Each judge of the Court of Appeals whose legal residence
13 is sixty (60) miles or greater from the location of the Court of
14 Appeals in the City of Jackson shall receive an office operating
15 allowance for the expenses of maintaining and operating an office
16 of the judge in his district. The office operating allowance
17 shall be in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per month
18 and shall be for expenditures necessary and incident to
19 maintaining the office of the judge in his district, as itemized
20 and certified by the judge to the Supreme Court. The Supreme
21 Court, through the Administrative Office of Courts, shall submit
22 the itemized and certified expenses for the office operating
23 allowance to the Department of Finance and Administration for
24 payment.

25 (3) Staff attorneys, law clerks and all other employees of
26 the Court of Appeals shall be of the same grade classification as

27 Supreme Court employees performing the same or similar duties.

28 SECTION 2. The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
29 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
30 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the
31 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
32 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
33 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
34 extended.

35 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from
36 and after July 1, 1999, if it is effectuated on or before that
37 date under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended
38 and extended. If it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting
39 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended, after July 1, 1999,
40 this act shall take effect and be in force from and after the date
41 it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of
42 1965, as amended and extended.