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To: Fees, Salaries and
Administration;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2912

1 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN COUNTY OFFICIALS;
2 TO AMEND SECTIONS 25-3-3 AND 25-3-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
3 INCREASE THE SALARIES OF COUNTY TAX COLLECTORS AND TAX ASSESSORS;
4 TO AMEND SECTION 25-3-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE
5 SALARIES OF THE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS IN CERTAIN COUNTIES;
6 TO AMEND SECTION 25-3-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE
7 THE SALARIES OF MEMBERS OF COUNTY BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS; TO AMEND
8 SECTION 25-3-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE
9 SALARIES OF SHERIFFS; TO AMEND SECTION 25-3-36, MISSISSIPPI CODE
10 OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE SALARIES OF JUSTICE COURT JUDGES; TO
11 AMEND SECTION 9-9-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE
12 SALARIES OF CERTAIN COUNTY COURT JUDGES; TO AMEND SECTION
13 41-61-59, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE SALARY
14 ALLOWABLE TO CHIEF COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND CHIEF COUNTY
15 MEDICAL EXAMINER INVESTIGATORS; TO AMEND SECTION 9-13-19,
16 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE SALARIES OF COURT
17 REPORTERS; TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-225, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
18 TO INCREASE THE SALARIES OF COUNTY REGISTRARS; AND FOR RELATED
19 PURPOSES.

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

21 SECTION 1. Section 25-3-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
22 amended as follows:

23 25-3-3. The term "total assessed valuation" as used in this
24 section only refers to the ad valorem assessment for the county
25 and, in addition, in counties where oil or gas is produced, the
26 actual value of oil at the point of production, as certified to
27 the counties by the State Tax Commission under the provisions of
28 Sections 27-25-501 through 27-25-525, and the actual value of gas
29 as certified by the State Tax Commission under the provisions of
30 Sections 27-25-701 through 27-25-723.

31 The salary of assessors of the various counties is * * *
32 fixed as full compensation for their services as county assessors
33 and tax collectors. The annual salary of each assessor shall be
34 based upon the total assessed valuation of his respective county

35 for the preceding taxable year in the following categories and for
36 the following amounts:

37 (a) For counties with a total assessed valuation of Two
38 Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00) or more, a salary
39 of Fifty-one Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-five Dollars
40 (\$51,895.00);

41 (b) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
42 at least Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00) but less
43 than Two Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00), a salary
44 of Fifty Thousand Forty-four Dollars (\$50,044.00);

45 (c) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
46 at least Thirty-five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000.00) but less
47 than Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00), a salary of
48 Forty-six Thousand Six Hundred Eleven Dollars (\$46,611.00);

49 (d) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
50 at least Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) but less than
51 Thirty-five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000.00), a salary of
52 Forty-three Thousand One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$43,120.00);

53 (e) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
54 at least Twelve Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
55 (\$12,500,000.00) but less than Twenty Million Dollars
56 (\$20,000,000.00), a salary of Thirty-nine Thousand Six Hundred
57 Twenty-eight Dollars (\$39,628.00);

58 (f) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
59 less than Twelve Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
60 (\$12,500,000.00), a salary of Thirty-six Thousand One Hundred
61 Thirty-seven Dollars (\$36,137.00).

62 The annual salary established for the assessor-tax collector
63 shall not be reduced as a result of a reduction in total assessed
64 valuation. The salaries may be increased as a result of an
65 increase in total assessed valuation.

66 In addition to all other compensation paid to assessor-tax
67 collectors in counties having two (2) judicial districts, the
68 board of supervisors shall allow that * * * assessor-tax collector
69 to be paid an additional Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
70 (\$3,500.00) per year. In addition to all other compensation paid
71 to assessors or tax collectors, in counties maintaining two (2)

72 full-time offices, the board of supervisors may allow that * * *
73 assessor or tax collector to be paid an additional Three Thousand
74 Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00) per year.

75 In addition to all other compensation paid to assessor-tax
76 collectors, the board of supervisors of a county shall allow for
77 such assessor-tax collector to be paid additional compensation
78 when there is a contract between the county and one or more
79 municipalities providing that the assessor-tax collector shall
80 assess and/or collect taxes for the municipality or
81 municipalities; and such assessor-tax collector shall be
82 authorized to receive such additional compensation from the county
83 and/or the municipality or municipalities in any amount allowed by
84 the county and the municipality or municipalities for performing
85 those services.

86 When any tax assessor holds a valid certificate of
87 educational recognition from the International Association of
88 Assessing Officers or is a licensed appraiser under Section
89 73-34-1 et seq., he shall receive an additional One Thousand Five
90 Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) annually beginning the next fiscal
91 year after completion. When any tax assessor is a licensed state
92 certified Residential Appraiser (RA) or licensed state certified
93 Timberland Appraiser (TA) under Section 73-34-1 et seq., or when
94 any tax assessor holds a valid designation from the International
95 Association of Assessing Officers as a Cadastral Mapping
96 Specialist (CMS) or Personal Property Specialist (PPS) or
97 Residential Evaluation Specialist (RES), he shall receive an
98 additional Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500.00) annually
99 beginning the next fiscal year after completion. When any tax
100 assessor holds the valid designation of Certified Assessment
101 Evaluator (CAE) from the International Association of Assessing
102 Officers or is a state certified General Real Estate Appraiser
103 (GA) under Section 73-34-1 et seq., he shall receive an additional
104 Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500.00) annually beginning

105 the next fiscal year after completion.

106 The salaries * * * set out in this section shall be the total
107 funds paid to the county assessors and tax collectors and shall be
108 full compensation for their services, with any fees being paid to
109 the county general fund.

110 The salaries * * * provided in this section shall be payable
111 monthly on the first day of each calendar month by chancery
112 clerk's warrant drawn on the general fund of the county; however,
113 the board of supervisors, by resolution duly adopted and entered
114 on its minutes, may provide that such salaries shall be paid
115 semimonthly on the first and fifteenth day of each month. If a
116 pay date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, salary payments
117 shall be made on the workday immediately preceding the weekend or
118 legal holiday.

119 The salary scale in this section shall not apply in any
120 county in which the office of assessor has been separated from
121 that of tax collector. In the event of such separation, the
122 salary scale set forth in Section 25-3-5 shall control.

123 SECTION 2. Section 25-3-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
124 amended as follows:

125 25-3-5. In any county where the office of tax collector has
126 been separated from the office of tax assessor, the annual salary
127 of the assessor or tax collector shall be based upon the assessed
128 valuation of his respective county for the preceding taxable year
129 in the following categories and for the following amounts:

130 (a) For counties with a total assessed valuation of Two
131 Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00) or more, a salary
132 of Fifty-seven Thousand Eighty-five Dollars (\$57,085.00);

133 (b) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
134 at least Two Hundred Million Dollars (\$200,000,000.00) but less
135 than Two Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00), a salary
136 of Fifty-three Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-four Dollars
137 \$53,594.00);

138 (c) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
139 at least One Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$150,000,000.00) but
140 less than Two Hundred Million Dollars (\$200,000,000.00), a salary
141 of Fifty Thousand One Hundred Three Dollars (\$50,103.00);

142 (d) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
143 at least One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000.00) but less
144 than One Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$150,000,000.00), a salary
145 of Forty-six Thousand Six Hundred Eleven Dollars (\$46,611.00);

146 (e) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
147 at least Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00) but less
148 than One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000.00), a salary of
149 Forty-three Thousand One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$43,120.00);

150 (f) For counties with a total assessed valuation of
151 less than Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00), a salary
152 of Thirty-nine Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-eight Dollars
153 (\$39,628.00).

154 The annual salary established for the tax assessor or tax
155 collector shall not be reduced as a result of a reduction in total
156 assessed valuation. The salaries may be increased as a result of
157 an increase in total assessed valuation.

158 In addition to all other compensation paid to assessors or
159 tax collectors, in counties having two (2) judicial districts, the
160 board of supervisors shall allow that * * * assessor or tax
161 collector to be paid an additional Three Thousand Five Hundred
162 Dollars (\$3,500.00) per year. In addition to all other
163 compensation paid to assessors or tax collectors, in counties
164 maintaining two (2) full-time offices, the board of supervisors
165 may allow that * * * assessor or tax collector to be paid an
166 additional Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00) per
167 year.

168 In addition to all other compensation paid to tax assessors
169 and tax collectors, the board of supervisors of a county shall
170 allow for such tax assessor and/or tax collector to be paid

171 additional compensation when there is a contract between the
172 county and one or more municipalities providing that the tax
173 assessor shall assess taxes and/or tax collector shall collect
174 taxes for the municipality or municipalities; and such tax
175 assessor and/or tax collector shall be authorized to receive such
176 additional compensation from the county and/or the municipality or
177 municipalities in any amount allowed by the county and the
178 municipality or municipalities for performing those services.
179 When any tax assessor holds a valid certificate of educational
180 recognition from the International Association of Assessing
181 Officers or is a licensed appraiser under Section 73-34-1 et seq.,
182 he shall receive an additional One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
183 (\$1,500.00) annually beginning the next fiscal year after
184 completion. When any tax assessor is a licensed state certified
185 Residential Appraiser (RA) or licensed state certified Timberland
186 Appraiser (TA) under Section 73-34-1 et seq., or when any tax
187 assessor holds a valid designation from the International
188 Association of Assessing Officers as a Cadastral Mapping
189 Specialist (CMS) or Personal Property Specialist (PPS) or
190 Residential Evaluation Specialist (RES), he shall receive an
191 additional Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500.00) annually
192 beginning the next fiscal year after completion. When any tax
193 assessor holds the valid designation of Certified Assessment
194 Evaluator (CAE) from the International Association of Assessing
195 Officers or is a state certified General Real Estate Appraiser
196 (GA) under Section 73-34-1 et seq., he shall receive an additional
197 Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500.00) annually beginning
198 the next fiscal year after completion.

