AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-3-45, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT COUNTY BOARD ATTORNEYS SHALL RECEIVE A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL MISSISSIPPI EDITION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE SUPREME COURT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 9-3-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

9-3-45. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to contract for the purchase of and to purchase not more than four hundred (400) copies of the official Mississippi edition of the decisions of the Supreme Court and advance sheets with headnotes, and it shall, when approved by the Chief Justice, certify, the account therefor to the Auditor of Public Accounts, who thereupon shall issue his warrant upon the State Treasury for the amounts so specified; and of these the Secretary of State shall deliver a copy to each circuit judge, each chancellor, each district attorney, each county attorney, each county board attorney, each county judge, each Supreme Court judge, the Attorney General and each assistant, and to all others heretofore or hereafter authorized by law to receive same, first having stamped thereon as follows: "Property of the State of Mississippi for the use of the _____ Judicial District," and his successors in office; and he shall place an appropriately similar stamp on each copy delivered to the other court officers mentioned in this section.

The contractor shall have exclusive sale of all reports published under this section, including the advance sheets with headnotes, but the contract shall provide that the permanent
volumes of the Mississippi Reports shall not sell, within the state, for a greater price than that approved by the Chief Justice. The contractor shall mail directly to each circuit judge, each chancellor, each district attorney, * * * each county attorney, and each county board attorney the advance sheets at the same time they are mailed out to other subscribers within the state.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2001.