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To: Fees, Salaries and Administration

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 2672

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 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
10 CLAIBORNE COUNTY TO PAY AN ANNUAL SUPPLEMENT TO THE SHERIFF OF
11 CLAIBORNE COUNTY; TO AMEND SECTION 25-3-36, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
12 1972, TO INCREASE THE SALARIES OF JUSTICE COURT JUDGES; TO AMEND
13 SECTION 9-9-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE SALARIES
14 OF CERTAIN COUNTY COURT JUDGES; TO AMEND SECTION 41-61-59,
15 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE SALARY ALLOWABLE TO
16 CHIEF COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND CHIEF COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER
17 INVESTIGATORS; TO AMEND SECTION 9-13-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
18 TO INCREASE THE SALARIES OF COURT REPORTERS; TO AMEND SECTION
19 19-25-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE DAILY
20 COMPENSATION AUTHORIZED FOR RIDING BAILIFFS; TO AMEND SECTION
21 23-15-225, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE SALARIES OF
22 COUNTY REGISTRARS; TO AMEND SECTION 17-15-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
23 1972, TO ALLOW THE MEMBERS OF LOCAL HUMAN RESOURCE BOARDS TO
24 RECEIVE PER DIEM AND EXPENSES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

36 The salary of assessors of the various counties is * * *
37 fixed as full compensation for their services as county assessors
38 and tax collectors. The annual salary of each assessor shall be



39 based upon the total assessed valuation of his respective county
40 for the preceding taxable year in the following categories and for
41 the following amounts:

42 (a) For counties with a total assessed valuation of Two
43 Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00) or more, a salary
44 of Forty-nine Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-nine Dollars
45 (\$49,639.00);

46 (b) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
47 at least Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00) but less
48 than Two Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00), a salary
49 of Forty-seven Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-eight Dollars
50 (\$47,868.00);

51 (c) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
52 at least Thirty-five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000.00) but less
53 than Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00), a salary of
54 Forty-four Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-four Dollars (\$44,584.00);

55 (d) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
56 at least Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) but less than
57 Thirty-five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000.00), a salary of
58 Forty-one Thousand Two Hundred Forty-five Dollars (\$41,245.00);

59 (e) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
60 at least Twelve Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
61 (\$12,500,000.00) but less than Twenty Million Dollars
62 (\$20,000,000.00), a salary of Thirty-seven Thousand Nine Hundred
63 Five Dollars (\$37,905.00);

64 (f) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
65 less than Twelve Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
66 (\$12,500,000.00), a salary of Thirty-four Thousand Five Hundred
67 Sixty-five Dollars (\$34,565.00).

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



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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



136 (a) For counties with a total assessed valuation of Two
137 Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00) or more, a salary
138 of Fifty-four Thousand Six Hundred Three Dollars (\$54,603.00);

139 (b) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
140 at least Two Hundred Million Dollars (\$200,000,000.00) but less
141 than Two Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00), a salary
142 of Fifty-one Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-three Dollars
143 (\$51,263.00);

144 (c) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
145 at least One Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$150,000,000.00) but
146 less than Two Hundred Million Dollars (\$200,000,000.00), a salary
147 of Forty-seven Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-four Dollars
148 (\$47,924.00);

149 (d) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
150 at least One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000.00) but less
151 than One Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$150,000,000.00), a salary
152 of Forty-four Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-four Dollars
153 (\$44,584.00);

154 (e) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
155 at least Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00) but less
156 than One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000.00), a salary of
157 Forty-one Thousand Two Hundred Forty-five Dollars (\$41,245.00);

158 (f) For counties with a total assessed valuation of
159 less than Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00), a salary
160 of Thirty-seven Thousand Nine Hundred Five Dollars (\$37,905.00).

161 The annual salary established for the tax assessor or tax
162 collector shall not be reduced as a result of a reduction in total
163 assessed valuation. The salaries may be increased as a result of
164 an increase in total assessed valuation.

165 In addition to all other compensation paid to assessors or
166 tax collectors, in counties having two (2) judicial districts, the
167 board of supervisors shall allow that * * * assessor or tax
168 collector be paid an additional Three Thousand Five Hundred



169 Dollars (\$3,500.00) per year. In addition to all other
170 compensation paid to assessors or tax collectors, in counties
171 maintaining two (2) full-time offices, the board of supervisors
172 may allow that * * * assessor or tax collector be paid an
173 additional Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00) per
174 year.

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



202 Officers or is a state certified General Real Estate Appraiser
203 (GA) under Section 73-34-1 et seq., he shall receive an additional
204 Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500.00) annually beginning
205 the next fiscal year after completion.

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

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

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

221 25-3-9. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3)
222 of this section, the county prosecuting attorney may receive for
223 his services an annual salary to be paid by the board of
224 supervisors as follows:

225 (a) For counties with a total population of more than
226 two hundred thousand (200,000), a salary not to exceed Thirty-one
227 Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$31,350.00).

228 (b) For counties with a total population of more than
229 one hundred thousand (100,000) and not more than two hundred
230 thousand (200,000), a salary not to exceed Twenty-nine Thousand
231 One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$29,150.00).

232 (c) For counties with a total population of more than
233 fifty thousand (50,000) and not more than one hundred thousand



234 (100,000), a salary not to exceed Twenty-three Thousand Eight
235 Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$23,870.00).

236 (d) For counties with a total population of more than
237 thirty-five thousand (35,000) and not more than fifty thousand
238 (50,000), a salary not to exceed Twenty-two Thousand Four Hundred
239 Forty Dollars (\$22,440.00).

