

By: Senator(s) Mettetal

To: Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2566

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-7-47, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REVISE THE \$1.50 WITNESS APPEARANCE FEE IN STATE COURT; TO REVISE
3 MILEAGE PAID TO WITNESSES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. BE IT
4 ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

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6 SECTION 1. Section 25-7-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 25-7-47. Witnesses in the county, circuit, and chancery
9 courts shall receive a witness fee in the amount allowable to
10 witnesses in the federal courts and the mileage reimbursement rate
11 allowable to federal employees for the use of a privately owned
12 vehicle while on official travel for each mile going to and
13 returning from the courthouse to their homes by the nearest route,
14 and such tolls and ferriages as they may actually be obliged to
15 pay; but mileage, toll, and ferriage shall be charged but once at
16 each term of court, and a charge shall not be made for mileage
17 except that traveled in this state. Witnesses before a justice
18 court judge shall be allowed the federal witness appearance fee
19 per day and no more. Witnesses in all other cases shall receive
20 the same compensation as they receive before the circuit court.
21 It shall not be necessary to issue subpoenas for police officers
22 as witnesses in city cases of cities having a population of more
23 than ten thousand (10,000) according to the Federal Census of
24 1930; and such officers, when used as witnesses in such cases, are
25 not to be allowed witness fees.

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