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To: Fees, Salaries and  
Administration

SENATE BILL NO. 2651

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; TO AMEND  
 8 SECTION 25-3-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE  
 9 SALARIES OF SHERIFFS; TO AMEND SECTION 25-3-36, MISSISSIPPI CODE  
 10 OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE SALARIES OF JUSTICE COURT JUDGES; TO  
 11 AMEND SECTION 9-9-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE  
 12 SALARIES OF CERTAIN COUNTY COURT JUDGES; TO AMEND SECTION  
 13 41-61-59, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE SALARY  
 14 ALLOWABLE TO CHIEF COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND CHIEF COUNTY  
 15 MEDICAL EXAMINER INVESTIGATORS; TO AMEND SECTION 9-13-19,  
 16 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE SALARIES OF COURT  
 17 REPORTERS; TO AMEND SECTION 19-25-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
 18 INCREASE THE DAILY COMPENSATION AUTHORIZED FOR RIDING BAILIFFS; TO  
 19 AMEND SECTION 23-15-225, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE  
 20 SALARIES OF COUNTY REGISTRARS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

24 25-3-3. The term "total assessed valuation" as used in this  
 25 section only refers to the ad valorem assessment for the county  
 26 and, in addition, in counties where oil or gas is produced, the  
 27 actual value of oil at the point of production, as certified to  
 28 the counties by the State Tax Commission under the provisions of  
 29 Sections 27-25-501 through 27-25-525, and the actual value of gas  
 30 as certified by the State Tax Commission under the provisions of  
 31 Sections 27-25-701 through 27-25-723.

32 The salary of assessors of the various counties is \* \* \*  
 33 fixed as full compensation for their services as county assessors  
 34 and tax collectors. The annual salary of each assessor shall be

35 based upon the total assessed valuation of his respective county  
36 for the preceding taxable year in the following categories and for  
37 the following amounts:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

100 beginning the next fiscal year after completion. When any tax  
101 assessor holds the valid designation of Certified Assessment  
102 Evaluator (CAE) from the International Association of Assessing  
103 Officers or is a state certified General Real Estate Appraiser  
104 (GA) under Section 73-34-1 et seq., he shall receive an additional  
105 Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500.00) annually beginning  
106 the next fiscal year after completion.

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

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

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

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

126 25-3-5. In any county where the office of tax collector has  
127 been separated from the office of tax assessor, the annual salary  
128 of the assessor or tax collector shall be based upon the assessed  
129 valuation of his respective county for the preceding taxable year  
130 in the following categories and for the following amounts:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

159 In addition to all other compensation paid to assessors or  
160 tax collectors, in counties having two (2) judicial districts, the  
161 board of supervisors shall allow that \* \* \* assessor or tax  
162 collector be paid an additional Three Thousand Five Hundred  
163 Dollars (\$3,500.00) per year. In addition to all other

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

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

197 (GA) under Section 73-34-1 et seq., he shall receive an additional  
198 Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500.00) annually beginning  
199 the next fiscal year after completion.

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

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

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

215 25-3-9. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3)  
216 of this section, the county prosecuting attorney may receive for  
217 his services an annual salary to be paid by the board of  
218 supervisors as follows:

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

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

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

230 (d) For counties with a total population of more than  
231 thirty-five thousand (35,000) and not more than fifty thousand  
232 (50,000), a salary not to exceed Twenty-three Thousand Four  
233 Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$23,460.00).

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

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

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

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

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

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

262           \* \* \* In addition to the salaries provided for in this  
263 subsection, the board of supervisors of any county, in its  
264 discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney an additional  
265 amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the maximum allowable  
266 salary prescribed in this subsection.

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

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

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

295 the county court judge and the youth court judge of Forrest County  
296 as authorized by law and provide a reasonable office and  
297 reasonable office expenses to the county prosecuting attorney.  
298 The salary authorized by this paragraph (b) for the county  
299 prosecuting attorney shall be the sole and complete salary for  
300 such prosecuting attorney in each county to which this paragraph  
301 applies, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
302 contrary.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

360 each county to which this paragraph applies, notwithstanding any  
361 other provision of law to the contrary.

