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To: Fees, Salaries and  
Administration;  
Appropriations

## SENATE BILL NO. 2913

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; TO BRING FORWARD  
19 SECTIONS 5-1-41, 5-1-43, 5-1-45, 5-1-47, 25-3-31, 25-3-33, 25-3-35  
20 AND 25-31-10, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, FOR PURPOSES OF AMENDMENT;  
21 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

33 The salary of assessors of the various counties is \* \* \*  
34 fixed as full compensation for their services as county assessors  
35 and tax collectors. The annual salary of each assessor shall be

36 based upon the total assessed valuation of his respective county  
37 for the preceding taxable year in the following categories and for  
38 the following amounts:

39 (a) For counties with a total assessed valuation of Two  
40 Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00) or more, a salary  
41 of Fifty-one Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-five Dollars  
42 (\$51,895.00);

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

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

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

55 (e) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
56 at least Twelve Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars  
57 (\$12,500,000.00) but less than Twenty Million Dollars  
58 (\$20,000,000.00), a salary of Thirty-nine Thousand Six Hundred  
59 Twenty-eight Dollars (\$39,628.00);

60 (f) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
61 less than Twelve Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars  
62 (\$12,500,000.00), a salary of Thirty-six Thousand One Hundred  
63 Thirty-seven Dollars (\$36,137.00).

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

68 In addition to all other compensation paid to assessor-tax  
69 collectors in counties having two (2) judicial districts, the  
70 board of supervisors shall allow that \* \* \* assessor-tax collector  
71 to be paid an additional Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars  
72 (\$3,500.00) per year. In addition to all other compensation paid

73 to assessors or tax collectors, in counties maintaining two (2)  
74 full-time offices, the board of supervisors may allow that \* \* \*  
75 assessor or tax collector to be paid an additional Three Thousand  
76 Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00) per year.

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

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

106 Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500.00) annually beginning  
107 the next fiscal year after completion.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

139 \$53,594.00);

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

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

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

152 (f) For counties with a total assessed valuation of  
153 less than Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00), a salary  
154 of Thirty-nine Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-eight Dollars  
155 (\$39,628.00).

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

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

170 In addition to all other compensation paid to tax assessors  
171 and tax collectors, the board of supervisors of a county shall

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

227           (c) For counties with a total population of more than  
228 fifty thousand (50,000) and not more than one hundred thousand  
229 (100,000), a salary not to exceed Twenty-four Thousand Nine  
230 Hundred Fifty-five Dollars (\$24,955.00).

231           (d) For counties with a total population of more than  
232 thirty-five thousand (35,000) and not more than fifty thousand  
233 (50,000), a salary not to exceed Twenty-three Thousand Four  
234 Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$23,460.00).

235           (e) For counties with a total population of more than  
236 twenty-five thousand (25,000) and not more than thirty-five  
237 thousand (35,000), a salary not to exceed Twenty-two Thousand One

238 Hundred Ninety-five Dollars (\$22,195.00).

239 (f) For counties with a total population of more than  
240 fifteen thousand (15,000) and not more than twenty-five thousand  
241 (25,000), a salary not to exceed Twenty Thousand Three Hundred  
242 Fifty-five Dollars (\$20,355.00).

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

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

251 (i) For counties with a total population of six  
252 thousand (6,000) or less, the board of supervisors, in its  
253 discretion, may appoint a county prosecuting attorney, and it may  
254 pay such county prosecuting attorney an annual salary not to  
255 exceed Fourteen Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-five Dollars  
256 (\$14,835.00).

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

335 (h) In any Class 1 county bordering on the Mississippi  
336 River, lying in whole or in part within a levee district, wherein

337 U.S. Highways 82 and 61 intersect, bounded by the Sunflower River  
338 and Stales Bayou, the board of supervisors, in its discretion, may  
339 pay an annual salary equal to the annual salary of members of the  
340 board of supervisors in the county. In addition, such county  
341 prosecuting attorney shall receive the sum of One Thousand Dollars  
342 (\$1,000.00) per month for the purpose of defraying secretarial  
343 expenses.

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

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

370 the annual salary received by a member of the board of supervisors  
371 of that county.

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

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

381 (m) In any county wherein Interstate Highway 55 and  
382 State Highway 8 intersect, the salary of the county prosecuting  
383 attorney shall be not less than Twelve Thousand Dollars  
384 (\$12,000.00) per year.

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

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

401 (p) In any county wherein is located a state-supported  
402 institution of higher learning and wherein U.S. Highway 82 and

403 Mississippi Highway 389 intersect, the board of supervisors, in  
404 its discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual  
405 salary equal to the annual salary of members of the board of  
406 supervisors in the county.

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

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

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

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

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

436 the maximum allowable salary prescribed herein.

437 (u) In any county having a population in the 1970  
438 census in excess of thirty-five thousand (35,000) and in which  
439 U.S. Highways 49W and 82 intersect, and in which is located a  
440 state penitentiary, the annual salary of a county prosecuting  
441 attorney shall be Thirty Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Dollars  
442 (\$30,420.00).

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

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

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

466 (y) In any county bordering on the Alabama state line,  
467 traversed by the Chickasawhay River, and wherein U.S. Highway 45  
468 and U.S. Highway 84 intersect, a salary that shall be equal to the

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

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

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

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

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

501 (dd) In any county having a population greater than

502 eighty-seven thousand (87,000) but less than eighty-seven thousand  
503 two hundred (87,200) according to the 1990 federal census, in  
504 which is located an international airport, an annual salary of  
505 Twenty-nine Thousand Dollars (\$29,000.00). In addition, such  
506 county prosecuting attorney shall receive the sum of One Thousand  
507 Dollars (\$1,000.00) per month for the purpose of defraying  
508 secretarial expenses.

509 (ee) In any county having a population greater than  
510 eight thousand (8,000) but less than eight thousand two hundred  
511 (8,200) according to the 1990 federal census, and in which U.S.  
512 Highway 61 and Mississippi Highway 4 intersect, the board of  
513 supervisors may, in its discretion, pay the county prosecuting  
514 attorney an amount not to exceed Fourteen Thousand Dollars  
515 (\$14,000.00), in addition to the maximum allowable salary for that  
516 attorney under subsection (1), beginning on April 1, 1997.

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

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

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



535 supervisors may, in its discretion, pay the county prosecuting  
536 attorney an additional amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of  
537 the maximum allowable salary for that attorney under subsection  
538 (1).

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

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

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

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

568 percent (10%) of the maximum allowable salary for that attorney  
569 under subsection (1).

