By: Representatives Guice, Endt

To: Fees and Salaries of Public Officers; County Affairs

HOUSE BILL NO. 991

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS TO PAY A SALARY TO 2 PERSONS APPOINTED TO SERVE AS AN INTERIM CHANCERY OR CIRCUIT 3 CLERK; TO PROHIBIT INTERIM CHANCERY AND CIRCUIT CLERKS FROM 4 RETAINING FEES AS COMPENSATION FOR THEIR SERVICES; TO REQUIRE 5 CERTAIN FEES COLLECTED BY INTERIM CHANCERY AND CIRCUIT CLERKS TO 6 BE DEPOSITED INTO THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND; AND FOR RELATED 7 PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: 8 9 <u>SECTION 1.</u> Whenever a person is appointed by the board of supervisors to fill a vacancy in the office of chancery clerk or 10 circuit clerk, the board of supervisors shall pay a salary in an 11 amount not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per week to 12 the person so appointed until his successor is elected and takes 13 14 office. A person appointed to serve as chancery clerk or circuit 15 clerk may not retain any fees collected by the chancery or circuit clerk's office as compensation for his services. All fees 16 collected by the office of the chancery clerk or circuit clerk, 17 other than those fees used to pay the salaries and expenses of 18 employees of the chancery or circuit clerk and those fees that are 19 20 to be held by the chancery or circuit clerk in a trust or custodial capacity, as prescribed under Section 9-1-43, shall be 21 22 deposited into the county general fund.

23 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from 24 and after October 1, 1999.

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