

By: Senator(s) Gordon, Ross

To: Fees, Salaries and Administration

SENATE BILL NO. 2479
(As Passed the Senate)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-3-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REVISE THE SALARY OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PEARL RIVER
3 VALLEY WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 37-3-9, MISSISSIPPI
4 CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF
5 EDUCATION SHALL RECEIVE AN ANNUAL SALARY PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE
6 BOARD OF EDUCATION, BUT NOT TO EXCEED THE SALARY OF THE
7 COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER LEARNING; TO AMEND SECTION 25-3-35,
8 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE SALARIES OF THE ELECTED
9 JUDICIARY; TO AMEND SECTION 25-31-10, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
10 INCREASE THE COMPENSATION OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS EMPLOYED BY
11 DISTRICT ATTORNEYS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

13 SECTION 1. Section 25-3-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
14 amended as follows:

15 25-3-33. The annual salaries of the following appointive
16 state and district officials and employees are fixed as follows:

- 17 Deputy Attorney General, not to exceed..... \$72,800.00
- 18 Assistant Attorneys General shall each
- 19 receive annual salaries in an amount
- 20 to be fixed by the Attorney General
- 21 but not to exceed..... 68,400.00
- 22 Military Department--National Guard:
- 23 Adjutant General..... 80,000.00
- 24 Department of Banking and Consumer Finance:
- 25 Commissioner..... 85,000.00
- 26 Chairman of the State Tax Commission
- 27 (Commissioner of Revenue)..... 91,000.00
- 28 Associate Commissioners, each..... 42,000.00
- 29 Director of Emergency Management Agency..... 65,000.00
- 30 Department of Public Safety:
- 31 Commissioner of Public Safety..... 80,000.00

32 Director, Office of Mississippi
33 Highway Safety Patrol, or
34 his successor..... 70,000.00
35 Director, Office of Support Services,
36 or his successor..... 70,000.00
37 Department of Human Services:
38 Director, not to exceed..... 85,000.00
39 Workers' Compensation Commission:
40 Chairman..... 80,000.00
41 Members, each..... 78,000.00
42 Executive Director..... 75,000.00
43 Administrative Judge, each..... 75,000.00
44 Archives and History:
45 Director, not to exceed..... 70,000.00
46 State Forester..... 70,000.00
47 State Oil and Gas Board:
48 Secretary-Supervisor..... 70,000.00
49 Educational Television Authority:
50 Executive Director..... 70,000.00
51 Director, Mississippi Library Commission,
52 not to exceed..... 70,000.00
53 Executive Secretary, Public Service
54 Commission..... 65,000.00
55 Parole Board:
56 Chairman..... 50,000.00
57 Administrative Assistant for
58 Parole Matters..... 42,000.00
59 Members, each..... 44,000.00
60 Governor's State Bond Advisory Division:
61 Director 55,000.00
62 Employment Security Commission:
63 Executive Director, not to exceed..... 70,000.00
64 Executive Director, Department of
65 Mental Health, to be determined by the

66	State Board of Mental Health, not	
67	to exceed.....	85,000.00
68	Director, Division of Medicaid,	
69	not to exceed.....	85,000.00
70	Director, State Department of Transportation,	
71	not to exceed.....	85,000.00
72	State Entomologist.....	65,000.00
73	Clerk of the Supreme Court.....	60,000.00
74	State Aid Engineer, Division of State	
75	Aid Road Construction.....	70,000.00
76	Executive Director, Judicial Performance	
77	Commission.....	65,000.00
78	Executive Director, Department of Finance	
79	and Administration.....	85,000.00
80	Superintendent, Mississippi School for the	
81	Blind, to be determined by the State	
82	Board of Education, not to exceed.....	65,000.00
83	Superintendent, Mississippi School for the Deaf,	
84	to be determined by the State Board	
85	of Education, not to exceed.....	65,000.00
86	Executive Director, State Fair Commission.....	65,000.00
87	Executive Director, Department of Wildlife,	
88	Fisheries and Parks.....	80,000.00
89	Executive Director, Department of Environmental	
90	Quality.....	85,000.00
91	Executive Director, Pat Harrison Waterway	
92	District.....	65,000.00
93	Executive Director, Pearl River Basin	
94	Development District.....	61,000.00
95	Executive Director, Pearl River Valley Water	
96	Supply District.....	<u>75,000.00</u>
97	Executive Director, Tombigbee River Valley	
98	Water Management District.....	61,000.00
99	Director, Soil and Water Conservation	