199 The salaries * * * set out in this section shall be the total
200 funds paid to the county assessors or tax collectors and shall be
201 full compensation for their services, with any fees being paid to
202 the county general fund.

203 The salaries * * * provided in this section shall be payable

204 monthly on the first day of each calendar month by chancery
205 clerk's warrant drawn on the general fund of the county; however,
206 the board of supervisors, by resolution duly adopted and entered
207 on its minutes, may provide that such salaries shall be paid
208 semimonthly on the first and fifteenth day of each month. If a
209 pay date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, salary payments
210 shall be made on the workday immediately preceding the weekend or
211 legal holiday.

212 SECTION 3. Section 25-3-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
213 amended as follows:

214 25-3-9. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3)
215 of this section, the county prosecuting attorney may receive for
216 his services an annual salary to be paid by the board of
217 supervisors as follows:

218 (a) For counties with a total population of more than
219 two hundred thousand (200,000), a salary not to exceed Thirty-two
220 Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$32,775.00).

221 (b) For counties with a total population of more than
222 one hundred thousand (100,000) and not more than two hundred
223 thousand (200,000), a salary not to exceed Thirty Thousand Four
224 Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$30,475.00).

225 (c) For counties with a total population of more than
226 fifty thousand (50,000) and not more than one hundred thousand
227 (100,000), a salary not to exceed Twenty-four Thousand Nine
228 Hundred Fifty-five Dollars (\$24,955.00).

229 (d) For counties with a total population of more than
230 thirty-five thousand (35,000) and not more than fifty thousand
231 (50,000), a salary not to exceed Twenty-three Thousand Four
232 Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$23,460.00).

233 (e) For counties with a total population of more than
234 twenty-five thousand (25,000) and not more than thirty-five
235 thousand (35,000), a salary not to exceed Twenty-two Thousand One
236 Hundred Ninety-five Dollars (\$22,195.00).

237 (f) For counties with a total population of more than
238 fifteen thousand (15,000) and not more than twenty-five thousand
239 (25,000), a salary not to exceed Twenty Thousand Three Hundred
240 Fifty-five Dollars (\$20,355.00).

241 (g) For counties with a total population of more than
242 ten thousand (10,000) and not more than fifteen thousand (15,000),
243 a salary not to exceed Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred Fifteen
244 Dollars (\$18,515.00).

245 (h) For counties with a total population of more than
246 six thousand (6,000) and not more than ten thousand (10,000), a
247 salary not to exceed Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-five
248 Dollars (\$16,675.00).

249 (i) For counties with a total population of six
250 thousand (6,000) or less, the board of supervisors, in its
251 discretion, may appoint a county prosecuting attorney, and it may
252 pay such county prosecuting attorney an annual salary not to
253 exceed Fourteen Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-five Dollars
254 (\$14,835.00).

255 In all cases of conviction there shall be taxed against the
256 convicted defendant, as an item of cost, the sum of Three Dollars
257 (\$3.00), which shall be turned in to the county treasury as a part
258 of the general county funds; however, the Three Dollars (\$3.00)
259 shall not be taxed in any case in which it is not the specific
260 duty of the county attorney to appear and prosecute.

261 * * * In addition to the salaries provided for in this
262 subsection, the board of supervisors of any county, in its
263 discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney an additional
264 amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the maximum allowable
265 salary prescribed in this subsection.

266 (2) In the following counties, the county prosecuting
267 attorney shall receive for his services an annual salary to be
268 paid by the board of supervisors, as follows:

269 (a) In any county bordering upon the Mississippi River

270 and having a population of not less than thirty thousand (30,000)
271 and not more than thirty-five thousand five hundred (35,500)
272 according to the federal census of 1990, and in counties having a
273 population of not more than thirty-seven thousand (37,000)
274 according to the federal census of 1990 in which Interstate
275 Highway 55 and U.S. Highway 98 intersect, the county prosecuting
276 attorney shall receive a salary equal to the justice court judge
277 of such county; and in any county wherein is located the state's
278 oldest state-supported institution of higher learning and wherein
279 Mississippi State Highways 7 and 6 intersect, the county
280 prosecuting attorney shall receive an annual salary equal to that
281 of a member of the board of supervisors of such county.

282 (b) In counties having a population in excess of fifty
283 thousand (50,000) in the 1960 federal census, wherein is located a
284 state-supported university and in which U.S. Highways 49 and 11
285 intersect, the salary of the county prosecuting attorney shall be
286 not less than Seventeen Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$17,400.00)
287 per year. The Board of Supervisors of Forrest County,
288 Mississippi, may, in its discretion, and by agreement with the
289 county prosecuting attorney, employ the county prosecuting
290 attorney as a full-time elected official during his/her term of
291 office, designate additional duties and responsibilities of the
292 office and pay additional compensation up to, but not in excess
293 of, ninety percent (90%) of the annual compensation and salary of
294 the county court judge and the youth court judge of Forrest County
295 as authorized by law and provide a reasonable office and
296 reasonable office expenses to the county prosecuting attorney.
297 The salary authorized by this paragraph (b) for the county
298 prosecuting attorney shall be the sole and complete salary for
299 such prosecuting attorney in each county to which this paragraph
300 applies, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
301 contrary.

302 (c) In any county wherein is housed the seat of State

303 Government, wherein U.S. Highways 80 and 49 intersect, and having
304 two (2) judicial districts, the board of supervisors, in its
305 discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual
306 salary equal to the annual salary of members of the board of
307 supervisors in the county.

308 (d) In any county which has two (2) judicial districts
309 and wherein Highway 8 and Highway 15 intersect, having a
310 population of greater than seventeen thousand (17,000), according
311 to the 1980 federal decennial census, the board of supervisors
312 shall pay the county prosecuting attorney a salary equal to that
313 of a member of the board of supervisors of such county; provided
314 that if such county prosecuting attorney is paid a sum for the
315 purpose of defraying office or secretarial expenses, then the
316 salary prescribed herein shall be reduced by that amount.

317 (e) In any county bordering the State of Tennessee and
318 in which Mississippi Highways No. 4 and 15 intersect, and having a
319 population of less than twenty thousand (20,000) in the 1970
320 federal census, the salary of the county prosecuting attorney
321 shall be no less than Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00).

322 (f) In any county having a population of more than
323 twenty-five thousand (25,000) and in which U.S. Highways 72 and 45
324 intersect, the salary of the county attorney shall be paid not
325 less than Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00).

326 In addition, such county prosecuting attorney shall receive
327 the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) per month
328 for the purpose of defraying secretarial expense.

329 (g) In any county wherein I-20 and State Highway 15
330 intersect; and in any county wherein I-20 and State Highway 35
331 intersect, the salary of the county prosecuting attorney shall be
332 not less than Eight Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$8,400.00).

333 (h) In any Class 1 county bordering on the Mississippi
334 River, lying in whole or in part within a levee district, wherein
335 U.S. Highways 82 and 61 intersect, bounded by the Sunflower River

336 and Stales Bayou, the board of supervisors, in its discretion, may
337 pay an annual salary equal to the annual salary of members of the
338 board of supervisors in the county. In addition, such county
339 prosecuting attorney shall receive the sum of One Thousand Dollars
340 (\$1,000.00) per month for the purpose of defraying secretarial
341 expenses.

342 (i) In any county bordering on the Gulf of Mexico
343 having two (2) judicial districts, and wherein U.S. Highways 90
344 and 49 intersect, the salary of the county prosecuting attorney
345 shall be not less than Nineteen Thousand Dollars (\$19,000.00) per
346 year. The Board of Supervisors of Harrison County, Mississippi,
347 may, in its discretion, and by agreement with the county
348 prosecuting attorney, employ the county prosecuting attorney and
349 his/her assistant during his/her term of office, and designate
350 additional duties and responsibilities of the office and pay
351 additional compensation up to, but not in excess of, ninety
352 percent (90%) of the annual compensation and salary of the county
353 court judges of Harrison County as authorized by law and provide
354 adequate office space and reasonable office expenses to the county
355 prosecuting attorney and his/her assistant. The salary authorized
356 by this paragraph (i) for the county prosecuting attorney and
357 his/her assistant shall be the sole and complete salary paid by
358 the county for such prosecuting attorney and his/her assistant in
359 each county to which this paragraph applies, notwithstanding any
360 other provision of law to the contrary.

361 (j) In any county bordering on the State of Alabama,
362 having a population in excess of seventy-five thousand (75,000)
363 according to the 1980 decennial census in which is located an
364 institution of higher learning and a United States military
365 installation and which is traversed by an interstate highway, the
366 salary of the county prosecuting attorney shall not be less than
367 Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) nor more than the amount of
368 the annual salary received by a member of the board of supervisors

369 of that county.