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

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

375 (l) In any Class 2 county wherein Mississippi Highways  
376 6 and 3 intersect, the salary of the county prosecuting attorney  
377 shall be not less than Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) per  
378 year nor more than the amount of the annual salary received by a  
379 member of the board of supervisors of that county.

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

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

388 (o) In any county bordering on the Alabama state line,  
389 having a population of greater than fifteen thousand (15,000)  
390 according to the 1970 federal decennial census, wherein U.S.  
391 Highway 45 and Mississippi Highway 18 intersect, the salary of the  
392 county prosecuting attorney shall be not less than Three Thousand

393 Six Hundred Dollars (\$3,600.00) nor greater than that of a member  
394 of the board of supervisors of such county. All prior acts,  
395 orders and resolutions of the board of supervisors of such county  
396 which authorized the payment of the salary in conformity with the  
397 provisions of this paragraph, whether or not heretofore  
398 specifically authorized by law are hereby ratified, approved and  
399 confirmed.

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

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

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

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

423 (t) (i) In any county wherein Interstate Highway 55  
424 and State Highway 22 intersect, and which is also traversed in  
425 whole or part by U.S. Highways 49 and 51, and State Highways 16,

426 17, 43 and the Natchez Trace Parkway, and also containing a part  
427 of a public lake or reservoir, in excess of thirty thousand  
428 (30,000) acres, the board of supervisors, in its discretion, may  
429 pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual salary in the amount  
430 of Twenty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$28,000.00).

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

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

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

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

456 (x) In any county bordering on the Mississippi River  
457 having a population greater than fifty thousand (50,000) according  
458 to the 1980 federal decennial census and also having a national

459 military park and national cemetery, an annual salary of  
460 Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) or a salary equal to  
461 that of a member of the board of supervisors in such county,  
462 whichever is greater. In addition, such county prosecuting  
463 attorney shall receive the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)  
464 per month for the purpose of defraying secretarial expenses.

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

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

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

489 (bb) In any county having a population greater than six  
490 thousand (6,000) according to the federal decennial census and  
491 wherein U.S. Highway 61 and Highway 24 intersect, the board of

492 supervisors, in its discretion, may pay the county prosecuting  
493 attorney an annual salary equal to the annual salary of members of  
494 the board of supervisors in the county.

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

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

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

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

522 (gg) In any county having a population greater than  
523 thirteen thousand three hundred (13,300) but less than thirteen  
524 thousand four hundred (13,400) according to the 1990 federal

525 census, and in which Mississippi Highway 24 and Mississippi  
526 Highway 48 intersect, the board of supervisors may, in its  
527 discretion, pay the county prosecuting attorney an additional  
528 amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the maximum allowable  
529 salary for that attorney under subsection (1).

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

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

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

553 (kk) In any county having a population greater than  
554 twelve thousand four hundred (12,400) but less than twelve  
555 thousand five hundred (12,500) according to the 1990 federal  
556 census, and in which U.S. Highway 84 and Mississippi Highway 27  
557 intersect, the board of supervisors may, in its discretion, pay

558 the county prosecuting attorney an additional amount not to exceed  
559 ten percent (10%) of the maximum allowable salary for that  
560 attorney under subsection (1).

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

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

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

587 (oo) In any county having a population greater than  
588 thirty-seven thousand (37,000) but less than thirty-eight thousand  
589 (38,000) according to the 1990 federal census, in which is located  
590 a state supported institution of higher learning, and in which

591 U.S. Highway 82 and Mississippi Highway 7 intersect, the board of  
592 supervisors may, in its discretion, pay the county prosecuting  
593 attorney a salary in an amount not to exceed the amount of the  
594 salary of the District Attorney for the Fourth Judicial District  
595 of Mississippi.