100	Commission.....	60,000.00
101	Commissioner, Mississippi Department of	
102	Corrections.....	85,000.00
103	Executive Director, Mississippi Department of	
104	Information Technology Services.....	85,000.00
105	Executive Director, Mississippi Industries	
106	for the Blind.....	60,000.00
107	Director, Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics.....	60,000.00
108	Executive Secretary, State Veterans Affairs	
109	Board.....	55,000.00
110	Executive Officer, Veterans' Home Purchase	
111	Board.....	65,000.00
112	Chief Administrative Officer, Motor Vehicle	
113	Commission.....	55,000.00
114	Stadium Manager, Mississippi Veterans	
115	Memorial Stadium.....	55,000.00
116	Executive Director, Mississippi Arts	
117	Commission.....	55,000.00
118	Director, Mississippi Board of Nursing.....	60,000.00
119	Director, State Board of Pharmacy.....	60,000.00
120	Director, State Board of Public Contractors.....	50,000.00
121	Director, Real Estate Commission.....	55,000.00
122	Director of Support Services, Department	
123	of Rehabilitation Services.....	80,000.00
124	Executive Director, State Fire Academy.....	55,000.00
125	Executive Director, Law Enforcement	
126	Officers Training Academy.....	50,000.00
127	Executive Director, State Board of	
128	Accountancy.....	60,000.00
129	Executive Director, Mississippi	
130	Gaming Commission.....	90,000.00
131	Executive Director, Mississippi	
132	Department of Marine Resources.....	70,000.00
133	Executive Director, State Board of	

134	Registration for Professional	
135	Engineers and Land Surveyors.....	55,000.00
136	Executive Director, Public Utilities	
137	Staff.....	85,000.00
138	State Law Librarian.....	60,000.00
139	State Personnel Director.....	75,000.00
140	Manager, Farmers Central Market,	
141	Department of Agriculture and	
142	Commerce.....	40,000.00
143	State Veterinarian.....	70,000.00
144	Executive Director, Mississippi Ethics	
145	Commission.....	70,000.00

146 SECTION 2. Section 37-3-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
147 amended as follows:

148 37-3-9. (1) * * * From and after July 1, 1984, there shall
149 be a State Superintendent of Public Education who shall be
150 appointed by the State Board of Education, with the advice and
151 consent of the Senate, and serve at the board's will and pleasure.

152 He shall be the chief administrative officer for the State
153 Department of Education and shall administer the department in
154 accordance with the policies established by the State Board of
155 Education. He shall receive such compensation in the amount
156 prescribed by the State Board of Education, but not to exceed the
157 salary of the Commissioner of Higher Education. The State
158 Superintendent of Public Education shall have at least a master's
159 degree in any field and a minimum of five (5) years' experience in
160 administration in the educational field.

161 (2) The state superintendent shall give bond in the penalty
162 of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), with sureties to be
163 approved by the Governor, conditioned according to law. Said bond
164 when approved shall be filed and recorded in the office of the
165 Secretary of State.

166 SECTION 3. Section 25-3-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
167 amended as follows:

168 25-3-35. (1) The annual salaries of the following judges
169 are fixed as follows, to begin at the commencement of the next
170 term of office immediately succeeding the existing term:

171 Chief Justice of the Supreme Court..... \$108,400.00
172 Presiding Justice of the Supreme Court..... 106,400.00
173 Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, each..... 105,800.00

174 However, in addition to their present official duties, there
175 are imposed upon the Supreme Court Justices the extra duties of
176 making a special study of existing laws and reporting to each
177 regular session of the Legislature such constructive suggestions
178 as they may deem necessary for the improvement of the
179 administration of justice, and of advising and counseling with the
180 State Librarian in the selection of law books for purchase and use
181 in the State Law Library, advising with the librarian thereof upon
182 the removal from the library of any books which may be the least
183 frequently used, and for the placing of same in a convenient
184 location so as to provide additional space for such books and
185 other current publications which may be more frequently used or
186 called for. For such extra services each justice, from and after
187 the effective date of Senate Bill No. 2479, 1999 Regular Session,
188 shall receive a sum sufficient when added to the present salaries
189 of the justices to aggregate One Hundred Eight Thousand Four
190 Hundred Dollars (\$108,400.00) for the Chief Justice, One Hundred
191 Six Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$106,400.00) for the Presiding
192 Justice, and One Hundred Five Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars
193 (\$105,800.00) for Associate Justices, per annum. As each existing
194 term expires and the above-captioned salaries become effective in
195 due course, the extra duties and compensation provided for shall
196 cease.