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

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

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

597 (pp) In any county in which U.S. Highway 78 and  
598 Mississippi Highway 15 intersect and which is traversed by the  
599 Tallahatchie River, a salary equal to that of members of the board  
600 of supervisors of the county, which salary shall be in addition to

601 any sums received for the purpose of defraying office or  
602 secretarial expenses and sums received as youth court prosecutor  
603 fees.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

634           The annual salary of each member of the board of supervisors  
635 shall be based upon the total assessed valuation of his respective  
636 county for the preceding taxable year in the following categories  
637 and for the following amounts:

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

641           (b) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
642 at least Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00), but less than  
643 Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00), a salary of  
644 Twenty-seven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-eight Dollars  
645 (\$27,758.00);

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

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

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

658           (f) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
659 at least Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00), but less  
660 than One Hundred Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$125,000,000.00), a  
661 salary of Thirty-three Thousand Three Hundred Forty-four Dollars  
662 (\$33,344.00);

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

667 (\$38,581.00);

668 (h) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
669 Three Hundred Million Dollars (\$300,000,000.00) or more, a salary  
670 of Forty-two Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-five Dollars  
671 (\$42,945.00).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

699 (d) For counties with a total population of more than

700 thirty-four thousand (34,000) and not more than forty-five  
701 thousand (45,000), a salary of Sixty-nine Thousand Dollars  
702 (\$69,000.00).

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

707 (f) For counties with a total population of more than  
708 fifteen thousand (15,000) and not more than twenty-five thousand  
709 (25,000), a salary of Fifty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars  
710 (\$57,500.00).

711 (g) For counties with a total population of more than  
712 nine thousand five hundred (9,500) and not more than fifteen  
713 thousand (15,000), a salary of Fifty-four Thousand Fifty Dollars  
714 (\$54,050.00).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

766 (d) The Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Training  
767 Academy is operated and maintained within the county;

768 (e) The State Fire Academy is operated and maintained  
769 within the county;

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

773 (g) The Jackson International Airport is located within  
774 the county;

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

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

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

787 (5) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)  
788 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Tunica County \* \* \*,  
789 in their discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff  
790 of the county an amount equal to Ten Thousand Dollars  
791 (\$10,000.00), payable beginning April 1, 1997.

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

798 (a) Hinds County has the greatest population of any



799 county, two hundred fifty-four thousand four hundred forty-one  
800 (254,441) by the 1990 census, being almost one hundred thousand  
801 (100,000) more than the next most populous county;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

832           (1) The Hinds County Sheriff's Department handles more  
833 mental and drug and alcohol commitments cases than any other  
834 sheriff's department in the state;

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

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

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

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

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

862           (9) In addition to the salary provided in subsection (1) of  
863 this section, the Board of Supervisors of Greene County, in its  
864 discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the

865 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars  
866 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual  
867 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such  
868 county for the following reasons:

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

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

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

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

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

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

898 the population of the county according to the 1980 federal  
899 decennial census. The amount of which salary shall be determined  
900 as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

928 (h) In counties with a population of more than sixteen  
929 thousand five hundred (16,500) but not more than twenty-one  
930 thousand (21,000), a salary of Twenty-four Thousand Four Hundred

931 Forty Dollars (\$24,440.00).

932 (i) In counties with a population of more than twelve  
933 thousand (12,000) but not more than sixteen thousand five hundred  
934 (16,500), a salary of Twenty Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-nine  
935 Dollars (\$20,949.00).

936 (j) In counties with a population of more than eight  
937 thousand (8,000) but not more than twelve thousand (12,000), a  
938 salary of Seventeen Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars  
939 (\$17,250.00).

940 (k) In counties with a population of eight thousand  
941 (8,000) or less, a salary of Thirteen Thousand Eight Hundred  
942 Dollars (\$13,800.00).

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

964 beginning April 1, 1997. In any county having a population  
965 greater than twenty-four thousand seven hundred (24,700) and less  
966 than twenty-four thousand nine hundred (24,900), according to the  
967 1990 federal census, wherein Mississippi Highways 15 and 16  
968 intersect, the board of supervisors shall pay such justice court  
969 judge an additional amount equal to Two Thousand Five Hundred  
970 Dollars (\$2,500.00) per year.

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

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

996 (4) The salaries provided for in \* \* \* this section shall be

997 payable monthly by warrant drawn by the clerk of the board of  
998 supervisors on the general fund of the county; however, the board  
999 of supervisors, by resolution duly adopted and entered on its  
1000 minutes, may provide that such salaries shall be paid semimonthly  
1001 on the first and fifteenth day of each month. If a pay date falls  
1002 on a weekend or legal holiday, salary payments shall be made on  
1003 the workday immediately preceding the weekend or legal holiday.

1004 (5) \* \* \* The salary of a justice court judge shall not be  
1005 reduced during his term of office as a result of a population  
1006 change following a federal decennial census.

1007 (6) Any justice court judge who is unable to attend and hold  
1008 court by reason of being under suspension by the Commission on  
1009 Judicial Performance or the Mississippi Supreme Court shall not  
1010 receive a salary while under such suspension.

1011 SECTION 7. Section 9-9-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1012 amended as follows:

1013 9-9-11. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (2)  
1014 and (3), the county court judge shall receive an annual salary  
1015 payable monthly out of the county treasury in an amount not to  
1016 exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) less than the salary which  
1017 is now or shall hereafter be provided for circuit and chancery  
1018 judges of this state, in the discretion of the board of  
1019 supervisors of that county; \* \* \* however, \* \* \* the salary of  
1020 such judge shall not be reduced during his term of office.\* \* \*  
1021 Further, \* \* \* the office of county court judge in any county  
1022 receiving an annual salary of Thirty-six Thousand Dollars  
1023 (\$36,000.00) or more shall be a full-time position, and the holder  
1024 thereof shall not otherwise engage in the practice of law.

1025 (2) In the event of the establishment of a county court by  
1026 agreement between two (2) or more counties as provided in Section  
1027 9-9-3, the county judge of the court so established shall be paid  
1028 a salary equal to one and one-half (1-1/2) times that salary that  
1029 he would be paid if he were the judge of the smallest of such two

1030 (2) or more counties, such salary to be paid in monthly  
1031 installments as provided by law; provided that such salary shall  
1032 not exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) less than the salary  
1033 of the circuit and chancery judges of this state.

1034 (3) The county court judge shall receive an annual salary  
1035 payable monthly out of the county treasury as follows:

1036 (a) In any county having a population of seventy  
1037 thousand (70,000) or more according to the 1980 federal census,  
1038 the county judge shall receive an annual salary of One Thousand  
1039 Dollars (\$1,000.00) less than that paid to a circuit court judge.  
1040 The office of county judge shall be a full-time position, and the  
1041 holder thereof shall not otherwise engage in the practice of law.

1042 (b) In any county having a population of sixty thousand  
1043 (60,000) or more but less than seventy thousand (70,000) according  
1044 to the 1980 federal census, the county judge shall receive an  
1045 annual salary of Forty-six Thousand Dollars (\$46,000.00). The  
1046 office of county judge shall be a full-time position, and the  
1047 holder thereof shall not otherwise engage in the practice of law.

1048 The county judge shall not be eligible for any additional salary  
1049 except as may be authorized in subsection (4).