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

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

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

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

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

623           (3) In any case where a salary, expense allowance or other  
624 sum is authorized or paid by the board of supervisors pursuant to  
625 this section, that salary, expense allowance or other sum shall  
626 not be reduced or terminated during the term for which the county  
627 attorney was elected.

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

630           25-3-13. The salaries of the members of the boards of  
631 supervisors of the various counties are \* \* \* fixed as full  
632 compensation for their services.

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

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

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

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

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

653           (e) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
654 at least Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00), but less than

655 Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00), a salary of  
656 Thirty-two Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-six Dollars (\$32,296.00);

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

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

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

671 The salary of the members of the board of supervisors shall  
672 not be increased under this section until the board of supervisors  
673 shall have passed a resolution stating the amount of the increase  
674 and spread it on its minutes.

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

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

680 From and after October 1, 1998, the annual salary for each  
681 sheriff shall be based upon the total population of his county  
682 according to the latest federal decennial census in the following  
683 categories and for the following amounts; however, no sheriff  
684 shall be paid less than the salary authorized under this section  
685 to be paid the sheriff based upon the population of the county  
686 according to the 1980 federal decennial census:

687 (a) For counties with a total population of more than  
688 two hundred thousand (200,000), a salary of Eighty-six Thousand  
689 Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$86,250.00).

690 (b) For counties with a total population of more than  
691 one hundred thousand (100,000) and not more than two hundred  
692 thousand (200,000), a salary of Eighty Thousand Five Hundred  
693 Dollars (\$80,500.00).

694 (c) For counties with a total population of more than  
695 forty-five thousand (45,000) and not more than one hundred  
696 thousand (100,000), a salary of Seventy-four Thousand Seven  
697 Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$74,750.00).

698 (d) For counties with a total population of more than  
699 thirty-four thousand (34,000) and not more than forty-five  
700 thousand (45,000), a salary of Sixty-nine Thousand Dollars  
701 (\$69,000.00).

702 (e) For counties with a total population of more than  
703 twenty-five thousand (25,000) and not more than thirty-four  
704 thousand (34,000), a salary of Fifty-nine Thousand Eight Hundred  
705 Dollars (\$59,800.00).

706 (f) For counties with a total population of more than  
707 fifteen thousand (15,000) and not more than twenty-five thousand  
708 (25,000), a salary of Fifty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars  
709 (\$57,500.00).

710 (g) For counties with a total population of more than  
711 nine thousand five hundred (9,500) and not more than fifteen  
712 thousand (15,000), a salary of Fifty-four Thousand Fifty Dollars  
713 (\$54,050.00).

714 (h) For counties with a total population of more than  
715 seven thousand five hundred (7,500) and not more than nine  
716 thousand five hundred (9,500), a salary of Fifty-one Thousand  
717 Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$51,750.00).

718 (i) For counties with a total population of not more  
719 than seven thousand five hundred (7,500), a salary of Forty-eight  
720 Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$48,300.00).

721 (2) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)  
722 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Leflore County \* \* \*,  
723 in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of  
724 the county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars  
725 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual  
726 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such  
727 county for the following reasons:

728 (a) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates  
729 and maintains a restitution center within the county;

730 (b) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates  
731 and maintains a community work center within the county;

732 (c) There is a resident circuit court judge in the  
733 county whose office is located at the Leflore County Courthouse;

734 (d) There is a resident chancery court judge in the  
735 county whose office is located at the Leflore County Courthouse;

736 (e) The Magistrate for the Fourth Circuit Court  
737 District is located in the county and maintains his office at the  
738 Leflore County Courthouse;

739 (f) The Region VI Mental Health-Mental Retardation  
740 Center, which serves a multicounty area, calls upon the sheriff to  
741 provide security for out-of-town mental patients, as well as  
742 patients from within the county;

743 (g) The increased activity of the Child Support  
744 Division of the Department of Human Services in enforcing in the  
745 courts parental obligations has imposed additional duties on the  
746 sheriff; and

747 (h) The dispatchers of the enhanced E-911 system in  
748 place in Leflore County has been placed under the direction and  
749 control of the sheriff.