240 (e) For counties with a total population of more than
241 twenty-five thousand (25,000) and not more than thirty-five
242 thousand (35,000), a salary not to exceed Twenty-one Thousand Two
243 Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$21,230.00).

244 (f) For counties with a total population of more than
245 fifteen thousand (15,000) and not more than twenty-five thousand
246 (25,000), a salary not to exceed Nineteen Thousand Four Hundred
247 Seventy Dollars (\$19,470.00).

248 (g) For counties with a total population of more than
249 ten thousand (10,000) and not more than fifteen thousand (15,000),
250 a salary not to exceed Seventeen Thousand Seven Hundred Ten
251 Dollars (\$17,710.00).

252 (h) For counties with a total population of more than
253 six thousand (6,000) and not more than ten thousand (10,000), a
254 salary not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars
255 (\$15,950.00).

256 (i) For counties with a total population of six
257 thousand (6,000) or less, the board of supervisors, in its
258 discretion, may appoint a county prosecuting attorney, and it may
259 pay such county prosecuting attorney an annual salary not to
260 exceed Fourteen Thousand One Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$14,190.00).

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



267 * * * In addition to the salaries provided for in this
268 subsection, the board of supervisors of any county, in its
269 discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney an additional
270 amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the maximum allowable
271 salary prescribed in this subsection.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

339 (h) In any Class 1 county bordering on the Mississippi
340 River, lying in whole or in part within a levee district, wherein
341 U.S. Highways 82 and 61 intersect, bounded by the Sunflower River
342 and Stales Bayou, the board of supervisors, in its discretion, may
343 pay an annual salary equal to the annual salary of members of the
344 board of supervisors in the county. In addition, such county
345 prosecuting attorney shall receive the sum of One Thousand Dollars
346 (\$1,000.00) per month for the purpose of defraying secretarial
347 expenses.

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



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

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

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

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

385 (m) In any county wherein Interstate Highway 55 and
386 State Highway 8 intersect, the salary of the county prosecuting
387 attorney shall be not less than Twelve Thousand Dollars
388 (\$12,000.00) per year.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



431 17, 43 and the Natchez Trace Parkway, and also containing a part
432 of a public lake or reservoir, in excess of thirty thousand
433 (30,000) acres, the board of supervisors, in its discretion, may
434 pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual salary in the amount
435 of Twenty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$28,000.00).

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

441 (u) In any county having a population in the 1970
442 census in excess of thirty-five thousand (35,000) and in which
443 U.S. Highways 49W and 82 intersect, and in which is located a
444 state penitentiary, the annual salary of a county prosecuting
445 attorney shall be Thirty Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Dollars
446 (\$30,420.00).

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

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

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



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

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

480 (z) In any county having a population greater than
481 sixty-five thousand five hundred eighty (65,580) but less than
482 sixty-five thousand five hundred ninety (65,590) according to the
483 1990 federal decennial census, wherein U.S. Highway 45 intersects
484 with Mississippi Highway 6, an annual salary equal to Thirty
485 Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00).

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

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



497 supervisors, in its discretion, may pay the county prosecuting
498 attorney an annual salary equal to the annual salary of members of
499 the board of supervisors in the county.

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

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

513 (ee) In any county having a population greater than
514 eight thousand (8,000) but less than eight thousand two hundred
515 (8,200) according to the 1990 federal census, and in which U.S.
516 Highway 61 and Mississippi Highway 4 intersect, the board of
517 supervisors may, in its discretion, pay the county prosecuting
518 attorney an amount not to exceed Fourteen Thousand Dollars
519 (\$14,000.00), in addition to the maximum allowable salary for that
520 attorney under subsection (1), beginning on April 1, 1997.

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

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



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

535 (hh) In any county having a population greater than
536 eight thousand three hundred (8,300) but less than eight thousand
537 four hundred (8,400) according to the 1990 federal census, and in
538 which U.S. Highway 84 and U.S. Highway 98 intersect, the board of
539 supervisors may, in its discretion, pay the county prosecuting
540 attorney an additional amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of
541 the maximum allowable salary for that attorney under subsection
542 (1).

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

592 (oo) In any county having a population greater than
593 thirty-seven thousand (37,000) but less than thirty-eight thousand
594 (38,000) according to the 1990 federal census, in which is located
595 a state supported institution of higher learning, and in which



596 U.S. Highway 82 and Mississippi Highway 7 intersect, the board of
597 supervisors may, in its discretion, pay the county prosecuting
598 attorney a salary in an amount not to exceed the amount of the
599 salary of the District Attorney for the Fourth Judicial District
600 of Mississippi.

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

635 25-3-13. The salaries of the members of the boards of
636 supervisors of the various counties are * * * fixed as full
637 compensation for their services.

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

642 (a) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
643 less than Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00), a salary of
644 Twenty-five Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-two Dollars
645 (\$25,882.00);

646 (b) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
647 at least Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00), but less than
648 Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00), a salary of
649 Twenty-six Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-one Dollars (\$26,551.00);

650 (c) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
651 at least Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00), but less
652 than Thirty-five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000.00), a salary of
653 Twenty-seven Thousand Two Hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$27,219.00);

654 (d) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
655 at least Thirty-five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000.00), but less
656 than Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00), a salary of
657 Twenty-nine Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-six Dollars (\$29,556.00);

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



660 Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00), a salary of Thirty
661 Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-one Dollars (\$30,891.00);

662 (f) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
663 at least Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00), but less
664 than One Hundred Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$125,000,000.00), a
665 salary of Thirty-one Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-three Dollars
666 (\$31,893.00);

667 (g) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
668 One Hundred Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$125,000,000.00), but
669 less than Three Hundred Million Dollars (\$300,000,000.00), a
670 salary of Thirty-six Thousand Nine Hundred Three Dollars
671 (\$36,903.00);

672 (h) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
673 Three Hundred Million Dollars (\$300,000,000.00) or more, a salary
674 of Forty-one Thousand Seventy-seven Dollars (\$41,077.00).

