

By: Representatives Green, Pierce, Maples

To: Fees and Salaries of
Public Officers; County
Affairs

HOUSE BILL NO. 836

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 AND TO
 8 DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS MUST ADOPT A
 9 RESOLUTION IN ORDER FOR THEIR SALARY INCREASES TO TAKE EFFECT; TO
 10 AMEND SECTION 25-3-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE
 11 SALARIES OF SHERIFFS; TO AMEND SECTION 25-3-36, MISSISSIPPI CODE
 12 OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE SALARIES OF JUSTICE COURT JUDGES; TO
 13 AMEND SECTION 9-9-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE
 14 SALARIES OF CERTAIN COUNTY COURT JUDGES; TO AMEND SECTION
 15 41-61-59, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE SALARY
 16 ALLOWABLE TO CHIEF COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND CHIEF COUNTY
 17 MEDICAL EXAMINER INVESTIGATORS; TO AMEND SECTION 9-13-19,
 18 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE SALARIES OF COURT
 19 REPORTERS; TO AMEND SECTION 19-25-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
 20 INCREASE THE DAILY COMPENSATION AUTHORIZED FOR RIDING BAILIFFS; TO
 21 AMEND SECTION 23-15-225, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE
 22 SALARIES OF COUNTY REGISTRARS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

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



38 for the preceding taxable year in the following categories and for
39 the following amounts:

40 (a) For counties with a total assessed valuation of Two
41 Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00) or more, a salary
42 of Fifty-one Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-five Dollars
43 (\$51,895.00);

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

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

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

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

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

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

69 In addition to all other compensation paid to assessor-tax
70 collectors in counties having two (2) judicial districts, the



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

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

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



104 Evaluator (CAE) from the International Association of Assessing
105 Officers or is a state certified General Real Estate Appraiser
106 (GA) under Section 73-34-1 et seq., he shall receive an additional
107 Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500.00) annually beginning
108 the next fiscal year after completion.

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

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

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

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

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

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



136 (b) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
137 at least Two Hundred Million Dollars (\$200,000,000.00) but less
138 than Two Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00), a salary
139 of Fifty-three Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-four Dollars
140 \$53,594.00);

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

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

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

153 (f) For counties with a total assessed valuation of
154 less than Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00), a salary
155 of Thirty-nine Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-eight Dollars
156 (\$39,628.00).

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

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



169 additional Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00) per
170 year.

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

232 (d) For counties with a total population of more than
233 thirty-five thousand (35,000) and not more than fifty thousand



234 (50,000), a salary not to exceed Twenty-three Thousand Four
235 Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$23,460.00).

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

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

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

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

252 (i) For counties with a total population of six
253 thousand (6,000) or less, the board of supervisors, in its
254 discretion, may appoint a county prosecuting attorney, and it may
255 pay such county prosecuting attorney an annual salary not to
256 exceed Fourteen Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-five Dollars
257 (\$14,835.00).

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

264 * * * In addition to the salaries provided for in this
265 subsection, the board of supervisors of any county, in its
266 discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney an additional



267 amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the maximum allowable
268 salary prescribed in this subsection.

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

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

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



300 The salary authorized by this paragraph (b) for the county
301 prosecuting attorney shall be the sole and complete salary for
302 such prosecuting attorney in each county to which this paragraph
303 applies, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
304 contrary.

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

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

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

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

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



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

336 (h) In any Class 1 county bordering on the Mississippi
337 River, lying in whole or in part within a levee district, wherein
338 U.S. Highways 82 and 61 intersect, bounded by the Sunflower River
339 and Stales Bayou, the board of supervisors, in its discretion, may
340 pay an annual salary equal to the annual salary of members of the
341 board of supervisors in the county. In addition, such county
342 prosecuting attorney shall receive the sum of One Thousand Dollars
343 (\$1,000.00) per month for the purpose of defraying secretarial
344 expenses.

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



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

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

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

382 (m) In any county wherein Interstate Highway 55 and
383 State Highway 8 intersect, the salary of the county prosecuting
384 attorney shall be not less than Twelve Thousand Dollars
385 (\$12,000.00) per year.