370 (k) In any county with a land area wherein Mississippi
371 Highways 8 and 9 intersect, the salary of the county prosecuting
372 attorney shall be not less than Eight Thousand Five Hundred
373 Dollars (\$8,500.00) per year.

374 (l) In any Class 2 county wherein Mississippi Highways
375 6 and 3 intersect, the salary of the county prosecuting attorney
376 shall be not less than Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) per
377 year nor more than the amount of the annual salary received by a
378 member of the board of supervisors of that county.

379 (m) In any county wherein Interstate Highway 55 and
380 State Highway 8 intersect, the salary of the county prosecuting
381 attorney shall be not less than Twelve Thousand Dollars
382 (\$12,000.00) per year.

383 (n) In any county wherein U.S. Highway 51 intersects
384 Mississippi Highway 6, and having two (2) judicial districts, the
385 salary of the county prosecuting attorney shall be not less than
386 Three Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$3,600.00) per year.

387 (o) In any county bordering on the Alabama state line,
388 having a population of greater than fifteen thousand (15,000)
389 according to the 1970 federal decennial census, wherein U.S.
390 Highway 45 and Mississippi Highway 18 intersect, the salary of the
391 county prosecuting attorney shall be not less than Three Thousand
392 Six Hundred Dollars (\$3,600.00) nor greater than that of a member
393 of the board of supervisors of such county. All prior acts,
394 orders and resolutions of the board of supervisors of such county
395 which authorized the payment of the salary in conformity with the
396 provisions of this paragraph, whether or not heretofore
397 specifically authorized by law are hereby ratified, approved and
398 confirmed.

399 (p) In any county wherein is located a state-supported
400 institution of higher learning and wherein U.S. Highway 82 and
401 Mississippi Highway 389 intersect, the board of supervisors, in

402 its discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual
403 salary equal to the annual salary of members of the board of
404 supervisors in the county.

405 (q) In any county having two (2) judicial districts
406 wherein Mississippi Highway 32 intersects U.S. Highway 49E, the
407 salary of the county prosecuting attorney shall be not less than
408 Twelve Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$12,700.00).

409 (r) In any county traversed by the Natchez Trace
410 Parkway wherein U.S. Highway 45 and Mississippi Highway 4
411 intersect, the board of supervisors, in its discretion, may pay
412 the county prosecuting attorney an annual salary equal to the
413 annual salary of justice court judges in the county.

414 (s) In any county having a population of more than
415 fourteen thousand (14,000) according to the 1970 census and which
416 county is bordered on the north by the State of Tennessee and on
417 the east by the State of Alabama and in which U.S. Highway No. 72
418 and Highway No. 25 intersect, the board of supervisors, in its
419 discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual
420 salary equal to the annual salary of justice court judges in the
421 county.

422 (t) (i) In any county wherein Interstate Highway 55
423 and State Highway 22 intersect, and which is also traversed in
424 whole or part by U.S. Highways 49 and 51, and State Highways 16,
425 17, 43 and the Natchez Trace Parkway, and also containing a part
426 of a public lake or reservoir, in excess of thirty thousand
427 (30,000) acres, the board of supervisors, in its discretion, may
428 pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual salary in the amount
429 of Twenty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$28,000.00).

430 (ii) From and after October 1, 1993, in addition
431 to the salary provided for item (i) of this paragraph, the board
432 of supervisors, in its discretion, may pay the county prosecuting
433 attorney an additional amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of
434 the maximum allowable salary prescribed herein.

435 (u) In any county having a population in the 1970
436 census in excess of thirty-five thousand (35,000) and in which
437 U.S. Highways 49W and 82 intersect, and in which is located a
438 state penitentiary, the annual salary of a county prosecuting
439 attorney shall be Thirty Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Dollars
440 (\$30,420.00).

441 (v) In any county wherein Mississippi Highway 50
442 intersects U.S. Highway 45-Alternate, and having a population
443 greater than twenty thousand (20,000) according to the 1980
444 federal decennial census, a salary equal to that of a member of
445 the board of supervisors of such county; provided that if such
446 county prosecuting attorney is paid a sum for the purpose of
447 defraying office or secretarial expenses, then the salary
448 prescribed herein shall be reduced by that amount.

449 (w) In any county in which the 1975 assessed valuation
450 was Forty Million Seven Hundred Thirty-nine Thousand Four Hundred
451 Sixty-six Dollars (\$40,739,466.00) and wherein U.S. Highway 45 and
452 Mississippi Highway 8 intersect, the salary of the county
453 prosecuting attorney shall be equal to that of a member of the
454 board of supervisors of such county.

455 (x) In any county bordering on the Mississippi River
456 having a population greater than fifty thousand (50,000) according
457 to the 1980 federal decennial census and also having a national
458 military park and national cemetery, an annual salary of
459 Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) or a salary equal to
460 that of a member of the board of supervisors in such county,
461 whichever is greater. In addition, such county prosecuting
462 attorney shall receive the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)
463 per month for the purpose of defraying secretarial expenses.

464 (y) In any county bordering on the Alabama state line,
465 traversed by the Chickasawhay River, and wherein U.S. Highway 45
466 and U.S. Highway 84 intersect, a salary that shall be equal to the
467 annual salary of a member of the board of supervisors of such

468 county. All prior acts, orders and resolutions of the board of
469 supervisors of such county which authorize the payment of the
470 salary of the county prosecuting attorney in conformity with the
471 provisions of this section as it existed immediately prior to the
472 effective date of Chapter 506, Laws of 1985, are hereby ratified,
473 approved, confirmed and validated.

474 (z) In any county having a population greater than
475 sixty-five thousand five hundred eighty (65,580) but less than
476 sixty-five thousand five hundred ninety (65,590) according to the
477 1990 federal decennial census, wherein U.S. Highway 45 intersects
478 with Mississippi Highway 6, an annual salary equal to Thirty
479 Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00).

480 (aa) In any county where an institution of higher
481 learning is located and wherein U.S. Highway 82 and U.S. Highway
482 45 intersect, the salary of county prosecuting attorney shall be
483 not less than that of a member of the board of supervisors in such
484 county, and the board of supervisors may, in its discretion, pay
485 such county prosecuting attorney a salary in an amount not to
486 exceed the amount of the salary of the District Attorney for the
487 Sixteenth Judicial District of Mississippi.

488 (bb) In any county having a population greater than six
489 thousand (6,000) according to the federal decennial census and
490 wherein U.S. Highway 61 and Highway 24 intersect, the board of
491 supervisors, in its discretion, may pay the county prosecuting
492 attorney an annual salary equal to the annual salary of members of
493 the board of supervisors in the county.

494 (cc) In any county having a population greater than
495 thirty-one thousand (31,000) according to the 1990 federal
496 decennial census and wherein U.S. Highway 61 and U.S. Highway 49
497 intersect, a salary of not less than the annual salary of justice
498 court judges in the county.

499 (dd) In any county having a population greater than
500 eighty-seven thousand (87,000) but less than eighty-seven thousand

501 two hundred (87,200) according to the 1990 federal census, in
502 which is located an international airport, an annual salary of
503 Twenty-nine Thousand Dollars (\$29,000.00). In addition, such
504 county prosecuting attorney shall receive the sum of One Thousand
505 Dollars (\$1,000.00) per month for the purpose of defraying
506 secretarial expenses.

507 (ee) In any county having a population greater than
508 eight thousand (8,000) but less than eight thousand two hundred
509 (8,200) according to the 1990 federal census, and in which U.S.
510 Highway 61 and Mississippi Highway 4 intersect, the board of
511 supervisors may, in its discretion, pay the county prosecuting
512 attorney an amount not to exceed Fourteen Thousand Dollars
513 (\$14,000.00), in addition to the maximum allowable salary for that
514 attorney under subsection (1), beginning on April 1, 1997.

515 (ff) In any county having a population greater than
516 thirty thousand three hundred (30,300) but less than thirty
517 thousand four hundred (30,400) according to the 1990 federal
518 census, and in which U.S. Highway 78 and Mississippi Highway 7
519 intersect, a salary of not less than the annual salary of a member
520 of the board of supervisors in such county.

521 (gg) In any county having a population greater than
522 thirteen thousand three hundred (13,300) but less than thirteen
523 thousand four hundred (13,400) according to the 1990 federal
524 census, and in which Mississippi Highway 24 and Mississippi
525 Highway 48 intersect, the board of supervisors may, in its
526 discretion, pay the county prosecuting attorney an additional
527 amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the maximum allowable
528 salary for that attorney under subsection (1).

529 (hh) In any county having a population greater than
530 eight thousand three hundred (8,300) but less than eight thousand
531 four hundred (8,400) according to the 1990 federal census, and in
532 which U.S. Highway 84 and U.S. Highway 98 intersect, the board of
533 supervisors may, in its discretion, pay the county prosecuting

534 attorney an additional amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of
535 the maximum allowable salary for that attorney under subsection
536 (1).