675 The salary of the members of the board of supervisors shall
676 not be increased under this section until the board of supervisors
677 shall have passed a resolution stating the amount of the increase
678 and spread it on its minutes.

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

681 25-3-25. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections
682 (2) through (9), the salaries of sheriffs of the various counties
683 are * * * fixed as full compensation for their services.

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



691 (a) For counties with a total population of more than
692 two hundred thousand (200,000), a salary of Eighty-two Thousand
693 Five Hundred Dollars (\$82,500.00).

694 (b) For counties with a total population of more than
695 one hundred thousand (100,000) and not more than two hundred
696 thousand (200,000), a salary of Seventy-seven Thousand Dollars
697 (\$77,000.00).

698 (c) For counties with a total population of more than
699 forty-five thousand (45,000) and not more than one hundred
700 thousand (100,000), a salary of Seventy-one Thousand Five Hundred
701 Dollars (\$71,500.00).

702 (d) For counties with a total population of more than
703 thirty-four thousand (34,000) and not more than forty-five
704 thousand (45,000), a salary of Sixty-six Thousand Dollars
705 (\$66,000.00).

706 (e) For counties with a total population of more than
707 twenty-five thousand (25,000) and not more than thirty-four
708 thousand (34,000), a salary of Fifty-seven Thousand Two Hundred
709 Dollars (\$57,200.00).

710 (f) For counties with a total population of more than
711 fifteen thousand (15,000) and not more than twenty-five thousand
712 (25,000), a salary of Fifty-five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000.00).

713 (g) For counties with a total population of more than
714 nine thousand five hundred (9,500) and not more than fifteen
715 thousand (15,000), a salary of Fifty-one Thousand Seven Hundred
716 Dollars (\$51,700.00).

717 (h) For counties with a total population of more than
718 seven thousand five hundred (7,500) and not more than nine
719 thousand five hundred (9,500), a salary of Forty-nine Thousand
720 Five Hundred Dollars (\$49,500.00).

721 (i) For counties with a total population of not more
722 than seven thousand five hundred (7,500), a salary of Forty-six
723 Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$46,200.00).



724 (2) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)
725 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Leflore County * * *,
726 in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of
727 the county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars
728 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual
729 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such
730 county for the following reasons:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

753 (3) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)
754 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Rankin County * * *,
755 in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of
756 the county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars



757 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual
758 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such
759 county for the following reasons:

760 (a) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates
761 and maintains the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility within
762 the county;

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

765 (c) Hudspeth Regional Center, a facility maintained for
766 the care and treatment of the mentally retarded, is located within
767 the county;

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

770 (e) The State Fire Academy is operated and maintained
771 within the county;

772 (f) The Pearl River Valley Water Supply District,
773 ordinarily known as the "Reservoir District," is located within
774 the county;

775 (g) The Jackson International Airport is located within
776 the county;

777 (h) The patrolling of the state properties located
778 within the county has imposed additional duties on the sheriff;
779 and

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

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



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

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

800 (a) Hinds County has the greatest population of any
801 county, two hundred fifty-four thousand four hundred forty-one
802 (254,441) by the 1990 census, being almost one hundred thousand
803 (100,000) more than the next most populous county;

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

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

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

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

816 (f) The main offices for the clerk and most of the
817 judges and magistrates for the United States District Court for
818 the Southern District of Mississippi are located within the
819 county;

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



822 (h) The University of Mississippi Medical Center,
823 combining the medical school, dental school, nursing school and
824 hospital, is located within the county;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

846 (7) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)
847 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Wilkinson County, in
848 its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the
849 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars
850 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual
851 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such
852 county because the Mississippi Department of Corrections contracts
853 for the private incarceration of state inmates at a private
854 correctional facility within the county.



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

864 (9) In addition to the salary provided in subsection (1) of
865 this section, the Board of Supervisors of Greene County, in its
866 discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the
867 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars
868 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual
869 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such
870 county for the following reasons:

871 (a) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates
872 and maintains the South Mississippi Correctional Facility within
873 the county;

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

878 (c) The patrolling of the state properties located
879 within the county has imposed additional duties on the sheriff
880 justifying additional compensation.

881 (10) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection
882 (1) of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Claiborne County,
883 in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of
884 the county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars
885 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual
886 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in the



887 county because the Grand Gulf Nuclear Generating Plant and Alcorn
888 State University are located within the county.

889 (11) The salaries * * * provided in this section shall be
890 payable monthly on the first day of each calendar month by
891 chancery clerk's warrant drawn on the general fund of the county;
892 however, the board of supervisors, by resolution duly adopted and
893 entered on its minutes, may provide that such salaries shall be
894 paid semimonthly on the first and fifteenth day of each month. If
895 a pay date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, salary payments
896 shall be made on the workday immediately preceding the weekend or
897 legal holiday.