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

390 (o) In any county bordering on the Alabama state line,
391 having a population of greater than fifteen thousand (15,000)
392 according to the 1970 federal decennial census, wherein U.S.
393 Highway 45 and Mississippi Highway 18 intersect, the salary of the
394 county prosecuting attorney shall be not less than Three Thousand
395 Six Hundred Dollars (\$3,600.00) nor greater than that of a member
396 of the board of supervisors of such county. All prior acts,



397 orders and resolutions of the board of supervisors of such county
398 which authorized the payment of the salary in conformity with the
399 provisions of this paragraph, whether or not heretofore
400 specifically authorized by law are hereby ratified, approved and
401 confirmed.

402 (p) In any county wherein is located a state-supported
403 institution of higher learning and wherein U.S. Highway 82 and
404 Mississippi Highway 389 intersect, the board of supervisors, in
405 its discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual
406 salary equal to the annual salary of members of the board of
407 supervisors in the county.

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

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

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

425 (t) (i) In any county wherein Interstate Highway 55
426 and State Highway 22 intersect, and which is also traversed in
427 whole or part by U.S. Highways 49 and 51, and State Highways 16,
428 17, 43 and the Natchez Trace Parkway, and also containing a part
429 of a public lake or reservoir, in excess of thirty thousand



430 (30,000) acres, the board of supervisors, in its discretion, may
431 pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual salary in the amount
432 of Twenty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$28,000.00).

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

438 (u) In any county having a population in the 1970
439 census in excess of thirty-five thousand (35,000) and in which
440 U.S. Highways 49W and 82 intersect, and in which is located a
441 state penitentiary, the annual salary of a county prosecuting
442 attorney shall be Thirty Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Dollars
443 (\$30,420.00).

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

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

458 (x) In any county bordering on the Mississippi River
459 having a population greater than fifty thousand (50,000) according
460 to the 1980 federal decennial census and also having a national
461 military park and national cemetery, an annual salary of
462 Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) or a salary equal to



463 that of a member of the board of supervisors in such county,
464 whichever is greater. In addition, such county prosecuting
465 attorney shall receive the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)
466 per month for the purpose of defraying secretarial expenses.

467 (y) In any county bordering on the Alabama state line,
468 traversed by the Chickasawhay River, and wherein U.S. Highway 45
469 and U.S. Highway 84 intersect, a salary that shall be equal to the
470 annual salary of a member of the board of supervisors of such
471 county. All prior acts, orders and resolutions of the board of
472 supervisors of such county which authorize the payment of the
473 salary of the county prosecuting attorney in conformity with the
474 provisions of this section as it existed immediately prior to the
475 effective date of Chapter 506, Laws of 1985, are hereby ratified,
476 approved, confirmed and validated.

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

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

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



495 attorney an annual salary equal to the annual salary of members of
496 the board of supervisors in the county.

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

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

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

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

524 (gg) In any county having a population greater than
525 thirteen thousand three hundred (13,300) but less than thirteen
526 thousand four hundred (13,400) according to the 1990 federal
527 census, and in which Mississippi Highway 24 and Mississippi



528 Highway 48 intersect, the board of supervisors may, in its
529 discretion, pay the county prosecuting attorney an additional
530 amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the maximum allowable
531 salary for that attorney under subsection (1).

532 (hh) In any county having a population greater than
533 eight thousand three hundred (8,300) but less than eight thousand
534 four hundred (8,400) according to the 1990 federal census, and in
535 which U.S. Highway 84 and U.S. Highway 98 intersect, the board of
536 supervisors may, in its discretion, pay the county prosecuting
537 attorney an additional amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of
538 the maximum allowable salary for that attorney under subsection
539 (1).

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

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

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



561 ten percent (10%) of the maximum allowable salary for that
562 attorney under subsection (1).

563 (ll) In any county having a population greater than
564 thirty thousand two hundred (30,200) but less than thirty thousand
565 three hundred (30,300) according to the 1990 federal census, and
566 in which U.S. Interstate 55 and Mississippi Highway 84 intersect,
567 the board of supervisors may, in its discretion, pay the county
568 prosecuting attorney an additional amount not to exceed ten
569 percent (10%) of the maximum allowable salary for that attorney
570 under subsection (1).