750           (3) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)  
751 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Rankin County \* \* \*,  
752 in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of  
753 the county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars  
754 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual  
755 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such  
756 county for the following reasons:

757           (a) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates  
758 and maintains the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility within  
759 the county;

760           (b) The State Hospital is operated and maintained  
761 within the county at Whitfield;

762           (c) Hudspeth Regional Center, a facility maintained for  
763 the care and treatment of the mentally retarded, is located within  
764 the county;

765           (d) The Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Training  
766 Academy is operated and maintained within the county;

767           (e) The State Fire Academy is operated and maintained  
768 within the county;

769           (f) The Pearl River Valley Water Supply District,  
770 ordinarily known as the "Reservoir District," is located within  
771 the county;

772           (g) The Jackson International Airport is located within  
773 the county;

774           (h) The patrolling of the state properties located  
775 within the county has imposed additional duties on the sheriff;  
776 and

777           (i) The sheriff, in addition to providing security to  
778 the nearly one hundred thousand (100,000) residents of the county,  
779 has the duty to investigate, solve and assist in the prosecution  
780 of any misdemeanor or felony committed upon any state property  
781 located in Rankin County.

782           (4) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)  
783 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County shall  
784 pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county an amount  
785 equal to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

786           (5) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)  
787 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Tunica County \* \* \*,  
788 in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of  
789 the county an amount equal to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00),  
790 payable beginning April 1, 1997.

791           (6) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)  
792 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Hinds County shall  
793 pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county in an amount  
794 equal to Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00). The Legislature  
795 finds and declares that the annual supplement authorized by this  
796 subsection is justified in such county for the following reasons:

797                   (a) Hinds County has the greatest population of any  
798 county, two hundred fifty-four thousand four hundred forty-one  
799 (254,441) by the 1990 census, being almost one hundred thousand  
800 (100,000) more than the next most populous county;

801                   (b) Hinds County is home to the state capitol and the  
802 seat of all state government offices;

803                   (c) Hinds County is the third largest county in  
804 geographic area, containing eight hundred seventy-five (875)  
805 square miles;

806                   (d) Hinds County is comprised of two (2) judicial  
807 districts, each having a courthouse and county office buildings;

808                   (e) There are four (4) resident circuit judges, four  
809 (4) resident chancery judges, and three (3) resident county judges  
810 in Hinds County, the most of any county, with the sheriff acting  
811 as chief executive officer and provider of bailiff services for  
812 all;

813                   (f) The main offices for the clerk and most of the  
814 judges and magistrates for the United States District Court for

815 the Southern District of Mississippi are located within the  
816 county;

817 (g) The state's only urban university, Jackson State  
818 University, is located within the county;

819 (h) The University of Mississippi Medical Center,  
820 combining the medical school, dental school, nursing school and  
821 hospital, is located within the county;

822 (i) Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium, the state's  
823 largest sports arena, is located within the county;

824 (j) The Mississippi State Fairgrounds, including the  
825 Coliseum and Trade Mart, are located within the county;

826 (k) Hinds County has the largest criminal population in  
827 the state, such that the Hinds County Sheriff's Department  
828 operates the largest county jail system in the state, housing  
829 almost one thousand (1,000) inmates in three (3) separate  
830 detention facilities;

831 (l) The Hinds County Sheriff's Department handles more  
832 mental and drug and alcohol commitments cases than any other  
833 sheriff's department in the state;

834 (m) The Mississippi Department of Corrections maintains  
835 a restitution center within the county;

836 (n) The Mississippi Department of Corrections regularly  
837 houses as many as one hundred (100) state convicts within the  
838 Hinds County jail system; and

839 (o) The Hinds County Sheriff's Department is regularly  
840 asked to provide security services not only at the Fairgrounds and  
841 Memorial Stadium, but also for events at the Mississippi Museum of  
842 Art and Jackson City Auditorium.