1050 (c) In any county having a population of twenty-seven  
1051 thousand (27,000) or more but less than sixty thousand (60,000)  
1052 according to the 1980 federal census, the county judge shall  
1053 receive an annual salary of not less than Thirteen Thousand Eight  
1054 Hundred Dollars (\$13,800.00) but not more than Forty-six Thousand  
1055 Dollars (\$46,000.00), in the discretion of the board of  
1056 supervisors of said county. The county judge shall not be  
1057 eligible for any additional salary except as may be authorized in  
1058 subsection (4). In the event that the board of supervisors of  
1059 that county elects to pay such county judge an annual salary of  
1060 Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) or more, the office of county  
1061 judge shall be a full-time position, and the holder thereof shall  
1062 not otherwise engage in the practice of law.



1063           (d) In any county having a population of less than  
1064 twenty-seven thousand (27,000) according to the 1980 federal  
1065 census, the county judge shall receive an annual salary of not  
1066 less than Four Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$4,830.00)  
1067 and not more than Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-five Dollars  
1068 (\$9,775.00), in the discretion of the board of supervisors of that  
1069 county. The county judge shall not be eligible for any additional  
1070 salary except as may be authorized in subsection (4).

1071           (4) The county judge of any county described in this  
1072 subsection shall be paid the compensation, and he shall be subject  
1073 to any restrictions, set forth in the following paragraphs:

1074           (a) The county judge of any such Class 1 county with  
1075 population according to the latest federal decennial census of  
1076 forty-five thousand (45,000) or more and lying wholly within a  
1077 levee district and having two (2) judicial districts \* \* \*, in the  
1078 discretion of the board of supervisors of such county, shall  
1079 receive an annual salary not exceeding Forty Thousand Dollars  
1080 (\$40,000.00), or a sum which is One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)  
1081 less than the salary which is now or shall hereafter be provided  
1082 for circuit and chancery judges of the state, whichever is  
1083 greater.

1084           (b) The county judge of any Class 1 county having an  
1085 area in excess of nine hundred twenty-five (925) square miles  
1086 shall receive an annual salary of not less than Thirty Thousand  
1087 Dollars (\$30,000.00) but, in the discretion of the board of  
1088 supervisors of such county, such salary may be not more than Five  
1089 Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) less than the annual salary of a circuit  
1090 judge, payable monthly out of the county treasury, and the county  
1091 judge shall not practice law.

1092           (c) The office of county judge in any such Class 1  
1093 county with a population according to the 1970 federal decennial  
1094 census of greater than thirty-nine thousand (39,000), and where  
1095 U.S. Highway 61 and Mississippi Highway 6 intersect, shall receive

1096 an annual salary to be paid in monthly installments of not less  
1097 than an amount equal to ninety percent (90%) of the annual salary  
1098 which is now or shall hereafter be provided for circuit and  
1099 chancery judges of the state, as follows: The salary of the  
1100 county judge shall be increased by ten percent (10%) annually  
1101 above the base salary of the preceding year until such time as the  
1102 judge's salary is equal to the amount that is provided by this  
1103 subsection. The office of county judge shall be a full-time  
1104 position and the holder thereof shall not otherwise engage in the  
1105 practice of law.

1106 (d) In any Class 1 county bordering on the Mississippi  
1107 River and which has situated therein a national military park and  
1108 national military cemetery, the office of county judge shall be a  
1109 full-time position and the holder thereof shall not otherwise  
1110 engage in the practice of law. The salary for the county judge in  
1111 that county shall be fixed at a sum which is One Thousand Dollars  
1112 (\$1,000.00) less than the salary which is now or shall hereafter  
1113 be provided for circuit and chancery judges of this state.

1114 (e) The county judge in any county having a population  
1115 of at least forty-two thousand one hundred eleven (42,111),  
1116 according to the 1970 census, and where U.S. Highway 49E and U.S.  
1117 Highway 82 intersect, shall receive an annual salary to be paid in  
1118 monthly installments of not less than Thirty Thousand Dollars  
1119 (\$30,000.00) but not more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars  
1120 (\$2,500.00) less than the annual salary of the circuit judge, in  
1121 the discretion of the board of supervisors of that county.

1122 (f) The county judge in any Class 1 county bordering on  
1123 the Mississippi River and having an area of less than four hundred  
1124 fifty (450) square miles wherein U.S. Highways 84 and 61 intersect  
1125 shall receive an annual salary of Four Thousand Dollars  
1126 (\$4,000.00) less than the annual salary of a circuit judge, and  
1127 such county judge shall not practice law in any manner. The  
1128 county judge in such county shall not be eligible to receive any

1129 additional salary authorized by this section or from any other  
1130 source other than that set out and authorized by this paragraph.

1131 (g) The county judge of any Class 1 county bordering on  
1132 the Mississippi River on the west and the State of Tennessee on  
1133 the north, and traversed north to south by Interstate Highway 55,  
1134 shall receive an annual salary of ninety percent (90%) of the  
1135 salary which is now or shall hereafter be provided for chancery  
1136 and circuit judges of this state, but in any event not less than  
1137 Sixty Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$60,200.00).

1138 (h) The county judge of any Class 1 county with a  
1139 population of greater than sixty-nine thousand (69,000) according  
1140 to the 1980 federal decennial census, and wherein U.S. Highway 80  
1141 and Mississippi Highway 43 intersect, shall receive an annual  
1142 salary in an amount not greater than the sum of Five Hundred  
1143 Dollars (\$500.00) less than the salary which is now or shall  
1144 hereafter be provided for circuit and chancery judges of this  
1145 state, in the discretion of the board of supervisors of that  
1146 county.

1147 (i) The county judge of any county having a population  
1148 in excess of sixty-six thousand (66,000) according to the 1980  
1149 federal decennial census, wherein is located a state-supported  
1150 university and in which U.S. Highways 49 and 11 intersect, shall  
1151 receive an annual salary of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) less  
1152 than that paid to a circuit court judge. The office of such  
1153 county judge shall be a full-time position, and the holder thereof  
1154 shall not otherwise engage in the practice of law.

1155 (j) The county judge of any county having two (2)  
1156 judicial districts, having a population in excess of sixty-one  
1157 thousand nine hundred (61,900) according to the 1980 federal  
1158 decennial census, in which U.S. Interstate Highway 59 intersects  
1159 with U.S. Highway 84, shall receive an annual salary of One  
1160 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) less than the salary which is now or  
1161 hereafter authorized to be paid circuit and chancery court judges

1162 of this state. The office of such county judge shall be a  
1163 full-time position, and the holder thereof shall not otherwise  
1164 engage in the practice of law.

1165 (k) The office of county judge of any Class I county  
1166 wherein U.S. Highway 51 and U.S. Highway 98 intersect shall be a  
1167 full-time position and the holder thereof shall not otherwise  
1168 engage in the practice of law. The annual salary for the office  
1169 of county judge in that county may be fixed, in the discretion of  
1170 the board of supervisors of the county, at a sum not to exceed Two  
1171 Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) less than the salary which is now or  
1172 shall hereafter be provided for circuit and chancery judges of  
1173 this state.

