

By: Broomfield, Huddleston

To: County Affairs

## HOUSE BILL NO. 975

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-9-131, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO ALLOW A RETIRING DEPUTY SHERIFF WITH A MINIMUM YEARS OF SERVICE  
3 TO RETAIN HIS SIDEARM WITHOUT COST; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 45-9-131, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 45-9-131. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection  
8 (2) of this section, upon approval of the governing authorities of  
9 the municipality or county, a member of any municipal or county  
10 law enforcement agency who retires under any state retirement  
11 system or any state-approved retirement system may be allowed to  
12 purchase as his personal property one (1) sidearm which was issued  
13 to him by the law enforcement agency from which he retired. The  
14 governing authorities of the municipality or county shall  
15 determine the amount to be paid for the firearm by the retiring  
16 member of the law enforcement agency.

17 (2) A deputy sheriff who retires after twenty-five (25)  
18 years of service as a law enforcement officer with twelve (12) or  
19 more years of service with the county from which he retires may be  
20 allowed to retain, as his personal property, one (1) sidearm  
21 issued to him by the county from which he retires. The retiring  
22 officer shall be allowed to retain his sidearm without cost.

23 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
24 and after July 1, 2000.