843 (7) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)  
844 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Wilkinson County, in  
845 its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the  
846 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars  
847 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual

848 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such  
849 county because the Mississippi Department of Corrections contracts  
850 for the private incarceration of state inmates at a private  
851 correctional facility within the county.

852 (8) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)  
853 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Marshall County, in  
854 its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the  
855 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars  
856 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual  
857 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such  
858 county because the Mississippi Department of Corrections contracts  
859 for the private incarceration of state inmates at a private  
860 correctional facility within the county.

861 (9) In addition to the salary provided in subsection (1) of  
862 this section, the Board of Supervisors of Greene County, in its  
863 discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the  
864 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars  
865 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual  
866 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such  
867 county for the following reasons:

868 (a) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates  
869 and maintains the South Mississippi Correctional Facility within  
870 the county;

871 (b) In 1996, additional facilities to house another one  
872 thousand four hundred sixteen (1,416) male offenders were  
873 constructed at the South Mississippi Correctional Facility within  
874 the county; and

875 (c) The patrolling of the state properties located  
876 within the county has imposed additional duties on the sheriff  
877 justifying additional compensation.

878 (10) The salaries \* \* \* provided in this section shall be  
879 payable monthly on the first day of each calendar month by  
880 chancery clerk's warrant drawn on the general fund of the county;

881 however, the board of supervisors, by resolution duly adopted and  
882 entered on its minutes, may provide that such salaries shall be  
883 paid semimonthly on the first and fifteenth day of each month. If  
884 a pay date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, salary payments  
885 shall be made on the workday immediately preceding the weekend or  
886 legal holiday.

887 SECTION 6. Section 25-3-36, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
888 amended as follows:

889 25-3-36. (1) From and after October 1, 1998, every justice  
890 court judge shall receive as full compensation for his or her  
891 services and in lieu of any and all other fees, costs or  
892 compensation heretofore authorized for such justice court judge,  
893 an annual salary based upon the population of his or her county  
894 according to the 1990 federal decennial census; however, no  
895 justice court judge shall be paid less than the salary authorized  
896 under this section to be paid the justice court judge based upon  
897 the population of the county according to the 1980 federal  
898 decennial census. The amount of which salary shall be determined  
899 as follows:

900 (a) In counties with a population of more than two  
901 hundred thousand (200,000), a salary of Fifty-three Thousand Two  
902 Hundred Forty-four Dollars (\$53,244.00).

903 (b) In counties with a population of more than one  
904 hundred fifty thousand (150,000) but not more than two hundred  
905 thousand (200,000), a salary of Forty-eight Thousand Eight Hundred  
906 Eighty Dollars (\$48,880.00).

907 (c) In counties with a population of more than  
908 seventy-five thousand (75,000) but not more than one hundred fifty  
909 thousand (150,000), a salary of Forty-four Thousand Five Hundred  
910 Sixteen Dollars (\$44,516.00).

911 (d) In counties with a population of more than  
912 forty-nine thousand (49,000) but not more than seventy-five

913 thousand (75,000), a salary of Thirty-eight Thousand Four Hundred  
914 Six Dollars (\$38,406.00).

915 (e) In counties with a population of more than  
916 thirty-four thousand (34,000) but not more than forty-nine  
917 thousand (49,000), a salary of Thirty-three Thousand One Hundred  
918 Sixty-nine Dollars (\$33,169.00).

919 (f) In counties with a population of more than  
920 twenty-four thousand five hundred (24,500) but not more than  
921 thirty-four thousand (34,000), a salary of Thirty-one Thousand  
922 Four Hundred Twenty-three Dollars (\$31,423.00).

923 (g) In counties with a population of more than  
924 twenty-one thousand (21,000) but not more than twenty-four  
925 thousand five hundred (24,500), a salary of Twenty-seven Thousand  
926 Nine Hundred Thirty-two Dollars (\$27,932.00).

