

By: Representative Blackmon

To: Fees and Salaries of
Public Officers

HOUSE BILL NO. 555

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-7-61, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REQUIRE ALL JURORS WHO APPEAR FOR JURY DUTY TO BE PAID FULL
3 COMPENSATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 25-7-61, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 25-7-61. (1) Fees of jurors shall be payable as follows:

8 (a) Grand jurors and petit jurors in the chancery,
9 county, circuit and special eminent domain courts shall be paid an
10 amount to be set by the board of supervisors, not to be less than
11 Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) per day and not to be greater than
12 Forty Dollars (\$40.00) per day, plus mileage authorized in Section
13 25-3-41. In the trial of all cases where jurors are in charge of
14 bailiffs and are not permitted to separate, the sheriff with the
15 approval of the trial judge may pay for room and board of jurors
16 on panel for actual time of trial.

17 All grand jurors and petit jurors who appear shall
18 receive * * * compensation as established under this subsection.

19 (b) Jurors making inquisitions of idiocy, lunacy or of
20 unsound mind and jurors on coroner's inquest shall be paid Five
21 Dollars (\$5.00) per day plus mileage authorized in Section 25-3-41
22 by the county treasurer on order of the board of supervisors on
23 certificate of the clerk of the chancery court in which such
24 inquisition is held.

25 (c) Jurors in the justice courts shall be paid an
26 amount of not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per day and not more
27 than Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) per day, to be established by the



28 board of supervisors. In all criminal cases in the justice court
29 wherein the prosecution fails, the fees of jurors shall be paid by
30 the county treasurer on order of the board of supervisors on
31 certificate of the county attorney in all counties that have
32 county attorneys, otherwise by the justice court judge.

33 (2) Any juror may return the fees provided as compensation
34 for service as a juror to the county which paid for such person's
35 service as a juror. The fees returned to the county may be
36 earmarked for a particular purpose to be selected by the juror,
37 including:

38 (a) The local public library;

39 (b) Local law enforcement;

40 (c) The Mississippi Fire Fighters Memorial Burn Center
41 Fund created in Section 7-9-70; or

42 (d) Any other governmental agency.

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

