

By: Senator(s) Turner

To: Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2305  
(As Passed the Senate)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-15-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 ALLOW DISABLED JUDGES TO RETAIN THEIR STATE INSURANCE DURING THE  
3 REMAINDER OF THEIR TERM OF OFFICE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 25-15-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 25-15-3. For the purposes of this article, the words and  
8 phrases used herein shall have the following meanings:

9 (a) "Employee" means a person who works full time for  
10 the State of Mississippi and receives his compensation in a direct  
11 payment from a department, agency or institution of the state  
12 government. This shall include legislators, employees of the  
13 legislative branch and the judicial branch of the state and  
14 "employees" shall include full-time salaried judges and full-time  
15 district attorneys and their staff and full-time compulsory school  
16 attendance officers. For the purposes of this article, any  
17 "employee" making contributions to the State of Mississippi  
18 retirement plan shall be considered a full-time employee. A  
19 full-time salaried judge who resigns due to disability shall be  
20 considered an employee for the remainder of the term to which  
21 elected; "disability" is to be determined by the Mississippi

22 Commission on Judicial Performance, whose finding is to be  
23 supported by substantial evidence and shall be automatically  
24 reviewed by the full Supreme Court.

25           (b) "Department" means the Department of Finance and  
26 Administration.

27           (c) "Plan" means the State Employees Life and Health  
28 Insurance Plan created under this article.

29           (d) "Fund" means the State Employees Insurance Fund set  
30 up under this article.

31           (e) "Retiree" means any person retired under the  
32 Mississippi retirement plan.

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