1174 (l) The county judge of any county having a population  
1175 of more than forty-one thousand six hundred (41,600) but less than  
1176 forty-one thousand six hundred fifty (41,650) according to the  
1177 1980 federal census, and wherein U.S. Highway 49 intersects with  
1178 Mississippi Highway 22, shall receive an annual salary in an  
1179 amount established by the board of supervisors, but in no event to  
1180 exceed the salary provided now or hereafter for circuit and  
1181 chancery judges of this state.

1182 (m) The county judge of any county having a population  
1183 of more than fifty-seven thousand (57,000) but less than  
1184 fifty-seven thousand one hundred (57,100) according to the 1980  
1185 federal census, wherein U.S. Highway 45 intersects with  
1186 Mississippi Highway 6, shall receive an annual salary in an amount  
1187 established by the board of supervisors, but in no event to exceed  
1188 the salary provided now or hereafter for circuit and chancery  
1189 judges of this state.

1190 (n) The county judge of any county having a population  
1191 of more than fifty-seven thousand three hundred (57,300) according  
1192 to the 1980 federal decennial census, wherein is located a  
1193 state-supported university and wherein United States Highways 82  
1194 and 45 intersect, shall receive an annual salary in an amount

1195 established by the board of supervisors, but in no event to exceed  
1196 the salary provided now or hereafter for circuit and chancery  
1197 judges of this state.

1198 (5) The salary of a county court judge or justice court  
1199 judge shall not be reduced during his term of office as a result  
1200 of a population decrease based upon the 1990 federal decennial  
1201 census.

1202 \* \* \*

1203 (6) From and after October 1, 1993, \* \* \* in addition to the  
1204 salaries set forth in this section, the board of supervisors of  
1205 any county, in its discretion, may pay any county court judge  
1206 whose salary is not established herein in relation to the salary  
1207 paid to chancery and circuit court judges, an additional amount  
1208 not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the maximum allowable salary  
1209 for that judge.

1210 SECTION 8. Section 41-61-59, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1211 amended as follows:

1212 41-61-59. (1) A person's death which affects the public  
1213 interest as specified in subsection (2) of this section shall be  
1214 promptly reported to the medical examiner by the physician in  
1215 attendance, any hospital employee, any law enforcement officer  
1216 having knowledge of the death, the embalmer or other funeral home  
1217 employee, any emergency medical technician, any relative or any  
1218 other person present. The appropriate medical examiner shall  
1219 notify the municipal or state law enforcement agency or sheriff  
1220 and take charge of the body.

1221 (2) A death affecting the public interest includes, but is  
1222 not limited to, any of the following:

1223 (a) Violent death, including homicidal, suicidal or  
1224 accidental death.

1225 (b) Death caused by thermal, chemical, electrical or  
1226 radiation injury.

1227 (c) Death caused by criminal abortion, including

1228 self-induced abortion, or abortion related to or by sexual abuse.

1229 (d) Death related to disease thought to be virulent or  
1230 contagious which may constitute a public hazard.

1231 (e) Death that has occurred unexpectedly or from an  
1232 unexplained cause.

1233 (f) Death of a person confined in a prison, jail or  
1234 correctional institution.

1235 (g) Death of a person where a physician was not in  
1236 attendance within thirty-six (36) hours preceding death, or in  
1237 prediagnosed terminal or bedfast cases, within thirty (30) days  
1238 preceding death.

1239 (h) Death of a person where the body is not claimed by  
1240 a relative or a friend.

1241 (i) Death of a person where the identity of the  
1242 deceased is unknown.

1243 (j) Death of a child under the age of two (2) years  
1244 where death results from an unknown cause or where the  
1245 circumstances surrounding the death indicate that sudden infant  
1246 death syndrome may be the cause of death.

1247 (k) Where a body is brought into this state for  
1248 disposal and there is reason to believe either that the death was  
1249 not investigated properly or that there is not an adequate  
1250 certificate of death.

1251 (l) Where a person is presented to a hospital emergency  
1252 room unconscious and/or unresponsive, with cardiopulmonary  
1253 resuscitative measures being performed, and dies within  
1254 twenty-four (24) hours of admission without regaining  
1255 consciousness or responsiveness, unless a physician was in  
1256 attendance within thirty-six (36) hours preceding presentation to  
1257 the hospital, or in cases in which the decedent had a prediagnosed  
1258 terminal or bedfast condition, unless a physician was in  
1259 attendance within thirty (30) days preceding presentation to the  
1260 hospital.

1261           (3) The State Medical Examiner is empowered to investigate  
1262 deaths, under the authority hereinafter conferred, in any and all  
1263 political subdivisions of the state. The county medical examiners  
1264 and county medical examiner investigators, while appointed for a  
1265 specific county, may serve other counties on a regular basis with  
1266 written authorization by the State Medical Examiner, or may serve  
1267 other counties on an as-needed basis upon the request of the  
1268 ranking officer of the investigating law enforcement agency. The  
1269 county medical examiner or county medical examiner investigator of  
1270 any county which has established a regional medical examiner  
1271 district under subsection (4) of Section 41-61-77 may serve other  
1272 counties which are parties to the agreement establishing the  
1273 district, in accordance with the terms of the agreement, and may  
1274 contract with counties which are not part of the district to  
1275 provide medical examiner services for such counties. If a death  
1276 affecting the public interest takes place in a county other than  
1277 the one where injuries or other substantial causal factors leading  
1278 to the death have occurred, jurisdiction for investigation of the  
1279 death may be transferred, by mutual agreement of the respective  
1280 medical examiners of the counties involved, to the county where  
1281 such injuries or other substantial causal factors occurred, and  
1282 the costs of autopsy or other studies necessary to the further  
1283 investigation of the death shall be borne by the county assuming  
1284 jurisdiction.

1285           (4) The chief county medical examiner or chief county  
1286 medical examiner investigator may receive from the county in which  
1287 he serves a salary of Eight Hundred Sixty-three Dollars (\$863.00)  
1288 per month, in addition to the fees specified in Sections 41-61-69  
1289 and 41-61-75, provided that no county shall pay the chief county  
1290 medical examiner or chief county medical examiner investigator  
1291 less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per month as a salary, in  
1292 addition to other compensation provided by law. In any county  
1293 having one or more deputy medical examiners or deputy medical

1294 examiner investigators, each deputy may receive from the county in  
1295 which he serves, in the discretion of the board of supervisors, a  
1296 salary of not more than Eight Hundred Sixty-three Dollars  
1297 (\$863.00) per month, in addition to the fees specified in Sections  
1298 41-61-69 and 41-61-75. For this salary the chief shall assure  
1299 twenty-four-hour daily and readily available death investigators  
1300 for the county, and shall maintain copies of all medical examiner  
1301 death investigations for the county for at least the previous five  
1302 (5) years. He shall coordinate his office and duties and  
1303 cooperate with the State Medical Examiner, and the State Medical  
1304 Examiner shall cooperate with him.

