

By: Representatives Coleman (65th),  
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To: Fees and Salaries of  
Public Officers;  
County Affairs

HOUSE BILL NO. 1293

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-11-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 ESTABLISH A MINIMUM SALARY TO BE PAID TO THE JUSTICE COURT CLERKS;  
3 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF  
4 THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

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6 SECTION 1. Section 9-11-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 9-11-27. The board of supervisors of each county \* \* \*, at  
9 its own expense, shall appoint one (1) person to serve as clerk of  
10 the justice court system of the county, and may appoint such other  
11 employees for the justice court of the county as it deems  
12 necessary, including a person or persons to serve as deputy clerk  
13 or deputy clerks. The board of supervisors of each county with  
14 two (2) judicial districts \* \* \*, at its own expense, may appoint  
15 two (2) persons to serve as clerks of the justice court system of  
16 the county, one (1) for each judicial district, and may appoint  
17 such other employees for the justice court system of the county as  
18 it deems necessary including persons to serve as deputy clerks.  
19 The clerk and deputy clerks shall be empowered to file and record  
20 actions and pleadings, to receive and receipt for monies, to  
21 acknowledge affidavits, to issue warrants in criminal cases upon  
22 direction by a justice court judge in the county, to approve the  
23 sufficiency of bonds in civil and criminal cases, to certify and  
24 issue copies of all records, documents and pleadings filed in the  
25 justice court and to issue all process necessary for the operation  
26 of the justice court. The clerk or deputy clerks may refuse to  
27 accept a personal check in payment of any fine or cost or to

28 satisfy any other payment required to be made to the justice  
29 court. All orders from the justice court judge to the clerk of  
30 the justice court shall be written. All cases, civil and  
31 criminal, shall be assigned by the clerk to the justice court  
32 judges of the county in the manner provided in Section 11-9-105  
33 and Section 99-33-2. Each justice court clerk shall receive as  
34 full compensation for his services an annual salary of not less  
35 than Twenty-four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000.00). The salary shall  
36 be payable by warrant drawn by the clerk of the board of  
37 supervisors on the general fund of the county.

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