537 (ii) After September 30, 1993, in any county having a
538 population of more than thirty thousand four hundred (30,400) and
539 which is traversed in whole or part by I-59, U.S. Highways 98 and
540 11 and State Highway 13, the annual salary of the county
541 prosecuting attorney shall be Twenty-five Thousand Dollars
542 (\$25,000.00). In addition, such county prosecuting attorney shall
543 receive after September 30, 1993, the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty
544 Dollars (\$750.00) per month for the purpose of defraying office or
545 secretarial expenses.

546 (jj) In any county having a population greater than
547 twenty thousand (20,000) according to the 1990 federal census and
548 wherein U.S. Highway 78 and Mississippi Highway 25 intersect, the
549 board of supervisors, in its discretion, may pay the county
550 prosecuting attorney an annual salary equal to the annual salary
551 of justice court judges in the county.

552 (kk) In any county having a population greater than
553 twelve thousand four hundred (12,400) but less than twelve
554 thousand five hundred (12,500) according to the 1990 federal
555 census, and in which U.S. Highway 84 and Mississippi Highway 27
556 intersect, the board of supervisors may, in its discretion, pay
557 the county prosecuting attorney an additional amount not to exceed
558 ten percent (10%) of the maximum allowable salary for that
559 attorney under subsection (1).

560 (ll) In any county having a population greater than
561 thirty thousand two hundred (30,200) but less than thirty thousand
562 three hundred (30,300) according to the 1990 federal census, and
563 in which U.S. Interstate 55 and Mississippi Highway 84 intersect,
564 the board of supervisors may, in its discretion, pay the county
565 prosecuting attorney an additional amount not to exceed ten
566 percent (10%) of the maximum allowable salary for that attorney

567 under subsection (1).

568 (mm) In any county on the Mississippi River levee,
569 having a population greater than forty-one thousand eight hundred
570 (41,800) but less than forty-one thousand nine hundred (41,900)
571 according to the 1990 federal census wherein U.S. Highway 61 and
572 Mississippi Highway 8 intersect, the board of supervisors, in its
573 discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual
574 salary equal to the annual salary of members of the board of
575 supervisors in the county. In addition, the board of supervisors,
576 in its discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney the sum
577 of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per month for the purpose of
578 defraying secretarial expenses.

579 (nn) In any county having a population greater than
580 twenty-four thousand seven hundred (24,700) and less than
581 twenty-four thousand nine hundred (24,900) according to the 1990
582 federal census, wherein Mississippi Highways 15 and 16 intersect,
583 the board of supervisors, in its discretion, may pay the county
584 prosecuting attorney an annual salary equal to the annual salary
585 of members of the board of supervisors in the county.

586 (oo) In any county having a population greater than
587 thirty-seven thousand (37,000) but less than thirty-eight thousand
588 (38,000) according to the 1990 federal census, in which is located
589 a state supported institution of higher learning, and in which
590 U.S. Highway 82 and Mississippi Highway 7 intersect, the board of
591 supervisors may, in its discretion, pay the county prosecuting
592 attorney a salary in an amount not to exceed the amount of the
593 salary of the District Attorney for the Fourth Judicial District
594 of Mississippi.

595 (pp) In any county in which U.S. Highway 78 and
596 Mississippi Highway 15 intersect and which is traversed by the
597 Tallahatchie River, a salary equal to that of members of the board
598 of supervisors of the county, which salary shall be in addition to
599 any sums received for the purpose of defraying office or

600 secretarial expenses and sums received as youth court prosecutor
601 fees.

602 (qq) In any county bordering on the State of Tennessee
603 and the State of Arkansas, wherein Interstate Highway 55 and
604 Mississippi Highway 302 intersect, the board of supervisors, in
605 its discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual
606 salary equal to the annual salary of justice court judges in the
607 county.

608 (rr) In any county that is traversed by the Natchez
609 Trace Parkway and in which Mississippi Highway 35 and Mississippi
610 Highway 12 intersect, the board of supervisors, in its discretion,
611 may pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual salary in the
612 amount of the annual salary of justice court judges in the county.

613 (ss) In any county in which Mississippi Highway 14 and
614 Mississippi Highway 25 intersect, the board of supervisors, in its
615 discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual
616 salary in the amount of Twenty-two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000.00).

617 (tt) In any county in which Interstate Highway 59 and
618 U.S. Highway 84 intersect, the board of supervisors, in its
619 discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual
620 salary equal to the annual salary of members of the board of
621 supervisors in the county.

622 (3) In any case where a salary, expense allowance or other
623 sum is authorized or paid by the board of supervisors pursuant to
624 this section, that salary, expense allowance or other sum shall
625 not be reduced or terminated during the term for which the county
626 attorney was elected.

627 SECTION 4. Section 25-3-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
628 amended as follows:

629 25-3-13. The salaries of the members of the boards of
630 supervisors of the various counties are * * * fixed as full
631 compensation for their services.

632 The annual salary of each member of the board of supervisors

633 shall be based upon the total assessed valuation of his respective
634 county for the preceding taxable year in the following categories
635 and for the following amounts:

636 (a) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
637 less than Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00), a salary of
638 Twenty-seven Thousand Fifty-nine Dollars (\$27,059.00);

639 (b) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
640 at least Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00), but less than
641 Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00), a salary of
642 Twenty-seven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-eight Dollars
643 (\$27,758.00);

644 (c) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
645 at least Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00), but less
646 than Thirty-five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000.00), a salary of
647 Twenty-eight Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-six Dollars (\$28,456.00);

648 (d) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
649 at least Thirty-five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000.00), but less
650 than Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00), a salary of Thirty
651 Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$30,900.00);

652 (e) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
653 at least Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00), but less than
654 Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00), a salary of
655 Thirty-two Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-six Dollars (\$32,296.00);

656 (f) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
657 at least Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00), but less
658 than One Hundred Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$125,000,000.00), a
659 salary of Thirty-three Thousand Three Hundred Forty-four Dollars
660 (\$33,344.00);

661 (g) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
662 One Hundred Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$125,000,000.00), but
663 less than Three Hundred Million Dollars (\$300,000,000.00), a
664 salary of Thirty-eight Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-one Dollars
665 (\$38,581.00);

666 (h) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
667 Three Hundred Million Dollars (\$300,000,000.00) or more, a salary
668 of Forty-two Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-five Dollars
669 (\$42,945.00).

670 The salary of the members of the board of supervisors shall
671 not be increased under this section until the board of supervisors
672 shall have passed a resolution stating the amount of the increase
673 and spread it on its minutes.

674 SECTION 5. Section 25-3-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
675 amended as follows:

676 25-3-25. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections
677 (2) through (9), the salaries of sheriffs of the various counties
678 are * * * fixed as full compensation for their services.

679 From and after October 1, 1998, the annual salary for each
680 sheriff shall be based upon the total population of his county
681 according to the latest federal decennial census in the following
682 categories and for the following amounts; however, no sheriff
683 shall be paid less than the salary authorized under this section
684 to be paid the sheriff based upon the population of the county
685 according to the 1980 federal decennial census:

686 (a) For counties with a total population of more than
687 two hundred thousand (200,000), a salary of Eighty-six Thousand
688 Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$86,250.00).

689 (b) For counties with a total population of more than
690 one hundred thousand (100,000) and not more than two hundred
691 thousand (200,000), a salary of Eighty Thousand Five Hundred
692 Dollars (\$80,500.00).

693 (c) For counties with a total population of more than
694 forty-five thousand (45,000) and not more than one hundred
695 thousand (100,000), a salary of Seventy-four Thousand Seven
696 Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$74,750.00).

697 (d) For counties with a total population of more than
698 thirty-four thousand (34,000) and not more than forty-five

699 thousand (45,000), a salary of Sixty-nine Thousand Dollars
700 (\$69,000.00).

701 (e) For counties with a total population of more than
702 twenty-five thousand (25,000) and not more than thirty-four
703 thousand (34,000), a salary of Fifty-nine Thousand Eight Hundred
704 Dollars (\$59,800.00).

705 (f) For counties with a total population of more than
706 fifteen thousand (15,000) and not more than twenty-five thousand
707 (25,000), a salary of Fifty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
708 (\$57,500.00).

709 (g) For counties with a total population of more than
710 nine thousand five hundred (9,500) and not more than fifteen
711 thousand (15,000), a salary of Fifty-four Thousand Fifty Dollars
712 (\$54,050.00).

713 (h) For counties with a total population of more than
714 seven thousand five hundred (7,500) and not more than nine
715 thousand five hundred (9,500), a salary of Fifty-one Thousand
716 Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$51,750.00).

717 (i) For counties with a total population of not more
718 than seven thousand five hundred (7,500), a salary of Forty-eight
719 Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$48,300.00).

720 (2) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)
721 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Leflore County * * *
722 in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of
723 the county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars
724 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual
725 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such
726 county for the following reasons:

727 (a) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates
728 and maintains a restitution center within the county;

729 (b) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates
730 and maintains a community work center within the county;

731 (c) There is a resident circuit court judge in the

732 county whose office is located at the Leflore County Courthouse;

733 (d) There is a resident chancery court judge in the
734 county whose office is located at the Leflore County Courthouse;

735 (e) The Magistrate for the Fourth Circuit Court
736 District is located in the county and maintains his office at the
737 Leflore County Courthouse;

738 (f) The Region VI Mental Health-Mental Retardation
739 Center, which serves a multicounty area, calls upon the sheriff to
740 provide security for out-of-town mental patients, as well as
741 patients from within the county;

742 (g) The increased activity of the Child Support
743 Division of the Department of Human Services in enforcing in the
744 courts parental obligations has imposed additional duties on the
745 sheriff; and

746 (h) The dispatchers of the enhanced E-911 system in
747 place in Leflore County has been placed under the direction and
748 control of the sheriff.