1305 (5) A body composed of the State Medical Examiner, whether  
1306 appointed on a permanent or interim basis, the Director of the  
1307 State Board of Health or his designee, the Attorney General or his  
1308 designee, the President of the Mississippi Coroners' Association  
1309 (or successor organization) or his designee, and a certified  
1310 pathologist appointed by the Mississippi State Medical Association  
1311 shall adopt, promulgate, amend and repeal rules and regulations as  
1312 may be deemed necessary by them from time to time for the proper  
1313 enforcement, interpretation and administration of Sections  
1314 41-61-51 through 41-61-79, in accordance with the provisions of  
1315 the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law, being Sections  
1316 25-43-1 through 25-43-19.

1317 SECTION 9. Section 9-13-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1318 amended as follows:

1319 9-13-19. (1) Court reporters for circuit and chancery  
1320 courts shall be paid an annual salary of Forty-three Thousand  
1321 Seven Hundred Dollars (\$43,700.00) payable by the Administrative  
1322 Office of Courts. In addition, any court reporter performing the  
1323 duties of a court administrator in the same judicial district in  
1324 which the person is employed as a court reporter may be paid  
1325 additional compensation for performing the court administrator  
1326 duties. The annual amount of the additional compensation shall be



1327 set by vote of the judges and chancellors for whom the court  
1328 administrator duties are performed, with consideration given to  
1329 the number of hours per month devoted by the court reporter to  
1330 performing the duties of a court administrator. The additional  
1331 compensation shall be submitted to the Administrative Office of  
1332 Courts for approval.

1333 (2) The several counties in each respective court district  
1334 shall transfer from the general funds of those county treasuries  
1335 to the Administrative Office of Courts a proportionate amount to  
1336 be paid toward the annual compensation of the court reporter,  
1337 including any additional compensation paid for the performance of  
1338 court administrator duties. The amount to be paid by each county  
1339 shall be determined by the number of weeks in which court is held  
1340 in each county in proportion to the total number of weeks court is  
1341 held in the district. For purposes of this section, the term  
1342 "compensation" means the gross salary plus all amounts paid for  
1343 benefits, or otherwise, as a result of employment or as required  
1344 by employment, but does not include transcript fees otherwise  
1345 authorized to be paid by or through the counties. However, only  
1346 salary earned for services rendered shall be reported and credited  
1347 for retirement purposes. Amounts paid for transcript fees,  
1348 benefits or otherwise, including reimbursement for travel  
1349 expenses, shall not be reported or credited for retirement  
1350 purposes.

1351 For example, if there are thirty-eight (38) scheduled court  
1352 weeks in a particular district, a county in which court is  
1353 scheduled five (5) weeks out of the year would have to pay  
1354 five-thirty-eighths (5/38) of the total annual compensation.

1355 (3) The salary and any additional compensation for the  
1356 performance of court administrator duties shall be paid in twelve  
1357 (12) installments on the last working day of each month after it  
1358 has been duly authorized by the appointing judge or chancellor and  
1359 an order duly placed on the minutes of the court. Each county

1360 shall transfer to the Administrative Office of Courts one-twelfth  
1361 (1/12) of the amount required to be paid pursuant to subsection  
1362 (2) of this section by the twentieth day of each month for the  
1363 salary that is to be paid on the last working day of the month.  
1364 The Administrative Office of Courts shall pay to the court  
1365 reporter the total amount of salary due for that month. Any  
1366 county may pay, in the discretion of the board of supervisors, by  
1367 the twentieth day of January of any year, the amount due for a  
1368 full twelve (12) months.

1369 (4) From and after October 1, 1996, all circuit and chancery  
1370 court reporters will be employees of the Administrative Office of  
1371 Courts.

1372 (5) No circuit or chancery court reporter shall be entitled  
1373 to any compensation for any special or extended term of court  
1374 after passage of this section.

1375 (6) No chancery or circuit court reporter shall practice law  
1376 in the court within which he or she is the court reporter.

1377 (7) For all travel required in the performance of official  
1378 duties, the circuit or chancery court reporter shall be paid  
1379 mileage by the county in which the duties were performed at the  
1380 same rate as provided for state employees in Section 25-3-41. The  
1381 court reporter shall file in the office of the clerk of the court  
1382 which he serves a certificate of mileage expense incurred during  
1383 that term and payment of such expense to the court reporter shall  
1384 be paid on allowance by the judge of such court.

1385 SECTION 10. Section 23-15-225, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1386 amended as follows:

1387 23-15-225. (1) The registrar shall be entitled to such  
1388 compensation, payable monthly out of the county treasury, which  
1389 the board of supervisors of the county shall allow on an annual  
1390 basis in the following amounts:

1391 (a) For counties with a total population of more than  
1392 two hundred thousand (200,000), an amount not to exceed

1393 Thirty-four Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-five Dollars  
1394 (\$34,385.00) but not less than Ten Thousand Five Hundred Eighty  
1395 Dollars (\$10,580.00).

1396 (b) For counties with a total population of more than  
1397 one hundred thousand (100,000) and not more than two hundred  
1398 thousand (200,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-nine Thousand  
1399 Ninety-five Dollars (\$25,095.00), but not less than Ten Thousand  
1400 Five Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$10,580.00).

1401 (c) For counties with a total population of more than  
1402 fifty thousand (50,000) and not more than one hundred thousand  
1403 (100,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-six Thousand Four  
1404 Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$26,450.00), but not less than Ten Thousand  
1405 Five Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$10,580.00).

1406 (d) For counties with a total population of more than  
1407 thirty-five thousand (35,000) and not more than fifty thousand  
1408 (50,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-three Thousand Eight  
1409 Hundred Five Dollars (\$23,805.00), but not less than Ten Thousand  
1410 Five Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$10,580.00).

1411 (e) For counties with a total population of more than  
1412 twenty-five thousand (25,000) and not more than thirty-five  
1413 thousand (35,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-one Thousand One  
1414 Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$21,160.00), but not less than Ten Thousand  
1415 Five Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$10,580.00).

1416 (f) For counties with a total population of more than  
1417 fifteen thousand (15,000) and not more than twenty-five thousand  
1418 (25,000), an amount not to exceed Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred  
1419 Fifteen Dollars (\$18,515.00), but not less than Ten Thousand Five  
1420 Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$10,580.00).

1421 (g) For counties with a total population of more than  
1422 ten thousand (10,000) and not more than fifteen thousand (15,000),  
1423 an amount not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy  
1424 Dollars (\$15,870.00), but not less than Nine Thousand Two Hundred  
1425 Fifty-eight Dollars (\$9,258.00).

1426           (h) For counties with a total population of more than  
1427 six thousand (6,000) and not more than ten thousand (10,000), an  
1428 amount not to exceed Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-five  
1429 Dollars (\$13,225.00), but not less than Nine Thousand Two Hundred  
1430 Fifty-eight Dollars (\$9,258.00).