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

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

589 (oo) In any county having a population greater than
590 thirty-seven thousand (37,000) but less than thirty-eight thousand
591 (38,000) according to the 1990 federal census, in which is located
592 a state supported institution of higher learning, and in which
593 U.S. Highway 82 and Mississippi Highway 7 intersect, the board of



594 supervisors may, in its discretion, pay the county prosecuting
595 attorney a salary in an amount not to exceed the amount of the
596 salary of the District Attorney for the Fourth Judicial District
597 of Mississippi.

598 (pp) In any county in which U.S. Highway 78 and
599 Mississippi Highway 15 intersect and which is traversed by the
600 Tallahatchie River, a salary equal to that of members of the board
601 of supervisors of the county, which salary shall be in addition to
602 any sums received for the purpose of defraying office or
603 secretarial expenses and sums received as youth court prosecutor
604 fees.

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

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

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

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

625 (3) In any case where a salary, expense allowance or other
626 sum is authorized or paid by the board of supervisors pursuant to



627 this section, that salary, expense allowance or other sum shall
628 not be reduced or terminated during the term for which the county
629 attorney was elected.

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

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

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

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

642 (b) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
643 at least Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00), but less than
644 Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00), a salary of
645 Twenty-seven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-eight Dollars
646 (\$27,758.00);

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

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

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



659 (f) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
660 at least Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00), but less
661 than One Hundred Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$125,000,000.00), a
662 salary of Thirty-three Thousand Three Hundred Forty-four Dollars
663 (\$33,344.00);

664 (g) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
665 One Hundred Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$125,000,000.00), but
666 less than Three Hundred Million Dollars (\$300,000,000.00), a
667 salary of Thirty-eight Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-one Dollars
668 (\$38,581.00);

669 (h) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
670 Three Hundred Million Dollars (\$300,000,000.00) or more, a salary
671 of Forty-two Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-five Dollars
672 (\$42,945.00).

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

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

679 From and after October 1, 1998, the annual salary for each
680 sheriff shall be based upon the total population of his county
681 according to the latest federal decennial census in the following
682 categories and for the following amounts; however, no sheriff
683 shall be paid less than the salary authorized under this section
684 to be paid the sheriff based upon the population of the county
685 according to the 1980 federal decennial census, and the salary of
686 a sheriff may not be reduced during his term of office due to a
687 population decrease based upon the 1990 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 (l) 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 a justice court judge's salary
900 shall be determined 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.

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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 19-25-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1386 amended as follows:

1387 19-25-31. Each judge of a circuit, chancery or county court,
1388 or a court of eminent domain * * *, in the judge's discretion, by
1389 order entered on the minutes of the court, may allow the sheriff
1390 riding bailiffs to serve in the respective court of such judge,
1391 not to exceed four (4) bailiffs. Any such person so employed
1392 shall be paid by the county on allowances of the court on issuance
1393 of a warrant therefor in an amount of Seventy Dollars (\$70.00) for
1394 each day, or part thereof, for which he serves as bailiff when the
1395 court is in session. No full-time deputy sheriff shall be paid as
1396 a riding bailiff of any court. County court judges shall be
1397 limited to one (1) bailiff per each court day.

1398 SECTION 11. Section 23-15-225, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1399 amended as follows:

1400 23-15-225. (1) The registrar shall be entitled to such
1401 compensation, payable monthly out of the county treasury, which
1402 the board of supervisors of the county shall allow on an annual
1403 basis in the following amounts:

1404 (a) For counties with a total population of more than
1405 two hundred thousand (200,000), an amount not to exceed
1406 Thirty-four Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-five Dollars
1407 (\$34,385.00) but not less than Ten Thousand Five Hundred Eighty
1408 Dollars (\$10,580.00).



1409 (b) For counties with a total population of more than
1410 one hundred thousand (100,000) and not more than two hundred
1411 thousand (200,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-nine Thousand
1412 Ninety-five Dollars (\$25,095.00), but not less than Ten Thousand
1413 Five Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$10,580.000).

