MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

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By: Representative Holland

To: Fees and Salaries of Public Officers

HOUSE BILL NO. 1040

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-61-75, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S FEE FOR PATHOLOGIST PERFORMING 2 AUTOPSIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: 4 5 SECTION 1. Section 41-61-75, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows: 6 7 41-61-75. (1) For each investigation with the preparation 8 and submission of the required reports, the following fees shall

9 be billed to and paid by the county for which the service is 10 provided:

(a) A medical examiner or his deputy shall receive 11 12 Eighty-five Dollars (\$85.00) for each completed report of investigation of death, plus the examiner's actual expenses. 13

(b) The pathologist performing autopsies as provided in 14 Section 41-61-65 shall receive Six Hundred Ninety-five Dollars 15 16 (\$695.00) per completed autopsy, plus mileage expenses to and from 17 the site of the autopsy.

18 (2) Any medical examiner, physician or pathologist who is 19 subpoenaed for appearance and testimony before a grand jury, 20 courtroom trial or deposition shall be entitled to an expert 21 witness hourly fee to be set by the court and mileage expenses to and from the site of the testimony, and such amount shall be paid 22 23 by the jurisdiction or party issuing the subpoena.

SECTION 2. The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi 24 25 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor, or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the 26 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States 27 *HR40/R1585*

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28 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the 29 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and

30 extended.

31 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from 32 and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting 33 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.