1431           (i) For counties with a total population of not more  
1432 than six thousand (6,000), an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand  
1433 Five Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$10,580.00), but not less than Seven  
1434 Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-four Dollars (\$7,274.00).

1435           (j) For counties having two (2) judicial districts, the  
1436 board of supervisors of the county may allow, in addition to the  
1437 sums prescribed herein, in its discretion, an amount not to exceed  
1438 Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$13,225.00).

1439           (2) In the event of a reregistration within such county, or  
1440 a redistricting which necessitates the hiring of additional deputy  
1441 registrars, the board of supervisors may by contract compensate  
1442 the county registrar amounts in addition to the sums prescribed in  
1443 this section, in its discretion.

1444           (3) As compensation for their services in assisting the  
1445 county election commissioners in performance of their duties in  
1446 the revision of the registration books and the pollbooks of the  
1447 several voting precincts of the several counties and in assisting  
1448 the election commissioners, executive committees or boards of  
1449 supervisors in connection with any election, the registrar shall  
1450 receive the same daily per diem and limitation on meeting days as  
1451 provided for the board of election commissioners as set out in  
1452 Sections 23-15-153 and 23-15-227 to be paid from the general fund  
1453 of the county.

1454           (4) In any case where an amount has been allowed by the  
1455 board of supervisors pursuant to this section, such amount shall  
1456 not be reduced or terminated during the term for which the  
1457 registrar was elected.

1458           (5) The circuit clerk shall, in addition to any other

1459 compensation provided for by law, be entitled to receive as  
1460 compensation from the board of supervisors the amount of Two  
1461 Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) per year. This payment shall be for  
1462 the performance of his duties in regard to the conduct of  
1463 elections and the performance of his other duties.

1464 (6) The municipal clerk shall, in addition to any other  
1465 compensation for performance of duties, be eligible to receive as  
1466 compensation from the municipality's governing authorities a  
1467 reasonable amount of additional compensation for reimbursement of  
1468 costs and for additional duties associated with mail-in  
1469 registration of voters.

1470 (7) The board of supervisors shall not allow any additional  
1471 compensation authorized under this section for services as county  
1472 registrar to any circuit clerk who is receiving fees as  
1473 compensation for his services equal to the limitation on  
1474 compensation prescribed in Section 9-1-43.

1475 SECTION 11. Section 5-1-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1476 brought forward as follows:[JMR1]

1477 5-1-41. Beginning with the 1986 Regular Session of the  
1478 Legislature of the State of Mississippi, each Senator and  
1479 Representative of the Legislature shall receive as compensation at  
1480 each regular session the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)  
1481 and the mileage allowance provided by Section 25-3-41, for each  
1482 mile of the distance by the most direct route usually traveled in  
1483 coming to and returning from the place where the Legislature sits.  
1484 Beginning on April 16, 1997, each Senator and Representative shall  
1485 receive for attending each extraordinary session or called session  
1486 the sum of Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00) per day and mileage at  
1487 the same rate as per regular session. In addition to the above,  
1488 beginning on April 16, 1997, each Senator and Representative and  
1489 the Lieutenant Governor shall receive the sum of One Thousand Five  
1490 Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) per month for expenses incidental to  
1491 his office for every full month of his term, except any month or

1492 major fraction thereof when the Legislature is convened in regular  
1493 or extraordinary session; and payments shall be made to each  
1494 Senator and Representative and the Lieutenant Governor by the  
1495 State Treasurer between the first and tenth day of each month  
1496 following the month for which the payments are due.

1497 SECTION 12. Section 5-1-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1498 brought forward as follows:[JMR2]

1499 5-1-43. (1) The salary of the Lieutenant Governor and of  
1500 the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be Sixty  
1501 Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) annually, and they shall receive for  
1502 attending each extraordinary or called session the same  
1503 compensation and mileage as is provided for members of the  
1504 Legislature. However, in the event the Lieutenant Governor  
1505 serving on the effective date of Laws, 1997, Chapter 577, shall be  
1506 re-elected for the term beginning in the year 2000, he shall  
1507 continue to receive an annual salary of Forty Thousand Eight  
1508 Hundred Dollars (\$40,800.00).

1509 (2) On the first day of each month, the Lieutenant Governor  
1510 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall receive in  
1511 twelve (12) equal monthly installments the compensation provided  
1512 for pursuant to subsection (1) of this section.

1513 SECTION 13. Section 5-1-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1514 brought forward as follows:[JMR3]

1515 5-1-45. Beginning on June 4, 1997, the President Pro Tempore  
1516 of the Senate shall receive an annual salary in an amount equal to  
1517 Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00). The salary provided for  
1518 the President Pro Tempore under this section shall be in addition  
1519 to the compensation and expense allowance established for members  
1520 of the Legislature under Section 5-1-41.

1521 SECTION 14. Section 5-1-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1522 brought forward as follows:[JMR4]

1523 5-1-47. (1) In addition to the regular salary and mileage  
1524 provided by law, an expense allowance equal to the maximum daily

1525 expense rate allowable to employees of the federal government for  
1526 travel in the high rate geographical area of Jackson, Mississippi,  
1527 as may be established by federal regulations, per day, or an  
1528 expense allowance of Forty-four Dollars (\$44.00) if the Lieutenant  
1529 Governor or a Senator or Representative so chooses under  
1530 subsection (2) of Section 5-1-41, for each legislative day in  
1531 actual attendance at a session shall be paid to the Lieutenant  
1532 Governor and members of the Senate and House of Representatives,  
1533 together with an additional mileage allowance as provided by  
1534 Section 25-3-41, for each mile of the distance by the most direct  
1535 route usually traveled in coming to and returning from the place  
1536 where the Legislature is in session, which said expense allowance  
1537 and additional mileage allowance shall be paid at the end of each  
1538 seven (7) day period while the Legislature is in session.

1539 In addition to the mileage allowance provided for in the  
1540 above paragraph, an expense allowance equal to the maximum daily  
1541 expense rate allowable to employees of the federal government for  
1542 travel in the high rate geographical area of Jackson, Mississippi,  
1543 as may be established by federal regulations, per day, shall be  
1544 paid to the Lieutenant Governor and members of the Senate and  
1545 House of Representatives, unless the Lieutenant Governor or a  
1546 Senator or Representative chooses not to receive such expense  
1547 allowance in the manner provided in subsection (2) of Section  
1548 5-1-41, for any day between legislative sessions while attending  
1549 to legislative duties, upon the approval of the appropriate  
1550 management committee of the Senate or House, as the case may be.

1551 (2) The expense allowance and additional mileage allowance  
1552 provided by this section for the Lieutenant Governor and members  
1553 of the Senate shall be paid from the appropriate legislative fund  
1554 of the Senate as provided by law, and the expense allowance and  
1555 additional mileage allowance for members of the House of  
1556 Representatives shall be paid from the appropriate legislative  
1557 fund of said House of Representatives as provided by law, upon

1558 warrants drawn for such purpose in the manner provided by law.

