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To: County Affairs

SENATE BILL NO. 2967

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 19-25-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO MANDATE NOT LESS THAN ONE SHERIFF'S DEPUTY PER SUPERVISOR'S
3 DISTRICT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 19-25-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:[CSQ1]

7 19-25-21. The minimum number of deputies having law
8 enforcement duties for each sheriff shall be * * * one (1) per
9 supervisor's district. This provision shall not be construed as
10 mandating any sort of residency requirement.

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12 In those counties comprised of two (2) judicial districts
13 having a total population of thirty-five thousand (35,000) or
14 more, there shall be not less than two (2) deputies in the
15 judicial district in which the sheriff does not reside, one (1) of
16 whom shall be the chief deputy in charge of the office, all of
17 whom shall be subject to the direction of the sheriff. In those
18 counties comprised of two (2) judicial districts having a total
19 population of less than thirty-five thousand (35,000), there shall
20 be at least one (1) deputy in the judicial district in which the
21 sheriff does not reside who shall be subject to the direction of
22 the sheriff.

23 Each deputy sheriff who shall have law enforcement duties
24 shall, at the expense of the county, attend and complete an
25 appropriate curriculum in the field of law enforcement at the
26 Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers' Academy within one (1) year

27 from the date of his appointment, excluding those who have
28 previously served as sheriff, or have had at least five (5) years'
29 experience as a full-time law enforcement officer, or have
30 previously successfully completed a course of training at the
31 Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers' Academy or at the Jackson
32 Police Academy. Any deputy sheriff exempted from attendance at
33 the initial course as herein provided because of previous service
34 as sheriff or having five (5) years' full-time law enforcement
35 experience must have served as sheriff or obtained such experience
36 within a period of ten (10) years prior to the date of his taking
37 the oath of office. Any deputy sheriff exempted from attendance
38 because of successful completion of a course of training at either
39 of the aforementioned academies must have completed such course
40 within five (5) years prior to the date of his taking the oath of
41 office. Each deputy sheriff shall thereafter, on a periodic and
42 continuing basis, attend additional advanced courses in law
43 enforcement at said Academy in order that each deputy sheriff will
44 be properly informed and trained in the modern, technical advances
45 in the field of law enforcement.

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