749 (3) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)
750 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Rankin County * * *,
751 in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of
752 the county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars
753 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual
754 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such
755 county for the following reasons:

756 (a) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates
757 and maintains the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility within
758 the county;

759 (b) The State Hospital is operated and maintained
760 within the county at Whitfield;

761 (c) Hudspeth Regional Center, a facility maintained for
762 the care and treatment of the mentally retarded, is located within
763 the county;

764 (d) The Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Training

765 Academy is operated and maintained within the county;

766 (e) The State Fire Academy is operated and maintained
767 within the county;

768 (f) The Pearl River Valley Water Supply District,
769 ordinarily known as the "Reservoir District," is located within
770 the county;

771 (g) The Jackson International Airport is located within
772 the county;

773 (h) The patrolling of the state properties located
774 within the county has imposed additional duties on the sheriff;
775 and

776 (i) The sheriff, in addition to providing security to
777 the nearly one hundred thousand (100,000) residents of the county,
778 has the duty to investigate, solve and assist in the prosecution
779 of any misdemeanor or felony committed upon any state property
780 located in Rankin County.

781 (4) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)
782 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County shall
783 pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county an amount
784 equal to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

785 (5) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)
786 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Tunica County * * *,
787 in their discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff
788 of the county an amount equal to Ten Thousand Dollars
789 (\$10,000.00), payable beginning April 1, 1997.

790 (6) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)
791 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Hinds County shall
792 pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county in an amount
793 equal to Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00). The Legislature
794 finds and declares that the annual supplement authorized by this
795 subsection is justified in such county for the following reasons:

796 (a) Hinds County has the greatest population of any
797 county, two hundred fifty-four thousand four hundred forty-one

798 (254,441) by the 1990 census, being almost one hundred thousand
799 (100,000) more than the next most populous county;

800 (b) Hinds County is home to the state capitol and the
801 seat of all state government offices;

802 (c) Hinds County is the third largest county in
803 geographic area, containing eight hundred seventy-five (875)
804 square miles;

805 (d) Hinds County is comprised of two (2) judicial
806 districts, each having a courthouse and county office buildings;

807 (e) There are four (4) resident circuit judges, four
808 (4) resident chancery judges, and three (3) resident county judges
809 in Hinds County, the most of any county, with the sheriff acting
810 as chief executive officer and provider of bailiff services for
811 all;

812 (f) The main offices for the clerk and most of the
813 judges and magistrates for the United States District Court for
814 the Southern District of Mississippi are located within the
815 county;

816 (g) The state's only urban university, Jackson State
817 University, is located within the county;

818 (h) The University of Mississippi Medical Center,
819 combining the medical school, dental school, nursing school and
820 hospital, is located within the county;

821 (i) Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium, the state's
822 largest sports arena, is located within the county;

823 (j) The Mississippi State Fairgrounds, including the
824 Coliseum and Trade Mart, are located within the county;

825 (k) Hinds County has the largest criminal population in
826 the state, such that the Hinds County Sheriff's Department
827 operates the largest county jail system in the state, housing
828 almost one thousand (1,000) inmates in three (3) separate
829 detention facilities;

830 (l) The Hinds County Sheriff's Department handles more

831 mental and drug and alcohol commitments cases than any other
832 sheriff's department in the state;

833 (m) The Mississippi Department of Corrections maintains
834 a restitution center within the county;

835 (n) The Mississippi Department of Corrections regularly
836 houses as many as one hundred (100) state convicts within the
837 Hinds County jail system; and

838 (o) The Hinds County Sheriff's Department is regularly
839 asked to provide security services not only at the Fairgrounds and
840 Memorial Stadium, but also for events at the Mississippi Museum of
841 Art and Jackson City Auditorium.

842 (7) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)
843 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Wilkinson County, in
844 its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the
845 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars
846 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual
847 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such
848 county because the Mississippi Department of Corrections contracts
849 for the private incarceration of state inmates at a private
850 correctional facility within the county.

851 (8) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)
852 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Marshall County, in
853 its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the
854 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars
855 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual
856 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such
857 county because the Mississippi Department of Corrections contracts
858 for the private incarceration of state inmates at a private
859 correctional facility within the county.

860 (9) In addition to the salary provided in subsection (1) of
861 this section, the Board of Supervisors of Greene County, in its
862 discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the
863 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars

864 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual
865 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such
866 county for the following reasons:

867 (a) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates
868 and maintains the South Mississippi Correctional Facility within
869 the county;

870 (b) In 1996, additional facilities to house another one
871 thousand four hundred sixteen (1,416) male offenders were
872 constructed at the South Mississippi Correctional Facility within
873 the county; and

874 (c) The patrolling of the state properties located
875 within the county has imposed additional duties on the sheriff
876 justifying additional compensation.

877 (10) The salaries * * * provided in this section shall be
878 payable monthly on the first day of each calendar month by
879 chancery clerk's warrant drawn on the general fund of the county;
880 however, the board of supervisors, by resolution duly adopted and
881 entered on its minutes, may provide that such salaries shall be
882 paid semimonthly on the first and fifteenth day of each month. If
883 a pay date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, salary payments
884 shall be made on the workday immediately preceding the weekend or
885 legal holiday.

886 SECTION 6. Section 25-3-36, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
887 amended as follows:

888 25-3-36. (1) From and after October 1, 1998, every justice
889 court judge shall receive as full compensation for his or her
890 services and in lieu of any and all other fees, costs or
891 compensation heretofore authorized for such justice court judge,
892 an annual salary based upon the population of his or her county
893 according to the 1990 federal decennial census; however, no
894 justice court judge shall be paid less than the salary authorized
895 under this section to be paid the justice court judge based upon
896 the population of the county according to the 1980 federal

897 decennial census. The amount of which salary shall be determined
898 as follows:

899 (a) In counties with a population of more than two
900 hundred thousand (200,000), a salary of Fifty-three Thousand Two
901 Hundred Forty-four Dollars (\$53,244.00).

902 (b) In counties with a population of more than one
903 hundred fifty thousand (150,000) but not more than two hundred
904 thousand (200,000), a salary of Forty-eight Thousand Eight Hundred
905 Eighty Dollars (\$48,880.00).

906 (c) In counties with a population of more than
907 seventy-five thousand (75,000) but not more than one hundred fifty
908 thousand (150,000), a salary of Forty-four Thousand Five Hundred
909 Sixteen Dollars (\$44,516.00).

910 (d) In counties with a population of more than
911 forty-nine thousand (49,000) but not more than seventy-five
912 thousand (75,000), a salary of Thirty-eight Thousand Four Hundred
913 Six Dollars (\$38,406.00).

914 (e) In counties with a population of more than
915 thirty-four thousand (34,000) but not more than forty-nine
916 thousand (49,000), a salary of Thirty-three Thousand One Hundred
917 Sixty-nine Dollars (\$33,169.00).

918 (f) In counties with a population of more than
919 twenty-four thousand five hundred (24,500) but not more than
920 thirty-four thousand (34,000), a salary of Thirty-one Thousand
921 Four Hundred Twenty-three Dollars (\$31,423.00).

922 (g) In counties with a population of more than
923 twenty-one thousand (21,000) but not more than twenty-four
924 thousand five hundred (24,500), a salary of Twenty-seven Thousand
925 Nine Hundred Thirty-two Dollars (\$27,932.00).

926 (h) In counties with a population of more than sixteen
927 thousand five hundred (16,500) but not more than twenty-one
928 thousand (21,000), a salary of Twenty-four Thousand Four Hundred
929 Forty Dollars (\$24,440.00).

930 (i) In counties with a population of more than twelve
931 thousand (12,000) but not more than sixteen thousand five hundred
932 (16,500), a salary of Twenty Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-nine
933 Dollars (\$20,949.00).

934 (j) In counties with a population of more than eight
935 thousand (8,000) but not more than twelve thousand (12,000), a
936 salary of Seventeen Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars
937 (\$17,250.00).

938 (k) In counties with a population of eight thousand
939 (8,000) or less, a salary of Thirteen Thousand Eight Hundred
940 Dollars (\$13,800.00).