1559 SECTION 15. Section 25-3-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1560 brought forward as follows:[JMR5]

1561 25-3-31. The annual salaries of the following elected state  
1562 and district officers are fixed as follows:

1563	Governor.....	\$101,800.00
1564	Attorney General.....	90,800.00
1565	Secretary of State.....	75,000.00
1566	Commissioner of Insurance.....	75,000.00
1567	State Treasurer.....	75,000.00
1568	State Auditor of Public Accounts.....	75,000.00
1569	Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce.....	75,000.00
1570	Transportation Commissioners.....	65,000.00
1571	Public Service Commissioners.....	65,000.00

1572 The above fixed salary of the Governor shall be the reference  
1573 amount utilized in computing average compensation and earned  
1574 compensation pursuant to Section 25-11-103(f) and Section  
1575 25-11-103(k) and to related sections which require such  
1576 computations.

1577 SECTION 16. Section 25-3-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1578 brought forward as follows:[JMR6]

1579 25-3-33. The annual salaries of the following appointive  
1580 state and district officials and employees are fixed as follows:

1581	Deputy Attorney General, not to exceed.....	\$72,800.00
1582	Assistant Attorneys General shall each	
1583	receive annual salaries in an amount	
1584	to be fixed by the Attorney General	
1585	but not to exceed.....	68,400.00

1586 Military Department--National Guard:

1587	Adjutant General.....	80,000.00
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1588 Department of Banking and Consumer Finance:

1589	Commissioner.....	85,000.00
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1590 Chairman of the State Tax Commission



1591	(Commissioner of Revenue).....	91,000.00
1592	Associate Commissioners, each.....	42,000.00
1593	Director of Emergency Management Agency.....	65,000.00
1594	Department of Public Safety:	
1595	Commissioner of Public Safety.....	80,000.00
1596	Director, Office of Mississippi	
1597	Highway Safety Patrol, or	
1598	his successor.....	70,000.00
1599	Director, Office of Support Services,	
1600	or his successor.....	70,000.00
1601	Department of Human Services:	
1602	Director, not to exceed.....	85,000.00
1603	Workers' Compensation Commission:	
1604	Chairman.....	80,000.00
1605	Members, each.....	78,000.00
1606	Executive Director.....	75,000.00
1607	Administrative Judge, each.....	75,000.00
1608	Archives and History:	
1609	Director, not to exceed.....	70,000.00
1610	State Forester.....	70,000.00
1611	State Oil and Gas Board:	
1612	Secretary-Supervisor.....	70,000.00
1613	Educational Television Authority:	
1614	Executive Director.....	70,000.00
1615	Director, Mississippi Library Commission,	
1616	not to exceed.....	70,000.00
1617	Executive Secretary, Public Service	
1618	Commission.....	65,000.00
1619	Parole Board:	
1620	Chairman.....	50,000.00
1621	Administrative Assistant for	
1622	Parole Matters.....	42,000.00
1623	Members, each.....	44,000.00

1624 Governor's State Bond Advisory Division:

1625       Director.....55,000.00

1626 Employment Security Commission:

1627       Executive Director, not to exceed.....70,000.00

1628 Executive Director, Department of

1629       Mental Health, to be determined by the

1630       State Board of Mental Health, not

1631       to exceed.....85,000.00

1632 Director, Division of Medicaid,

1633       not to exceed.....85,000.00

1634 Director, State Department of Transportation,

1635       not to exceed.....85,000.00

1636 State Entomologist.....65,000.00

1637 Clerk of the Supreme Court.....60,000.00

1638 State Aid Engineer, Division of State

1639       Aid Road Construction.....70,000.00

1640 Executive Director, Judicial Performance

1641       Commission.....65,000.00

1642 Executive Director, Department of Finance

1643       and Administration.....85,000.00

1644 Superintendent, Mississippi School for the

1645       Blind, to be determined by the State

1646       Board of Education, not to exceed.....65,000.00

1647 Superintendent, Mississippi School for the Deaf,

1648       to be determined by the State Board

1649       of Education, not to exceed.....65,000.00

1650 Executive Director, State Fair Commission.....65,000.00

1651 Executive Director, Department of Wildlife,

1652       Fisheries and Parks.....80,000.00

1653 Executive Director, Department of Environmental

1654       Quality.....85,000.00

1655 Executive Director, Pat Harrison Waterway

1656       District..... 65,000.00

1657	Executive Director, Pearl River Basin	
1658	Development District.....	61,000.00
1659	Executive Director, Pearl River Valley Water	
1660	Supply District.....	71,000.00
1661	Executive Director, Tombigbee River Valley	
1662	Water Management District.....	61,000.00
1663	Director, Soil and Water Conservation	
1664	Commission.....	60,000.00
1665	Commissioner, Mississippi Department of	
1666	Corrections.....	85,000.00
1667	Executive Director, Mississippi Department of	
1668	Information Technology Services.....	85,000.00
1669	Executive Director, Mississippi Industries	
1670	for the Blind.....	60,000.00
1671	Director, Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics.....	60,000.00
1672	Executive Secretary, State Veterans Affairs	
1673	Board.....	55,000.00
1674	Executive Officer, Veterans' Home Purchase	
1675	Board.....	65,000.00
1676	Chief Administrative Officer, Motor Vehicle	
1677	Commission.....	55,000.00
1678	Stadium Manager, Mississippi Veterans	
1679	Memorial Stadium.....	55,000.00
1680	Executive Director, Mississippi Arts	
1681	Commission.....	55,000.00
1682	Director, Mississippi Board of Nursing.....	60,000.00
1683	Director, State Board of Pharmacy.....	60,000.00
1684	Director, State Board of Public Contractors.....	50,000.00
1685	Director, Real Estate Commission.....	55,000.00
1686	Director of Support Services, Department	
1687	of Rehabilitation Services.....	80,000.00
1688	Executive Director, State Fire Academy.....	55,000.00
1689	Executive Director, Law Enforcement	

1690           Officers Training Academy.....50,000.00  
1691       Executive Director, State Board of  
1692           Accountancy.....60,000.00  
1693       Executive Director, Mississippi  
1694           Gaming Commission.....90,000.00  
1695       Executive Director, Mississippi  
1696           Department of Marine Resources.....70,000.00  
1697       Executive Director, State Board of  
1698           Registration for Professional  
1699           Engineers and Land Surveyors.....55,000.00  
1700       Executive Director, Public Utilities  
1701           Staff.....85,000.00  
1702       State Law Librarian.....60,000.00  
1703       State Personnel Director.....75,000.00  
1704       Manager, Farmers Central Market,  
1705           Department of Agriculture and  
1706           Commerce.....40,000.00  
1707       State Veterinarian.....70,000.00  
1708       Executive Director, Mississippi Ethics  
1709           Commission.....70,000.00