1414 (c) For counties with a total population of more than
1415 fifty thousand (50,000) and not more than one hundred thousand
1416 (100,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-six Thousand Four
1417 Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$26,450.00), but not less than Ten Thousand
1418 Five Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$10,580.00).

1419 (d) For counties with a total population of more than
1420 thirty-five thousand (35,000) and not more than fifty thousand
1421 (50,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-three Thousand Eight
1422 Hundred Five Dollars (\$23,805.00), but not less than Ten Thousand
1423 Five Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$10,580.00).

1424 (e) For counties with a total population of more than
1425 twenty-five thousand (25,000) and not more than thirty-five
1426 thousand (35,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-one Thousand One
1427 Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$21,160.00), but not less than Ten Thousand
1428 Five Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$10,580.00).

1429 (f) For counties with a total population of more than
1430 fifteen thousand (15,000) and not more than twenty-five thousand
1431 (25,000), an amount not to exceed Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred
1432 Fifteen Dollars (\$18,515.00), but not less than Ten Thousand Five
1433 Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$10,580.00).

1434 (g) For counties with a total population of more than
1435 ten thousand (10,000) and not more than fifteen thousand (15,000),
1436 an amount not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy
1437 Dollars (\$15,870.00), but not less than Nine Thousand Two Hundred
1438 Fifty-eight Dollars (\$9,258.00).

1439 (h) For counties with a total population of more than
1440 six thousand (6,000) and not more than ten thousand (10,000), an
1441 amount not to exceed Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-five



1442 Dollars (\$13,225.00), but not less than Nine Thousand Two Hundred
1443 Fifty-eight Dollars (\$9,258.00).

1444 (i) For counties with a total population of not more
1445 than six thousand (6,000), an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand
1446 Five Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$10,580.00), but not less than Seven
1447 Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-four Dollars (\$7,274.00).

1448 (j) For counties having two (2) judicial districts, the
1449 board of supervisors of the county may allow, in addition to the
1450 sums prescribed herein, in its discretion, an amount not to exceed
1451 Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$13,225.00).

1452 (2) In the event of a reregistration within such county, or
1453 a redistricting which necessitates the hiring of additional deputy
1454 registrars, the board of supervisors may by contract compensate
1455 the county registrar amounts in addition to the sums prescribed in
1456 this section, in its discretion.

1457 (3) As compensation for their services in assisting the
1458 county election commissioners in performance of their duties in
1459 the revision of the registration books and the pollbooks of the
1460 several voting precincts of the several counties and in assisting
1461 the election commissioners, executive committees or boards of
1462 supervisors in connection with any election, the registrar shall
1463 receive the same daily per diem and limitation on meeting days as
1464 provided for the board of election commissioners as set out in
1465 Sections 23-15-153 and 23-15-227 to be paid from the general fund
1466 of the county.

1467 (4) In any case where an amount has been allowed by the
1468 board of supervisors pursuant to this section, such amount shall
1469 not be reduced or terminated during the term for which the
1470 registrar was elected.

1471 (5) The circuit clerk shall, in addition to any other
1472 compensation provided for by law, be entitled to receive as
1473 compensation from the board of supervisors the amount of Two
1474 Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) per year. This payment shall be for



1475 the performance of his duties in regard to the conduct of
1476 elections and the performance of his other duties.

1477 (6) The municipal clerk shall, in addition to any other
1478 compensation for performance of duties, be eligible to receive as
1479 compensation from the municipality's governing authorities a
1480 reasonable amount of additional compensation for reimbursement of
1481 costs and for additional duties associated with mail-in
1482 registration of voters.

1483 (7) The board of supervisors shall not allow any additional
1484 compensation authorized under this section for services as county
1485 registrar to any circuit clerk who is receiving fees as
1486 compensation for his services equal to the limitation on
1487 compensation prescribed in Section 9-1-43.

1488 SECTION 12. The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
1489 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
1490 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the
1491 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
1492 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
1493 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
1494 extended.

1495 SECTION 13. This act shall take effect and be in force from
1496 and after October 1, 2001, if it is effectuated on or before that
1497 date under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended
1498 and extended. If it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting
1499 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended, after October 1,
1500 2001, this act shall take effect and be in force from and after
1501 the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting Rights
1502 Act of 1965, as amended and extended.