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

900 25-3-36. (1) From and after October 1, 1998, every justice
901 court judge shall receive as full compensation for his or her
902 services and in lieu of any and all other fees, costs or
903 compensation heretofore authorized for such justice court judge,
904 an annual salary based upon the population of his or her county
905 according to the 1990 federal decennial census; however, no
906 justice court judge shall be paid less than the salary authorized
907 under this section to be paid the justice court judge based upon
908 the population of the county according to the 1980 federal
909 decennial census. The amount of which salary shall be determined
910 as follows:

911 (a) In counties with a population of more than two
912 hundred thousand (200,000), a salary of Fifty Thousand Nine
913 Hundred Twenty-nine Dollars (\$50,929.00).

914 (b) In counties with a population of more than one
915 hundred fifty thousand (150,000) but not more than two hundred
916 thousand (200,000), a salary of Forty-six Thousand Seven Hundred
917 Fifty-five Dollars (\$46,755.00).

918 (c) In counties with a population of more than
919 seventy-five thousand (75,000) but not more than one hundred fifty



920 thousand (150,000), a salary of Forty-two Thousand Five Hundred
921 Eighty Dollars (\$42,580.00).

922 (d) In counties with a population of more than
923 forty-nine thousand (49,000) but not more than seventy-five
924 thousand (75,000), a salary of Thirty-six Thousand Seven Hundred
925 Thirty-six Dollars (\$36,736.00).

926 (e) In counties with a population of more than
927 thirty-four thousand (34,000) but not more than forty-nine
928 thousand (49,000), a salary of Thirty-one Thousand Seven Hundred
929 Twenty-six Dollars (\$31,726.00).

930 (f) In counties with a population of more than
931 twenty-four thousand five hundred (24,500) but not more than
932 thirty-four thousand (34,000), a salary of Thirty Thousand
933 Fifty-six Dollars (\$30,056.00).

934 (g) In counties with a population of more than
935 twenty-one thousand (21,000) but not more than twenty-four
936 thousand five hundred (24,500), a salary of Twenty-six Thousand
937 Seven Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$26,717.00).

938 (h) In counties with a population of more than sixteen
939 thousand five hundred (16,500) but not more than twenty-one
940 thousand (21,000), a salary of Twenty-three Thousand Three Hundred
941 Seventy-seven Dollars (\$23,377.00).

942 (i) In counties with a population of more than twelve
943 thousand (12,000) but not more than sixteen thousand five hundred
944 (16,500), a salary of Twenty Thousand Thirty-eight Dollars
945 (\$20,038.00).

946 (j) In counties with a population of more than eight
947 thousand (8,000) but not more than twelve thousand (12,000), a
948 salary of Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$16,500.00).

949 (k) In counties with a population of eight thousand
950 (8,000) or less, a salary of Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred Dollars
951 (\$13,200.00).



952 The board of supervisors of any county having two (2)
953 judicial districts and two (2) justice court judges for the county
954 shall pay each justice court judge an amount equal to that * * *
955 provided in this subsection for judges in the next higher
956 population category per year, if the justice court judge maintains
957 regular office hours and is personally present in the office they
958 maintain for at least thirty (30) hours per week. In any county
959 having a population greater than eight thousand (8,000) but less
960 than eight thousand five hundred (8,500) according to the 1990
961 federal decennial census and in which U.S. Highway 61 and
962 Mississippi Highway 4 intersect, the board of supervisors * * *,
963 in its discretion, may pay such justice court judges an additional
964 amount not to exceed the sum of Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Fifty
965 Dollars (\$11,550.00) per year, payable beginning April 1, 1997.
966 In any county having a population greater than ten thousand
967 (10,000) but less than ten thousand five hundred (10,500)
968 according to the 1990 federal decennial census and in which
969 Mississippi Highway 3 and Mississippi Highway 6 intersect, the
970 board of supervisors * * *, in its discretion, may pay such
971 justice court judges an additional amount not to exceed One
972 Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,450.00) per year, payable
973 beginning April 1, 1997. In any county having a population
974 greater than twenty-four thousand seven hundred (24,700) and less
975 than twenty-four thousand nine hundred (24,900), according to the
976 1990 federal census, wherein Mississippi Highways 15 and 16
977 intersect, the board of supervisors shall pay such justice court
978 judge an additional amount equal to Two Thousand Five Hundred
979 Dollars (\$2,500.00) per year.

980 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this
981 section, in the event that the number of justice court judges
982 authorized pursuant to Section 9-11-2(1) is exceeded pursuant to
983 the provisions of Section 9-11-2(4), the aggregate of the salaries
984 paid to the justice court judges of such a county shall not exceed



985 the amount sufficient to pay the number of justice court judges
986 authorized pursuant to Section 9-11-2(1), and such amount shall be
987 equally divided among those justice court judges continuing to
988 hold office under the provisions of Section 9-11-2(4).

989 (3) From and after January 1, 1984, all fees, costs, fines
990 and penalties charged and collected in the justice court shall be
991 paid to the clerk of the justice court for deposit, along with
992 monies from cash bonds and other monies which have been forfeited
993 in criminal cases, into the general fund of the county as provided
994 in Section 9-11-19; and the clerk of the board of supervisors
995 shall be authorized and empowered, upon approval by the board of
996 supervisors, to make disbursements and withdrawals from the
997 general fund of the county in order to pay any reasonable and
998 necessary expenses incurred in complying with this section,
999 including payment of the salaries of justice court judges as
1000 provided by subsection (1) of this section. The provisions of
1001 this subsection shall not, except as to cash bonds and other
1002 monies which have been forfeited in criminal cases, apply to
1003 monies required to be deposited in the justice court clerk
1004 clearing account as provided in Section 9-11-18, Mississippi Code
1005 of 1972.