1710       SECTION 17. Section 25-3-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1711 brought forward as follows:[JMR7]

1712       25-3-35. (1) The annual salaries of the following judges  
1713 are fixed as follows, to begin at the commencement of the next  
1714 term of office immediately succeeding the existing term:

1715       Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.....\$104,900.00  
1716       Presiding Justice of the Supreme Court.....102,900.00  
1717       Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, each.....102,300.00

1718       However, in addition to their present official duties, there  
1719 are imposed upon the Supreme Court Justices the extra duties of  
1720 making a special study of existing laws and reporting to each  
1721 regular session of the Legislature such constructive suggestions  
1722 as they may deem necessary for the improvement of the

1723 administration of justice, and of advising and counseling with the  
1724 State Librarian in the selection of law books for purchase and use  
1725 in the State Law Library, advising with the librarian thereof upon  
1726 the removal from the library of any books which may be the least  
1727 frequently used, and for the placing of same in a convenient  
1728 location so as to provide additional space for such books and  
1729 other current publications which may be more frequently used or  
1730 called for. For such extra services each justice, from and after  
1731 June 17, 1999, shall receive a sum sufficient when added to the  
1732 present salaries of the justices to aggregate One Hundred Four  
1733 Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$104,900.00) for the Chief Justice,  
1734 One Hundred Two Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$102,900.00) for  
1735 the Presiding Justice, and One Hundred Two Thousand Three Hundred  
1736 Dollars (\$102,300.00) for Associate Justices, per annum. As each  
1737 existing term expires and the above-captioned salaries become  
1738 effective in due course, the extra duties and compensation  
1739 provided for shall cease.

1740 (2) The annual salaries of the judges of the Court of  
1741 Appeals of Mississippi are fixed as follows:

1742 Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals.....\$ 98,300.00  
1743 Associate Judges of the Court of Appeals, each.....95,500.00

1744 (3) The annual salaries of the chancery and circuit court  
1745 judges are fixed as follows:

1746 Chancery Judges, each.....\$94,700.00  
1747 Circuit Judges, each.....94,700.00

1748 In addition to their present official duties, there are  
1749 imposed upon the chancery and circuit court judges the extra  
1750 duties of making a special study of existing laws relating to  
1751 trial courts and reporting to the Supreme Court of the State of  
1752 Mississippi such constructive suggestions as they may deem  
1753 necessary for the improvement of the administration of justice,  
1754 which shall be recommended to the Legislature by the Supreme Court  
1755 in the manner provided by law. The judges shall advise and

1756 supervise in the purchase of law books for the libraries of each  
1757 district, and shall study and evaluate the inventory of books and  
1758 facilities now existing in the libraries of each district to  
1759 effect the removal and relocation of obsolete publications so as  
1760 to provide additional space for those books and current  
1761 publications more frequently used. The judges shall study the  
1762 existing rules promulgated by the circuit and chancery court  
1763 judicial associations governing the operation of chancery and  
1764 circuit courts, and revise the same pursuant to existing laws.  
1765 For such extra services each judge, from and after June 17, 1999,  
1766 shall receive a sum sufficient when added to the present salaries  
1767 of the judges to aggregate Ninety-four Thousand Seven Hundred  
1768 Dollars (\$94,700.00) per annum for each judge. Upon the  
1769 expiration of the existing term, the above-captioned salaries  
1770 become effective in due course, and the extra duties and  
1771 compensation provided for shall cease.

1772 (4) The Supreme Court shall prepare a payroll for chancery  
1773 judges and circuit judges and submit such payroll to the  
1774 Department of Finance and Administration.

1775 (5) The annual salary of the full-time district attorneys  
1776 shall be Seventy-nine Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Dollars  
1777 (\$79,830.00).

1778 (6) The annual salary of the full-time legal assistants  
1779 shall be not less than Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) nor  
1780 more than Sixty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$67,500.00),  
1781 as established by the district attorney.

1782 SECTION 18. Section 25-31-10, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1783 brought forward as follows:[JMR8]

1784 25-31-10. (1) Any district attorney may appoint a full-time  
1785 criminal investigator.

1786 (2) The district attorneys of the Third, Fifth, Ninth,  
1787 Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth and  
1788 Twentieth Circuit Court Districts may appoint one (1) additional

1789 full-time criminal investigator for a total of two (2) full-time  
1790 criminal investigators.

1791 (3) The district attorneys of the First, Second, Fourth and  
1792 Seventh and Nineteenth Circuit Court Districts may appoint two (2)  
1793 additional full-time criminal investigators for a total of three  
1794 (3) full-time criminal investigators.

1795 (4) No district attorney or assistant district attorney  
1796 shall accept any private employment, civil or criminal, in any  
1797 matter investigated by such criminal investigators.

1798 (5) The full and complete compensation for all public duties  
1799 rendered by said criminal investigators shall be not more than  
1800 Forty-five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00) per annum, to be  
1801 determined at the discretion of the district attorney based upon  
1802 the qualifications, education and experience of the criminal  
1803 investigator, plus necessary travel and other expenses, to be paid  
1804 in accordance with Section 25-31-8. However, the maximum salary  
1805 under this subsection for a criminal investigator who has a law  
1806 degree may be supplemented by the district attorney from other  
1807 available funds, but not to exceed the maximum salary for a legal  
1808 assistant to a district attorney.

1809 (6) Any criminal investigator may be designated by the  
1810 district attorney to attend the Law Enforcement Officers Training  
1811 Program set forth in Section 45-6-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of  
1812 1972. The total expenses associated with attendance by criminal  
1813 investigators at the Law Enforcement Officers Training Program  
1814 shall be paid out of the funds of the appropriate district  
1815 attorney.

1816 SECTION 19. The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi  
1817 shall submit Sections 1 through 15 of this act, immediately upon  
1818 approval by the Governor, or upon approval by the Legislature  
1819 subsequent to a veto, to the Attorney General of the United States  
1820 or to the United States District Court for the District of  
1821 Columbia in accordance with the provisions of the Voting Rights

1822 Act of 1965, as amended and extended.

1823 SECTION 20. Sections 1 through 10 of this act shall take  
1824 effect and be in force from and after October 1, 2000, if it is  
1825 effectuated on or before that date under Section 5 of the Voting  
1826 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended. If it is effectuated  
1827 under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and  
1828 extended, after October 1, 2000, this act shall take effect and be  
1829 in force from and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5  
1830 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.

1831 SECTION 21. Sections 11 through 15 and Section 17 of this  
1832 act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2000,  
1833 if it is effectuated on or before that date under Section 5 of the  
1834 Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended. If it is  
1835 effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as  
1836 amended and extended, after July 1, 2000, this act shall take  
1837 effect and be in force from and after the date it is effectuated  
1838 under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and  
1839 extended.

1840 SECTION 22. Sections 16 and 18 of this act shall take effect  
1841 and be in force from and after July 1, 2000.