927 (h) In counties with a population of more than sixteen  
928 thousand five hundred (16,500) but not more than twenty-one  
929 thousand (21,000), a salary of Twenty-four Thousand Four Hundred  
930 Forty Dollars (\$24,440.00).

931 (i) In counties with a population of more than twelve  
932 thousand (12,000) but not more than sixteen thousand five hundred  
933 (16,500), a salary of Twenty Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-nine  
934 Dollars (\$20,949.00).

935 (j) In counties with a population of more than eight  
936 thousand (8,000) but not more than twelve thousand (12,000), a  
937 salary of Seventeen Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars  
938 (\$17,250.00).

939 (k) In counties with a population of eight thousand  
940 (8,000) or less, a salary of Thirteen Thousand Eight Hundred  
941 Dollars (\$13,800.00).

942 The board of supervisors of any county having two (2)  
943 judicial districts and two (2) justice court judges for the county  
944 shall pay each justice court judge an amount equal to that \* \* \*  
945 provided in this subsection for judges in the next higher

946 population category per year, if the justice court judge maintains  
947 regular office hours and is personally present in the office they  
948 maintain for at least thirty (30) hours per week. In any county  
949 having a population greater than eight thousand (8,000) but less  
950 than eight thousand five hundred (8,500) according to the 1990  
951 federal decennial census and in which U.S. Highway 61 and  
952 Mississippi Highway 4 intersect, the board of supervisors \* \* \*,  
953 in its discretion, may pay such justice court judges an additional  
954 amount not to exceed the sum of Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Fifty  
955 Dollars (\$11,550.00) per year, payable beginning April 1, 1997.  
956 In any county having a population greater than ten thousand  
957 (10,000) but less than ten thousand five hundred (10,500)  
958 according to the 1990 federal decennial census and in which  
959 Mississippi Highway 3 and Mississippi Highway 6 intersect, the  
960 board of supervisors \* \* \*, in its discretion, may pay such  
961 justice court judges an additional amount not to exceed One  
962 Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,450.00) per year, payable  
963 beginning April 1, 1997. In any county having a population  
964 greater than twenty-four thousand seven hundred (24,700) and less  
965 than twenty-four thousand nine hundred (24,900), according to the  
966 1990 federal census, wherein Mississippi Highways 15 and 16  
967 intersect, the board of supervisors shall pay such justice court  
968 judge an additional amount equal to Two Thousand Five Hundred  
969 Dollars (\$2,500.00) per year.

970 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this  
971 section, in the event that the number of justice court judges  
972 authorized pursuant to Section 9-11-2(1) is exceeded pursuant to  
973 the provisions of Section 9-11-2(4), the aggregate of the salaries  
974 paid to the justice court judges of such a county shall not exceed  
975 the amount sufficient to pay the number of justice court judges  
976 authorized pursuant to Section 9-11-2(1), and such amount shall be  
977 equally divided among those justice court judges continuing to  
978 hold office under the provisions of Section 9-11-2(4).

979           (3) From and after January 1, 1984, all fees, costs, fines  
980 and penalties charged and collected in the justice court shall be  
981 paid to the clerk of the justice court for deposit, along with  
982 monies from cash bonds and other monies which have been forfeited  
983 in criminal cases, into the general fund of the county as provided  
984 in Section 9-11-19; and the clerk of the board of supervisors  
985 shall be authorized and empowered, upon approval by the board of  
986 supervisors, to make disbursements and withdrawals from the  
987 general fund of the county in order to pay any reasonable and  
988 necessary expenses incurred in complying with this section,  
989 including payment of the salaries of justice court judges as  
990 provided by subsection (1) of this section. The provisions of  
991 this subsection shall not, except as to cash bonds and other  
992 monies which have been forfeited in criminal cases, apply to  
993 monies required to be deposited in the justice court clerk  
994 clearing account as provided in Section 9-11-18, Mississippi Code  
995 of 1972.

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 that 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 said 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 said 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.

1202 \* \* \*

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 may, in the judge's discretion, by  
1389 order entered on the minutes of the court, 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 (\$10,580.00).

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.