1006 (4) The salaries provided for in * * * this section shall be
1007 payable monthly by warrant drawn by the clerk of the board of
1008 supervisors on the general fund of the county; however, the board
1009 of supervisors, by resolution duly adopted and entered on its
1010 minutes, may provide that such salaries shall be paid semimonthly
1011 on the first and fifteenth day of each month. If a pay date falls
1012 on a weekend or legal holiday, salary payments shall be made on
1013 the workday immediately preceding the weekend or legal holiday.

1014 (5) * * * The salary of a justice court judge shall not be
1015 reduced during his term of office as a result of a population
1016 change following a federal decennial census.



1017 (6) Any justice court judge who is unable to attend and hold
1018 court by reason of being under suspension by the Commission on
1019 Judicial Performance or the Mississippi Supreme Court shall not
1020 receive a salary while under such suspension.

1021 SECTION 7. Section 9-9-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1022 amended as follows:

1023 9-9-11. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (2)
1024 and (3), the county court judge shall receive an annual salary
1025 payable monthly out of the county treasury in an amount not to
1026 exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) less than the salary which
1027 is now or shall hereafter be provided for circuit and chancery
1028 judges of this state, in the discretion of the board of
1029 supervisors of that county; * * * however, * * * the salary of
1030 such judge shall not be reduced during his term of office. * * *
1031 Further, * * * the office of county court judge in any county
1032 receiving an annual salary of Thirty-six Thousand Dollars
1033 (\$36,000.00) or more shall be a full-time position, and the holder
1034 thereof shall not otherwise engage in the practice of law.

1035 (2) In the event of the establishment of a county court by
1036 agreement between two (2) or more counties as provided in Section
1037 9-9-3, the county judge of the court so established shall be paid
1038 a salary equal to one and one-half (1-1/2) times that salary that
1039 he would be paid if he were the judge of the smallest of such two
1040 (2) or more counties, such salary to be paid in monthly
1041 installments as provided by law; provided that such salary shall
1042 not exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) less than the salary
1043 of the circuit and chancery judges of this state.

1044 (3) The county court judge shall receive an annual salary
1045 payable monthly out of the county treasury as follows:

1046 (a) In any county having a population of seventy
1047 thousand (70,000) or more according to the 1980 federal census,
1048 the county judge shall receive an annual salary of One Thousand
1049 Dollars (\$1,000.00) less than that paid to a circuit court judge.



1050 The office of county judge shall be a full-time position, and the
1051 holder thereof shall not otherwise engage in the practice of law.

1052 (b) In any county having a population of sixty thousand
1053 (60,000) or more but less than seventy thousand (70,000) according
1054 to the 1980 federal census, the county judge shall receive an
1055 annual salary of Forty-four Thousand Dollars (\$44,000.00). The
1056 office of county judge shall be a full-time position, and the
1057 holder thereof shall not otherwise engage in the practice of law.
1058 The county judge shall not be eligible for any additional salary
1059 except as may be authorized in subsection (4).

1060 (c) In any county having a population of twenty-seven
1061 thousand (27,000) or more but less than sixty thousand (60,000)
1062 according to the 1980 federal census, the county judge shall
1063 receive an annual salary of not less than Thirteen Thousand Two
1064 Hundred Dollars (\$13,200.00) but not more than Forty-four Thousand
1065 Dollars (\$44,000.00), in the discretion of the board of
1066 supervisors of that county. The county judge shall not be
1067 eligible for any additional salary except as may be authorized in
1068 subsection (4). In the event that the board of supervisors of
1069 said county elects to pay such county judge an annual salary of
1070 Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) or more, the office of county
1071 judge shall be a full-time position, and the holder thereof shall
1072 not otherwise engage in the practice of law.

1073 (d) In any county having a population of less than
1074 twenty-seven thousand (27,000) according to the 1980 federal
1075 census, the county judge shall receive an annual salary of not
1076 less than Four Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$4,620.00) and
1077 not more than Nine Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Dollars
1078 (\$9,350.00), in the discretion of the board of supervisors of that
1079 county. The county judge shall not be eligible for any additional
1080 salary except as may be authorized in subsection (4).



1081 (4) The county judge of any county described in this
1082 subsection shall be paid the compensation, and he shall be subject
1083 to any restrictions, set forth in the following paragraphs:

1084 (a) The county judge of any such Class 1 county with
1085 population according to the latest federal decennial census of
1086 forty-five thousand (45,000) or more and lying wholly within a
1087 levee district and having two (2) judicial districts * * *, in the
1088 discretion of the board of supervisors of such county, shall
1089 receive an annual salary not exceeding Forty Thousand Dollars
1090 (\$40,000.00), or a sum which is One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)
1091 less than the salary which is now or shall hereafter be provided
1092 for circuit and chancery judges of the state, whichever is
1093 greater.

1094 (b) The county judge of any Class 1 county having an
1095 area in excess of nine hundred twenty-five (925) square miles
1096 shall receive an annual salary of not less than Thirty Thousand
1097 Dollars (\$30,000.00) but, in the discretion of the board of
1098 supervisors of such county, such salary may be not more than Five
1099 Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) less than the annual salary of a circuit
1100 judge, payable monthly out of the county treasury, and the county
1101 judge shall not practice law.