941 The board of supervisors of any county having two (2)
942 judicial districts and two (2) justice court judges for the county
943 shall pay each justice court judge an amount equal to that * * *
944 provided in this subsection for judges in the next higher
945 population category per year, if the justice court judge maintains
946 regular office hours and is personally present in the office he
947 maintains for at least thirty (30) hours per week. In any county
948 having a population greater than eight thousand (8,000) but less
949 than eight thousand five hundred (8,500) according to the 1990
950 federal decennial census and in which U.S. Highway 61 and
951 Mississippi Highway 4 intersect, the board of supervisors * * *,
952 in its discretion, may pay such justice court judges an additional
953 amount not to exceed the sum of Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Fifty
954 Dollars (\$11,550.00) per year, payable beginning April 1, 1997.
955 In any county having a population greater than ten thousand
956 (10,000) but less than ten thousand five hundred (10,500)
957 according to the 1990 federal decennial census and in which
958 Mississippi Highway 3 and Mississippi Highway 6 intersect, the
959 board of supervisors * * *, in its discretion, may pay such
960 justice court judges an additional amount not to exceed One
961 Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,450.00) per year, payable
962 beginning April 1, 1997. In any county having a population

963 greater than twenty-four thousand seven hundred (24,700) and less
964 than twenty-four thousand nine hundred (24,900), according to the
965 1990 federal census, wherein Mississippi Highways 15 and 16
966 intersect, the board of supervisors shall pay such justice court
967 judge an additional amount equal to Two Thousand Five Hundred
968 Dollars (\$2,500.00) per year.

969 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this
970 section, in the event that the number of justice court judges
971 authorized pursuant to Section 9-11-2(1) is exceeded pursuant to
972 the provisions of Section 9-11-2(4), the aggregate of the salaries
973 paid to the justice court judges of such a county shall not exceed
974 the amount sufficient to pay the number of justice court judges
975 authorized pursuant to Section 9-11-2(1), and such amount shall be
976 equally divided among those justice court judges continuing to
977 hold office under the provisions of Section 9-11-2(4).

978 (3) From and after January 1, 1984, all fees, costs, fines
979 and penalties charged and collected in the justice court shall be
980 paid to the clerk of the justice court for deposit, along with
981 monies from cash bonds and other monies which have been forfeited
982 in criminal cases, into the general fund of the county as provided
983 in Section 9-11-19; and the clerk of the board of supervisors
984 shall be authorized and empowered, upon approval by the board of
985 supervisors, to make disbursements and withdrawals from the
986 general fund of the county in order to pay any reasonable and
987 necessary expenses incurred in complying with this section,
988 including payment of the salaries of justice court judges as
989 provided by subsection (1) of this section. The provisions of
990 this subsection shall not, except as to cash bonds and other
991 monies which have been forfeited in criminal cases, apply to
992 monies required to be deposited in the justice court clerk
993 clearing account as provided in Section 9-11-18.

994 (4) The salaries provided for in * * * this section shall be
995 payable monthly by warrant drawn by the clerk of the board of

996 supervisors on the general fund of the county; however, the board
997 of supervisors, by resolution duly adopted and entered on its
998 minutes, may provide that such salaries shall be paid semimonthly
999 on the first and fifteenth day of each month. If a pay date falls
1000 on a weekend or legal holiday, salary payments shall be made on
1001 the workday immediately preceding the weekend or legal holiday.

1002 (5) * * * The salary of a justice court judge shall not be
1003 reduced during his term of office as a result of a population
1004 change following a federal decennial census.

1005 (6) Any justice court judge who is unable to attend and hold
1006 court by reason of being under suspension by the Commission on
1007 Judicial Performance or the Mississippi Supreme Court shall not
1008 receive a salary while under such suspension.

1009 SECTION 7. Section 9-9-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1010 amended as follows:

1011 9-9-11. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (2)
1012 and (3), the county court judge shall receive an annual salary
1013 payable monthly out of the county treasury in an amount not to
1014 exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) less than the salary which
1015 is now or shall hereafter be provided for circuit and chancery
1016 judges of this state, in the discretion of the board of
1017 supervisors of that county; * * * however, * * * the salary of
1018 such judge shall not be reduced during his term of office. * * *
1019 Further, * * * the office of county court judge in any county
1020 receiving an annual salary of Thirty-six Thousand Dollars
1021 (\$36,000.00) or more shall be a full-time position, and the holder
1022 thereof shall not otherwise engage in the practice of law.

1023 (2) In the event of the establishment of a county court by
1024 agreement between two (2) or more counties as provided in Section
1025 9-9-3, the county judge of the court so established shall be paid
1026 a salary equal to one and one-half (1-1/2) times that salary that
1027 he would be paid if he were the judge of the smallest of such two
1028 (2) or more counties, such salary to be paid in monthly

1029 installments as provided by law; provided that such salary shall
1030 not exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) less than the salary
1031 of the circuit and chancery judges of this state.

1032 (3) The county court judge shall receive an annual salary
1033 payable monthly out of the county treasury as follows:

1034 (a) In any county having a population of seventy
1035 thousand (70,000) or more according to the 1980 federal census,
1036 the county judge shall receive an annual salary of One Thousand
1037 Dollars (\$1,000.00) less than that paid to a circuit court judge.
1038 The office of county judge shall be a full-time position, and the
1039 holder thereof shall not otherwise engage in the practice of law.

1040 (b) In any county having a population of sixty thousand
1041 (60,000) or more but less than seventy thousand (70,000) according
1042 to the 1980 federal census, the county judge shall receive an
1043 annual salary of Forty-six Thousand Dollars (\$46,000.00). The
1044 office of county judge shall be a full-time position, and the
1045 holder thereof shall not otherwise engage in the practice of law.

1046 The county judge shall not be eligible for any additional salary
1047 except as may be authorized in subsection (4).

1048 (c) In any county having a population of twenty-seven
1049 thousand (27,000) or more but less than sixty thousand (60,000)
1050 according to the 1980 federal census, the county judge shall
1051 receive an annual salary of not less than Thirteen Thousand Eight
1052 Hundred Dollars (\$13,800.00) but not more than Forty-six Thousand
1053 Dollars (\$46,000.00), in the discretion of the board of
1054 supervisors of said county. The county judge shall not be
1055 eligible for any additional salary except as may be authorized in
1056 subsection (4). In the event that the board of supervisors of
1057 that county elects to pay such county judge an annual salary of
1058 Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) or more, the office of county
1059 judge shall be a full-time position, and the holder thereof shall
1060 not otherwise engage in the practice of law.

1061 (d) In any county having a population of less than

1062 twenty-seven thousand (27,000) according to the 1980 federal
1063 census, the county judge shall receive an annual salary of not
1064 less than Four Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$4,830.00)
1065 and not more than Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-five Dollars
1066 (\$9,775.00), in the discretion of the board of supervisors of that
1067 county. The county judge shall not be eligible for any additional
1068 salary except as may be authorized in subsection (4).

1069 (4) The county judge of any county described in this
1070 subsection shall be paid the compensation, and he shall be subject
1071 to any restrictions, set forth in the following paragraphs:

1072 (a) The county judge of any such Class 1 county with
1073 population according to the latest federal decennial census of
1074 forty-five thousand (45,000) or more and lying wholly within a
1075 levee district and having two (2) judicial districts * * *, in the
1076 discretion of the board of supervisors of such county, shall
1077 receive an annual salary not exceeding Forty Thousand Dollars
1078 (\$40,000.00), or a sum which is One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)
1079 less than the salary which is now or shall hereafter be provided
1080 for circuit and chancery judges of the state, whichever is
1081 greater.

1082 (b) The county judge of any Class 1 county having an
1083 area in excess of nine hundred twenty-five (925) square miles
1084 shall receive an annual salary of not less than Thirty Thousand
1085 Dollars (\$30,000.00) but, in the discretion of the board of
1086 supervisors of such county, such salary may be not more than Five
1087 Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) less than the annual salary of a circuit
1088 judge, payable monthly out of the county treasury, and the county
1089 judge shall not practice law.

1090 (c) The office of county judge in any such Class 1
1091 county with a population according to the 1970 federal decennial
1092 census of greater than thirty-nine thousand (39,000), and where
1093 U.S. Highway 61 and Mississippi Highway 6 intersect, shall receive
1094 an annual salary to be paid in monthly installments of not less

1095 than an amount equal to ninety percent (90%) of the annual salary
1096 which is now or shall hereafter be provided for circuit and
1097 chancery judges of the state, as follows: The salary of the
1098 county judge shall be increased by ten percent (10%) annually
1099 above the base salary of the preceding year until such time as the
1100 judge's salary is equal to the amount that is provided by this
1101 subsection. The office of county judge shall be a full-time
1102 position and the holder thereof shall not otherwise engage in the
1103 practice of law.

1104 (d) In any Class 1 county bordering on the Mississippi
1105 River and which has situated therein a national military park and
1106 national military cemetery, the office of county judge shall be a
1107 full-time position and the holder thereof shall not otherwise
1108 engage in the practice of law. The salary for the county judge in
1109 that county shall be fixed at a sum which is One Thousand Dollars
1110 (\$1,000.00) less than the salary which is now or shall hereafter
1111 be provided for circuit and chancery judges of this state.

1112 (e) The county judge in any county having a population
1113 of at least forty-two thousand one hundred eleven (42,111),
1114 according to the 1970 census, and where U.S. Highway 49E and U.S.
1115 Highway 82 intersect, shall receive an annual salary to be paid in
1116 monthly installments of not less than Thirty Thousand Dollars
1117 (\$30,000.00) but not more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
1118 (\$2,500.00) less than the annual salary of the circuit judge, in
1119 the discretion of the board of supervisors of that county.