197 (2) The annual salaries of the judges of the Court of
198 Appeals of Mississippi are fixed as follows:

199 Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals..... \$101,800.00
200 Associate Judges of the Court of Appeals, each..... 99,000.00

201 (3) The annual salaries of the chancery and circuit court

202 judges are fixed as follows:

203 Chancery Judges, each..... \$96,200.00

204 Circuit Judges, each..... 96,200.00

205 In addition to their present official duties, there are
206 imposed upon the chancery and circuit court judges the extra
207 duties of making a special study of existing laws relating to
208 trial courts and reporting to the Supreme Court of the State of
209 Mississippi such constructive suggestions as they may deem
210 necessary for the improvement of the administration of justice,
211 which shall be recommended to the Legislature by the Supreme Court
212 in the manner provided by law. The judges shall advise and
213 supervise in the purchase of law books for the libraries of each
214 district, and shall study and evaluate the inventory of books and
215 facilities now existing in the libraries of each district to
216 effect the removal and relocation of obsolete publications so as
217 to provide additional space for those books and current
218 publications more frequently used. The judges shall study the
219 existing rules promulgated by the circuit and chancery court
220 judicial associations governing the operation of chancery and
221 circuit courts, and revise the same pursuant to existing laws.
222 For such extra services each judge, from and after the effective
223 date of Senate Bill No. 2479, 1999 Regular Session, shall receive
224 a sum sufficient when added to the present salaries of the judges
225 to aggregate Ninety-six Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$96,200.00)
226 per annum for each judge. Upon the expiration of the existing
227 term, the above-captioned salaries become effective in due course,
228 and the extra duties and compensation provided for shall cease.

229 (4) The Supreme Court shall prepare a payroll for chancery
230 judges and circuit judges and submit such payroll to the
231 Department of Finance and Administration.

232 (5) The annual salary of the full-time district attorneys
233 shall be Seventy-nine Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Dollars
234 (\$79,830.00).

235 (6) The annual salary of the full-time legal assistants

236 shall be not less than Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) nor
237 more than Sixty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$67,500.00),
238 as established by the district attorney.

239 SECTION 4. Section 25-31-10, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
240 amended as follows:

241 25-31-10. (1) Any district attorney may appoint a full-time
242 criminal investigator.

243 (2) The district attorneys of the Third, Fifth, Ninth,
244 Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth and
245 Twentieth Circuit Court Districts may appoint one (1) additional
246 full-time criminal investigator for a total of two (2) full-time
247 criminal investigators.

248 (3) The district attorneys of the First, Second, Fourth and
249 Seventh and Nineteenth Circuit Court Districts may appoint two (2)
250 additional full-time criminal investigators for a total of three
251 (3) full-time criminal investigators.

252 (4) No district attorney or assistant district attorney
253 shall accept any private employment, civil or criminal, in any
254 matter investigated by such criminal investigators.

255 (5) The full and complete compensation for all public duties
256 rendered by said criminal investigators shall be not * * * more
257 than Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) per annum, to be
258 determined at the discretion of the district attorney based upon
259 the qualifications, education and experience of the criminal
260 investigator, plus necessary travel and other expenses, to be paid
261 in accordance with Section 25-31-8. Provided, however, the
262 maximum salary under this subsection for a criminal investigator
263 who has a law degree may be supplemented by the district attorney
264 from other available funds, but not to exceed the maximum salary
265 for a legal assistant to a district attorney.

266 (6) Any criminal investigator may be designated by the
267 district attorney to attend the Law Enforcement Officers Training
268 Program set forth in Section 45-6-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of
269 1972. The total expenses associated with attendance by criminal

270 investigators at the Law Enforcement Officers Training Program
271 shall be paid out of the funds of the appropriate district
272 attorney.

273 SECTION 5. The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
274 is directed to submit Sections 3 and 4 of this act, immediately
275 upon approval by the Governor, or upon approval by the Legislature
276 subsequent to a veto, to the Attorney General of the United States
277 or to the United States District Court for the District of
278 Columbia in accordance with the provisions of the Voting Rights
279 Act of 1965, as amended and extended.

280 SECTION 6. Sections 3 and 4 of this act shall take effect
281 and be in force from and after July 1, 1999, if they are
282 effectuated on or before that date under Section 5 of the Voting
283 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended. If they are
284 effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as
285 amended and extended, after July 1, 1999, Sections 3 and 4 of this
286 act shall take effect and be in force from and after the date they
287 are respectively effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting Rights
288 Act of 1965, as amended and extended.

289 SECTION 7. Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall take effect
290 and be in force from and after July 1, 1999.