1102 (c) The office of county judge in any such Class 1
1103 county with a population according to the 1970 federal decennial
1104 census of greater than thirty-nine thousand (39,000), and where
1105 U.S. Highway 61 and Mississippi Highway 6 intersect, shall receive
1106 an annual salary to be paid in monthly installments of not less
1107 than an amount equal to ninety percent (90%) of the annual salary
1108 which is now or shall hereafter be provided for circuit and
1109 chancery judges of the state, as follows: The salary of the
1110 county judge shall be increased by ten percent (10%) annually
1111 above the base salary of the preceding year until such time as the
1112 judge's salary is equal to the amount that is provided by this
1113 subsection. The office of county judge shall be a full-time



1114 position and the holder thereof shall not otherwise engage in the
1115 practice of law.

1116 (d) In any Class 1 county bordering on the Mississippi
1117 River and which has situated therein a national military park and
1118 national military cemetery, the office of county judge shall be a
1119 full-time position and the holder thereof shall not otherwise
1120 engage in the practice of law. The salary for the county judge in
1121 said county shall be fixed at a sum which is One Thousand Dollars
1122 (\$1,000.00) less than the salary which is now or shall hereafter
1123 be provided for circuit and chancery judges of this state.

1124 (e) The county judge in any county having a population
1125 of at least forty-two thousand one hundred eleven (42,111),
1126 according to the 1970 census, and where U.S. Highway 49E and U.S.
1127 Highway 82 intersect, shall receive an annual salary to be paid in
1128 monthly installments of not less than Thirty Thousand Dollars
1129 (\$30,000.00) but not more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
1130 (\$2,500.00) less than the annual salary of the circuit judge, in
1131 the discretion of the board of supervisors of that county.

1132 (f) The county judge in any Class 1 county bordering on
1133 the Mississippi River and having an area of less than four hundred
1134 fifty (450) square miles wherein U.S. Highways 84 and 61 intersect
1135 shall receive an annual salary of Four Thousand Dollars
1136 (\$4,000.00) less than the annual salary of a circuit judge, and
1137 such county judge shall not practice law in any manner. The
1138 county judge in such county shall not be eligible to receive any
1139 additional salary authorized by this section or from any other
1140 source other than that set out and authorized by this paragraph.

1141 (g) The county judge of any Class 1 county bordering on
1142 the Mississippi River on the west and the State of Tennessee on
1143 the north, and traversed north to south by Interstate Highway 55,
1144 shall receive an annual salary of ninety percent (90%) of the
1145 salary which is now or shall hereafter be provided for chancery



1146 and circuit judges of this state, but in any event not less than
1147 Sixty Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$60,200.00).

1148 (h) The county judge of any Class 1 county with a
1149 population of greater than sixty-nine thousand (69,000) according
1150 to the 1980 federal decennial census, and wherein U.S. Highway 80
1151 and Mississippi Highway 43 intersect, shall receive an annual
1152 salary in an amount not greater than the sum of Five Hundred
1153 Dollars (\$500.00) less than the salary which is now or shall
1154 hereafter be provided for circuit and chancery judges of this
1155 state, in the discretion of the board of supervisors of that
1156 county.

1157 (i) The county judge of any county having a population
1158 in excess of sixty-six thousand (66,000) according to the 1980
1159 federal decennial census, wherein is located a state-supported
1160 university and in which U.S. Highways 49 and 11 intersect, shall
1161 receive an annual salary of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) less
1162 than that paid to a circuit court judge. The office of such
1163 county judge shall be a full-time position, and the holder thereof
1164 shall not otherwise engage in the practice of law.

1165 (j) The county judge of any county having two (2)
1166 judicial districts, having a population in excess of sixty-one
1167 thousand nine hundred (61,900) according to the 1980 federal
1168 decennial census, in which U.S. Interstate Highway 59 intersects
1169 with U.S. Highway 84, shall receive an annual salary of One
1170 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) less than the salary which is now or
1171 hereafter authorized to be paid circuit and chancery court judges
1172 of this state. The office of such county judge shall be a
1173 full-time position, and the holder thereof shall not otherwise
1174 engage in the practice of law.

1175 (k) The office of county judge of any Class I county
1176 wherein U.S. Highway 51 and U.S. Highway 98 intersect shall be a
1177 full-time position and the holder thereof shall not otherwise
1178 engage in the practice of law. The annual salary for the office



1179 of county judge in that county may be fixed, in the discretion of
1180 the board of supervisors of the county, at a sum not to exceed Two
1181 Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) less than the salary which is now or
1182 shall hereafter be provided for circuit and chancery judges of
1183 this state.

1184 (l) The county judge of any county having a population
1185 of more than forty-one thousand six hundred (41,600) but less than
1186 forty-one thousand six hundred fifty (41,650) according to the
1187 1980 federal census, and wherein U.S. Highway 49 intersects with
1188 Mississippi Highway 22, shall receive an annual salary in an
1189 amount established by the board of supervisors, but in no event to
1190 exceed the salary provided now or hereafter for circuit and
1191 chancery judges of this state.

1192 (m) The county judge of any county having a population
1193 of more than fifty-seven thousand (57,000) but less than
1194 fifty-seven thousand one hundred (57,100) according to the 1980
1195 federal census, wherein U.S. Highway 45 intersects with
1196 Mississippi Highway 6, shall receive an annual salary in an amount
1197 established by the board of supervisors, but in no event to exceed
1198 the salary provided now or hereafter for circuit and chancery
1199 judges of this state.

