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To: Fees and Salaries of  
Public Officers;  
County Affairs

HOUSE BILL NO. 195

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-11-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 ALLOW THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN THOSE COUNTIES HAVING LESS THAN  
3 FOUR JUSTICE COURT JUDGES TO PAY A JUSTICE COURT JUDGE ADDITIONAL  
4 COMPENSATION FOR SERVING DURING THE SUSPENSION OR DISABILITY OF  
5 ANOTHER JUSTICE COURT JUDGE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 9-11-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 9-11-31. (1) (a) In any county in which there are four (4)  
10 or more justice court judges, when any justice court judge is  
11 unable, by reason of being under any suspension by the Commission  
12 on Judicial Performance or the Mississippi Supreme Court, or by  
13 reason of sickness or other disability, to attend and hold court  
14 at the time and place required by law to do so for a period of  
15 time in excess of thirty (30) consecutive days, and due to such  
16 inability to attend and hold court there is no judge to hold court  
17 in such county, the board of supervisors of the county in which  
18 such judge serves shall appoint another justice court judge of the  
19 county or an adjoining county or a municipal court judge to attend  
20 and hold said court and perform all the duties of such judge  
21 during such suspension or disability.

22 (b) Any presently sitting justice court judge appointed

23 pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection shall receive no  
24 additional compensation for his or her service. Any other person  
25 so appointed shall receive, for the period of his service,  
26 compensation from the county for each day's service a sum equal to  
27 one and two hundred sixtieths (1/260) of the current salary in  
28 effect for justice court judges.

29 (2) (a) In any county in which there are less than four (4)  
30 justice court judges, when any justice court judge is unable, by  
31 reason of being under any suspension by the Commission on Judicial  
32 Performance or the Mississippi Supreme Court, or by reason of  
33 sickness, disability or other reason, to attend and hold court at  
34 the time and place required by law to do so for a period of time  
35 in excess of thirty (30) consecutive days, the board of  
36 supervisors of the county may appoint another justice court judge  
37 of the county to attend and hold court and perform all the duties  
38 of the justice court judge during his suspension or disability.

39 (b) Any justice court judge appointed under paragraph  
40 (a) of this subsection shall receive, for the period of his  
41 service, compensation from the county for each day's service a sum  
42 equal to one and two hundred sixtieths (1/260) of the current  
43 salary in effect for justice court judges.

44 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
45 and after October 1, 2000.