1120 (f) The county judge in any Class 1 county bordering on
1121 the Mississippi River and having an area of less than four hundred
1122 fifty (450) square miles wherein U.S. Highways 84 and 61 intersect
1123 shall receive an annual salary of Four Thousand Dollars
1124 (\$4,000.00) less than the annual salary of a circuit judge, and
1125 such county judge shall not practice law in any manner. The
1126 county judge in such county shall not be eligible to receive any
1127 additional salary authorized by this section or from any other

1128 source other than that set out and authorized by this paragraph.

1129 (g) The county judge of any Class 1 county bordering on
1130 the Mississippi River on the west and the State of Tennessee on
1131 the north, and traversed north to south by Interstate Highway 55,
1132 shall receive an annual salary of ninety percent (90%) of the
1133 salary which is now or shall hereafter be provided for chancery
1134 and circuit judges of this state, but in any event not less than
1135 Sixty Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$60,200.00).

1136 (h) The county judge of any Class 1 county with a
1137 population of greater than sixty-nine thousand (69,000) according
1138 to the 1980 federal decennial census, and wherein U.S. Highway 80
1139 and Mississippi Highway 43 intersect, shall receive an annual
1140 salary in an amount not greater than the sum of Five Hundred
1141 Dollars (\$500.00) less than the salary which is now or shall
1142 hereafter be provided for circuit and chancery judges of this
1143 state, in the discretion of the board of supervisors of that
1144 county.

1145 (i) The county judge of any county having a population
1146 in excess of sixty-six thousand (66,000) according to the 1980
1147 federal decennial census, wherein is located a state-supported
1148 university and in which U.S. Highways 49 and 11 intersect, shall
1149 receive an annual salary of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) less
1150 than that paid to a circuit court judge. The office of such
1151 county judge shall be a full-time position, and the holder thereof
1152 shall not otherwise engage in the practice of law.

1153 (j) The county judge of any county having two (2)
1154 judicial districts, having a population in excess of sixty-one
1155 thousand nine hundred (61,900) according to the 1980 federal
1156 decennial census, in which U.S. Interstate Highway 59 intersects
1157 with U.S. Highway 84, shall receive an annual salary of One
1158 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) less than the salary which is now or
1159 hereafter authorized to be paid circuit and chancery court judges
1160 of this state. The office of such county judge shall be a

1161 full-time position, and the holder thereof shall not otherwise
1162 engage in the practice of law.

1163 (k) The office of county judge of any Class I county
1164 wherein U.S. Highway 51 and U.S. Highway 98 intersect shall be a
1165 full-time position and the holder thereof shall not otherwise
1166 engage in the practice of law. The annual salary for the office
1167 of county judge in that county may be fixed, in the discretion of
1168 the board of supervisors of the county, at a sum not to exceed Two
1169 Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) less than the salary which is now or
1170 shall hereafter be provided for circuit and chancery judges of
1171 this state.

1172 (l) The county judge of any county having a population
1173 of more than forty-one thousand six hundred (41,600) but less than
1174 forty-one thousand six hundred fifty (41,650) according to the
1175 1980 federal census, and wherein U.S. Highway 49 intersects with
1176 Mississippi Highway 22, shall receive an annual salary in an
1177 amount established by the board of supervisors, but in no event to
1178 exceed the salary provided now or hereafter for circuit and
1179 chancery judges of this state.

1180 (m) The county judge of any county having a population
1181 of more than fifty-seven thousand (57,000) but less than
1182 fifty-seven thousand one hundred (57,100) according to the 1980
1183 federal census, wherein U.S. Highway 45 intersects with
1184 Mississippi Highway 6, shall receive an annual salary in an amount
1185 established by the board of supervisors, but in no event to exceed
1186 the salary provided now or hereafter for circuit and chancery
1187 judges of this state.

1188 (n) The county judge of any county having a population
1189 of more than fifty-seven thousand three hundred (57,300) according
1190 to the 1980 federal decennial census, wherein is located a
1191 state-supported university and wherein United States Highways 82
1192 and 45 intersect, shall receive an annual salary in an amount
1193 established by the board of supervisors, but in no event to exceed

1194 the salary provided now or hereafter for circuit and chancery
1195 judges of this state.

1196 (5) The salary of a county court judge or justice court
1197 judge shall not be reduced during his term of office as a result
1198 of a population decrease based upon the 1990 federal decennial
1199 census.

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1201 (6) From and after October 1, 1993, * * * in addition to the
1202 salaries set forth in this section, the board of supervisors of
1203 any county, in its discretion, may pay any county court judge
1204 whose salary is not established herein in relation to the salary
1205 paid to chancery and circuit court judges, an additional amount
1206 not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the maximum allowable salary
1207 for that judge.

1208 SECTION 8. Section 41-61-59, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1209 amended as follows:

1210 41-61-59. (1) A person's death which affects the public
1211 interest as specified in subsection (2) of this section shall be
1212 promptly reported to the medical examiner by the physician in
1213 attendance, any hospital employee, any law enforcement officer
1214 having knowledge of the death, the embalmer or other funeral home
1215 employee, any emergency medical technician, any relative or any
1216 other person present. The appropriate medical examiner shall
1217 notify the municipal or state law enforcement agency or sheriff
1218 and take charge of the body.

1219 (2) A death affecting the public interest includes, but is
1220 not limited to, any of the following:

1221 (a) Violent death, including homicidal, suicidal or
1222 accidental death.

1223 (b) Death caused by thermal, chemical, electrical or
1224 radiation injury.

1225 (c) Death caused by criminal abortion, including
1226 self-induced abortion, or abortion related to or by sexual abuse.

1227 (d) Death related to disease thought to be virulent or
1228 contagious which may constitute a public hazard.

1229 (e) Death that has occurred unexpectedly or from an
1230 unexplained cause.

1231 (f) Death of a person confined in a prison, jail or
1232 correctional institution.

1233 (g) Death of a person where a physician was not in
1234 attendance within thirty-six (36) hours preceding death, or in
1235 prediagnosed terminal or bedfast cases, within thirty (30) days
1236 preceding death.

1237 (h) Death of a person where the body is not claimed by
1238 a relative or a friend.

1239 (i) Death of a person where the identity of the
1240 deceased is unknown.

1241 (j) Death of a child under the age of two (2) years
1242 where death results from an unknown cause or where the
1243 circumstances surrounding the death indicate that sudden infant
1244 death syndrome may be the cause of death.

1245 (k) Where a body is brought into this state for
1246 disposal and there is reason to believe either that the death was
1247 not investigated properly or that there is not an adequate
1248 certificate of death.

1249 (l) Where a person is presented to a hospital emergency
1250 room unconscious and/or unresponsive, with cardiopulmonary
1251 resuscitative measures being performed, and dies within
1252 twenty-four (24) hours of admission without regaining
1253 consciousness or responsiveness, unless a physician was in
1254 attendance within thirty-six (36) hours preceding presentation to
1255 the hospital, or in cases in which the decedent had a prediagnosed
1256 terminal or bedfast condition, unless a physician was in
1257 attendance within thirty (30) days preceding presentation to the
1258 hospital.

1259 (3) The State Medical Examiner is empowered to investigate

1260 deaths, under the authority hereinafter conferred, in any and all
1261 political subdivisions of the state. The county medical examiners
1262 and county medical examiner investigators, while appointed for a
1263 specific county, may serve other counties on a regular basis with
1264 written authorization by the State Medical Examiner, or may serve
1265 other counties on an as-needed basis upon the request of the
1266 ranking officer of the investigating law enforcement agency. The
1267 county medical examiner or county medical examiner investigator of
1268 any county which has established a regional medical examiner
1269 district under subsection (4) of Section 41-61-77 may serve other
1270 counties which are parties to the agreement establishing the
1271 district, in accordance with the terms of the agreement, and may
1272 contract with counties which are not part of the district to
1273 provide medical examiner services for such counties. If a death
1274 affecting the public interest takes place in a county other than
1275 the one where injuries or other substantial causal factors leading
1276 to the death have occurred, jurisdiction for investigation of the
1277 death may be transferred, by mutual agreement of the respective
1278 medical examiners of the counties involved, to the county where
1279 such injuries or other substantial causal factors occurred, and
1280 the costs of autopsy or other studies necessary to the further
1281 investigation of the death shall be borne by the county assuming
1282 jurisdiction.

1283 (4) The chief county medical examiner or chief county
1284 medical examiner investigator may receive from the county in which
1285 he serves a salary of Eight Hundred Sixty-three Dollars (\$863.00)
1286 per month, in addition to the fees specified in Sections 41-61-69
1287 and 41-61-75, provided that no county shall pay the chief county
1288 medical examiner or chief county medical examiner investigator
1289 less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per month as a salary, in
1290 addition to other compensation provided by law. In any county
1291 having one or more deputy medical examiners or deputy medical
1292 examiner investigators, each deputy may receive from the county in

1293 which he serves, in the discretion of the board of supervisors, a
1294 salary of not more than Eight Hundred Sixty-three Dollars
1295 (\$863.00) per month, in addition to the fees specified in Sections
1296 41-61-69 and 41-61-75. For this salary the chief shall assure
1297 twenty-four-hour daily and readily available death investigators
1298 for the county, and shall maintain copies of all medical examiner
1299 death investigations for the county for at least the previous five
1300 (5) years. He shall coordinate his office and duties and
1301 cooperate with the State Medical Examiner, and the State Medical
1302 Examiner shall cooperate with him.