1200 (n) The county judge of any county having a population
1201 of more than fifty-seventhousand three hundred (57,300) according
1202 to the 1980 federal decennial census, wherein is located a
1203 state-supported university and wherein United States Highways 82
1204 and 45 intersect, shall receive an annual salary in an amount
1205 established by the board of supervisors, but in no event to exceed
1206 the salary provided now or hereafter for circuit and chancery
1207 judges of this state.

1208 (5) The salary of a county court judge or justice court
1209 judge shall not be reduced during his term of office as a result
1210 of a population decrease based upon the 1990 federal decennial
1211 census.



1212 * * *

1213 (6) From and after October 1, 1993, * * * in addition to the
1214 salaries set forth in this section, the board of supervisors of
1215 any county, in its discretion, may pay any county court judge
1216 whose salary is not established herein in relation to the salary
1217 paid to chancery and circuit court judges, an additional amount
1218 not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the maximum allowable salary
1219 for that judge.

1220 SECTION 8. Section 41-61-59, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1221 amended as follows:

1222 41-61-59. (1) A person's death which affects the public
1223 interest as specified in subsection (2) of this section shall be
1224 promptly reported to the medical examiner by the physician in
1225 attendance, any hospital employee, any law enforcement officer
1226 having knowledge of the death, the embalmer or other funeral home
1227 employee, any emergency medical technician, any relative or any
1228 other person present. The appropriate medical examiner shall
1229 notify the municipal or state law enforcement agency or sheriff
1230 and take charge of the body.

1231 (2) A death affecting the public interest includes, but is
1232 not limited to, any of the following:

1233 (a) Violent death, including homicidal, suicidal or
1234 accidental death.

1235 (b) Death caused by thermal, chemical, electrical or
1236 radiation injury.

1237 (c) Death caused by criminal abortion, including
1238 self-induced abortion, or abortion related to or by sexual abuse.

1239 (d) Death related to disease thought to be virulent or
1240 contagious which may constitute a public hazard.

1241 (e) Death that has occurred unexpectedly or from an
1242 unexplained cause.

1243 (f) Death of a person confined in a prison, jail or
1244 correctional institution.



1245 (g) Death of a person where a physician was not in
1246 attendance within thirty-six (36) hours preceding death, or in
1247 prediagnosed terminal or bedfast cases, within thirty (30) days
1248 preceding death.

1249 (h) Death of a person where the body is not claimed by
1250 a relative or a friend.

1251 (i) Death of a person where the identity of the
1252 deceased is unknown.

1253 (j) Death of a child under the age of two (2) years
1254 where death results from an unknown cause or where the
1255 circumstances surrounding the death indicate that sudden infant
1256 death syndrome may be the cause of death.

1257 (k) Where a body is brought into this state for
1258 disposal and there is reason to believe either that the death was
1259 not investigated properly or that there is not an adequate
1260 certificate of death.

1261 (l) Where a person is presented to a hospital emergency
1262 room unconscious and/or unresponsive, with cardiopulmonary
1263 resuscitative measures being performed, and dies within
1264 twenty-four (24) hours of admission without regaining
1265 consciousness or responsiveness, unless a physician was in
1266 attendance within thirty-six (36) hours preceding presentation to
1267 the hospital, or in cases in which the decedent had a prediagnosed
1268 terminal or bedfast condition, unless a physician was in
1269 attendance within thirty (30) days preceding presentation to the
1270 hospital.

1271 (3) The State Medical Examiner is empowered to investigate
1272 deaths, under the authority hereinafter conferred, in any and all
1273 political subdivisions of the state. The county medical examiners
1274 and county medical examiner investigators, while appointed for a
1275 specific county, may serve other counties on a regular basis with
1276 written authorization by the State Medical Examiner, or may serve
1277 other counties on an as-needed basis upon the request of the



1278 ranking officer of the investigating law enforcement agency. The
1279 county medical examiner or county medical examiner investigator of
1280 any county which has established a regional medical examiner
1281 district under subsection (4) of Section 41-61-77 may serve other
1282 counties which are parties to the agreement establishing the
1283 district, in accordance with the terms of the agreement, and may
1284 contract with counties which are not part of the district to
1285 provide medical examiner services for such counties. If a death
1286 affecting the public interest takes place in a county other than
1287 the one where injuries or other substantial causal factors leading
1288 to the death have occurred, jurisdiction for investigation of the
1289 death may be transferred, by mutual agreement of the respective
1290 medical examiners of the counties involved, to the county where
1291 such injuries or other substantial causal factors occurred, and
1292 the costs of autopsy or other studies necessary to the further
1293 investigation of the death shall be borne by the county assuming
1294 jurisdiction.

1295 (4) The chief county medical examiner or chief county
1296 medical examiner investigator may receive from the county in which
1297 he serves a salary of Eight Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$825.00)
1298 per month, in addition to the fees specified in Sections 41-61-69
1299 and 41-61-75, provided that no county shall pay the chief county
1300 medical examiner or chief county medical examiner investigator
1301 less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per month as a salary, in
1302 addition to other compensation provided by law. In any county
1303 having one or more deputy medical examiners or deputy medical
1304 examiner investigators, each deputy may receive from the county in
1305 which he serves, in the discretion of the board of supervisors, a
1306 salary of not more than Eight Hundred Twenty-five Dollars
1307 (\$825.00) per month, in addition to the fees specified in Sections
1308 41-61-69 and 41-61-75. For this salary the chief shall assure
1309 twenty-four-hour daily and readily available death investigators
1310 for the county, and shall maintain copies of all medical examiner



1311 death investigations for the county for at least the previous five
1312 (5) years. He shall coordinate his office and duties and
1313 cooperate with the State Medical Examiner, and the State Medical
1314 Examiner shall cooperate with him.