1303 (5) A body composed of the State Medical Examiner, whether
1304 appointed on a permanent or interim basis, the Director of the
1305 State Board of Health or his designee, the Attorney General or his
1306 designee, the President of the Mississippi Coroners' Association
1307 (or successor organization) or his designee, and a certified
1308 pathologist appointed by the Mississippi State Medical Association
1309 shall adopt, promulgate, amend and repeal rules and regulations as
1310 may be deemed necessary by them from time to time for the proper
1311 enforcement, interpretation and administration of Sections
1312 41-61-51 through 41-61-79, in accordance with the provisions of
1313 the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law, being Sections
1314 25-43-1 through 25-43-19.

1315 SECTION 9. Section 9-13-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1316 amended as follows:

1317 9-13-19. (1) Court reporters for circuit and chancery
1318 courts shall be paid an annual salary of Forty-three Thousand
1319 Seven Hundred Dollars (\$43,700.00) payable by the Administrative
1320 Office of Courts. In addition, any court reporter performing the
1321 duties of a court administrator in the same judicial district in
1322 which the person is employed as a court reporter may be paid
1323 additional compensation for performing the court administrator
1324 duties. The annual amount of the additional compensation shall be
1325 set by vote of the judges and chancellors for whom the court

1326 administrator duties are performed, with consideration given to
1327 the number of hours per month devoted by the court reporter to
1328 performing the duties of a court administrator. The additional
1329 compensation shall be submitted to the Administrative Office of
1330 Courts for approval.

1331 (2) The several counties in each respective court district
1332 shall transfer from the general funds of those county treasuries
1333 to the Administrative Office of Courts a proportionate amount to
1334 be paid toward the annual compensation of the court reporter,
1335 including any additional compensation paid for the performance of
1336 court administrator duties. The amount to be paid by each county
1337 shall be determined by the number of weeks in which court is held
1338 in each county in proportion to the total number of weeks court is
1339 held in the district. For purposes of this section, the term
1340 "compensation" means the gross salary plus all amounts paid for
1341 benefits, or otherwise, as a result of employment or as required
1342 by employment, but does not include transcript fees otherwise
1343 authorized to be paid by or through the counties. However, only
1344 salary earned for services rendered shall be reported and credited
1345 for retirement purposes. Amounts paid for transcript fees,
1346 benefits or otherwise, including reimbursement for travel
1347 expenses, shall not be reported or credited for retirement
1348 purposes.

1349 For example, if there are thirty-eight (38) scheduled court
1350 weeks in a particular district, a county in which court is
1351 scheduled five (5) weeks out of the year would have to pay
1352 five-thirty-eighths (5/38) of the total annual compensation.

1353 (3) The salary and any additional compensation for the
1354 performance of court administrator duties shall be paid in twelve
1355 (12) installments on the last working day of each month after it
1356 has been duly authorized by the appointing judge or chancellor and
1357 an order duly placed on the minutes of the court. Each county
1358 shall transfer to the Administrative Office of Courts one-twelfth

1359 (1/12) of the amount required to be paid pursuant to subsection
1360 (2) of this section by the twentieth day of each month for the
1361 salary that is to be paid on the last working day of the month.
1362 The Administrative Office of Courts shall pay to the court
1363 reporter the total amount of salary due for that month. Any
1364 county may pay, in the discretion of the board of supervisors, by
1365 the twentieth day of January of any year, the amount due for a
1366 full twelve (12) months.

1367 (4) From and after October 1, 1996, all circuit and chancery
1368 court reporters will be employees of the Administrative Office of
1369 Courts.

1370 (5) No circuit or chancery court reporter shall be entitled
1371 to any compensation for any special or extended term of court
1372 after passage of this section.

1373 (6) No chancery or circuit court reporter shall practice law
1374 in the court within which he or she is the court reporter.

1375 (7) For all travel required in the performance of official
1376 duties, the circuit or chancery court reporter shall be paid
1377 mileage by the county in which the duties were performed at the
1378 same rate as provided for state employees in Section 25-3-41. The
1379 court reporter shall file in the office of the clerk of the court
1380 which he serves a certificate of mileage expense incurred during
1381 that term and payment of such expense to the court reporter shall
1382 be paid on allowance by the judge of such court.

1383 SECTION 10. Section 23-15-225, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1384 amended as follows:

1385 23-15-225. (1) The registrar shall be entitled to such
1386 compensation, payable monthly out of the county treasury, which
1387 the board of supervisors of the county shall allow on an annual
1388 basis in the following amounts:

1389 (a) For counties with a total population of more than
1390 two hundred thousand (200,000), an amount not to exceed
1391 Thirty-four Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-five Dollars

1392 (\$34,385.00) but not less than Ten Thousand Five Hundred Eighty
1393 Dollars (\$10,580.00).

1394 (b) For counties with a total population of more than
1395 one hundred thousand (100,000) and not more than two hundred
1396 thousand (200,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-nine Thousand
1397 Ninety-five Dollars (\$25,095.00), but not less than Ten Thousand
1398 Five Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$10,580.000).

1399 (c) For counties with a total population of more than
1400 fifty thousand (50,000) and not more than one hundred thousand
1401 (100,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-six Thousand Four
1402 Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$26,450.00), but not less than Ten Thousand
1403 Five Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$10,580.00).

1404 (d) For counties with a total population of more than
1405 thirty-five thousand (35,000) and not more than fifty thousand
1406 (50,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-three Thousand Eight
1407 Hundred Five Dollars (\$23,805.00), but not less than Ten Thousand
1408 Five Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$10,580.00).

1409 (e) For counties with a total population of more than
1410 twenty-five thousand (25,000) and not more than thirty-five
1411 thousand (35,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-one Thousand One
1412 Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$21,160.00), but not less than Ten Thousand
1413 Five Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$10,580.00).

1414 (f) For counties with a total population of more than
1415 fifteen thousand (15,000) and not more than twenty-five thousand
1416 (25,000), an amount not to exceed Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred
1417 Fifteen Dollars (\$18,515.00), but not less than Ten Thousand Five
1418 Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$10,580.00).

1419 (g) For counties with a total population of more than
1420 ten thousand (10,000) and not more than fifteen thousand (15,000),
1421 an amount not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy
1422 Dollars (\$15,870.00), but not less than Nine Thousand Two Hundred
1423 Fifty-eight Dollars (\$9,258.00).

1424 (h) For counties with a total population of more than

1425 six thousand (6,000) and not more than ten thousand (10,000), an
1426 amount not to exceed Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-five
1427 Dollars (\$13,225.00), but not less than Nine Thousand Two Hundred
1428 Fifty-eight Dollars (\$9,258.00).

1429 (i) For counties with a total population of not more
1430 than six thousand (6,000), an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand
1431 Five Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$10,580.00), but not less than Seven
1432 Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-four Dollars (\$7,274.00).

1433 (j) For counties having two (2) judicial districts, the
1434 board of supervisors of the county may allow, in addition to the
1435 sums prescribed herein, in its discretion, an amount not to exceed
1436 Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$13,225.00).

1437 (2) In the event of a reregistration within such county, or
1438 a redistricting which necessitates the hiring of additional deputy
1439 registrars, the board of supervisors may by contract compensate
1440 the county registrar amounts in addition to the sums prescribed in
1441 this section, in its discretion.

1442 (3) As compensation for their services in assisting the
1443 county election commissioners in performance of their duties in
1444 the revision of the registration books and the pollbooks of the
1445 several voting precincts of the several counties and in assisting
1446 the election commissioners, executive committees or boards of
1447 supervisors in connection with any election, the registrar shall
1448 receive the same daily per diem and limitation on meeting days as
1449 provided for the board of election commissioners as set out in
1450 Sections 23-15-153 and 23-15-227 to be paid from the general fund
1451 of the county.

1452 (4) In any case where an amount has been allowed by the
1453 board of supervisors pursuant to this section, such amount shall
1454 not be reduced or terminated during the term for which the
1455 registrar was elected.

1456 (5) The circuit clerk shall, in addition to any other
1457 compensation provided for by law, be entitled to receive as

1458 compensation from the board of supervisors the amount of Two
1459 Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) per year. This payment shall be for
1460 the performance of his duties in regard to the conduct of
1461 elections and the performance of his other duties.

1462 (6) The municipal clerk shall, in addition to any other
1463 compensation for performance of duties, be eligible to receive as
1464 compensation from the municipality's governing authorities a
1465 reasonable amount of additional compensation for reimbursement of
1466 costs and for additional duties associated with mail-in
1467 registration of voters.

1468 (7) The board of supervisors shall not allow any additional
1469 compensation authorized under this section for services as county
1470 registrar to any circuit clerk who is receiving fees as
1471 compensation for his services equal to the limitation on
1472 compensation prescribed in Section 9-1-43.

1473 SECTION 11. The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
1474 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
1475 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the
1476 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
1477 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
1478 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
1479 extended.

1480 SECTION 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from
1481 and after October 1, 2000, if it is effectuated on or before that
1482 date under Section 5 of the voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended
1483 and extended. If it is effectuated under Section 5 of the voting
1484 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended, after October 1,
1485 2000, this act shall take effect and be in force from and after
1486 the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting Rights
1487 Act of 1965, as amended and extended.