1315 (5) A body composed of the State Medical Examiner, whether
1316 appointed on a permanent or interim basis, the Director of the
1317 State Board of Health or his designee, the Attorney General or his
1318 designee, the President of the Mississippi Coroners' Association
1319 (or successor organization) or his designee, and a certified
1320 pathologist appointed by the Mississippi State Medical Association
1321 shall adopt, promulgate, amend and repeal rules and regulations as
1322 may be deemed necessary by them from time to time for the proper
1323 enforcement, interpretation and administration of Sections
1324 41-61-51 through 41-61-79, in accordance with the provisions of
1325 the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law, being Sections
1326 25-43-1 through 25-43-19.

1327 SECTION 9. Section 9-13-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1328 amended as follows:

1329 9-13-19. (1) Court reporters for circuit and chancery
1330 courts shall be paid an annual salary of Forty-one Thousand Eight
1331 Hundred Dollars (\$41,800.00) payable by the Administrative Office
1332 of Courts. In addition, any court reporter performing the duties
1333 of a court administrator in the same judicial district in which
1334 the person is employed as a court reporter may be paid additional
1335 compensation for performing the court administrator duties. The
1336 annual amount of the additional compensation shall be set by vote
1337 of the judges and chancellors for whom the court administrator
1338 duties are performed, with consideration given to the number of
1339 hours per month devoted by the court reporter to performing the
1340 duties of a court administrator. The additional compensation
1341 shall be submitted to the Administrative Office of Courts for
1342 approval.



1343 (2) The several counties in each respective court district
1344 shall transfer from the general funds of those county treasuries
1345 to the Administrative Office of Courts a proportionate amount to
1346 be paid toward the annual compensation of the court reporter,
1347 including any additional compensation paid for the performance of
1348 court administrator duties. The amount to be paid by each county
1349 shall be determined by the number of weeks in which court is held
1350 in each county in proportion to the total number of weeks court is
1351 held in the district. For purposes of this section, the term
1352 "compensation" means the gross salary plus all amounts paid for
1353 benefits, or otherwise, as a result of employment or as required
1354 by employment, but does not include transcript fees otherwise
1355 authorized to be paid by or through the counties. However, only
1356 salary earned for services rendered shall be reported and credited
1357 for retirement purposes. Amounts paid for transcript fees,
1358 benefits or otherwise, including reimbursement for travel
1359 expenses, shall not be reported or credited for retirement
1360 purposes.

1361 For example, if there are thirty-eight (38) scheduled court
1362 weeks in a particular district, a county in which court is
1363 scheduled five (5) weeks out of the year would have to pay
1364 five-thirty-eighths (5/38) of the total annual compensation.

1365 (3) The salary and any additional compensation for the
1366 performance of court administrator duties shall be paid in twelve
1367 (12) installments on the last working day of each month after it
1368 has been duly authorized by the appointing judge or chancellor and
1369 an order duly placed on the minutes of the court. Each county
1370 shall transfer to the Administrative Office of Courts one-twelfth
1371 (1/12) of the amount required to be paid pursuant to subsection
1372 (2) of this section by the twentieth day of each month for the
1373 salary that is to be paid on the last working day of the month.
1374 The Administrative Office of Courts shall pay to the court
1375 reporter the total amount of salary due for that month. Any



1376 county may pay, in the discretion of the board of supervisors, by
1377 the twentieth day of January of any year, the amount due for a
1378 full twelve (12) months.

1379 (4) From and after October 1, 1996, all circuit and chancery
1380 court reporters will be employees of the Administrative Office of
1381 Courts.

1382 (5) No circuit or chancery court reporter shall be entitled
1383 to any compensation for any special or extended term of court
1384 after passage of this section.

1385 (6) No chancery or circuit court reporter shall practice law
1386 in the court within which he or she is the court reporter.

1387 (7) For all travel required in the performance of official
1388 duties, the circuit or chancery court reporter shall be paid
1389 mileage by the county in which the duties were performed at the
1390 same rate as provided for state employees in Section 25-3-41. The
1391 court reporter shall file in the office of the clerk of the court
1392 which he serves a certificate of mileage expense incurred during
1393 that term and payment of such expense to the court reporter shall
1394 be paid on allowance by the judge of such court.

1395 SECTION 10. Section 19-25-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1396 amended as follows:

1397 19-25-31. Each judge of a circuit, chancery or county court,
1398 or a court of eminent domain may, in the judge's discretion, by
1399 order entered on the minutes of the court, allow the sheriff
1400 riding bailiffs to serve in the respective court of such judge,
1401 not to exceed four (4) bailiffs. Any such person so employed
1402 shall be paid by the county on allowances of the court on issuance
1403 of a warrant therefor in an amount of Seventy Dollars (\$70.00) for
1404 each day, or part thereof, for which he serves as bailiff when the
1405 court is in session. No full-time deputy sheriff shall be paid as
1406 a riding bailiff of any court. County court judges shall be
1407 limited to one (1) bailiff per each court day.



1408 SECTION 11. Section 23-15-225, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1409 amended as follows:

1410 23-15-225. (1) The registrar shall be entitled to such
1411 compensation, payable monthly out of the county treasury, which
1412 the board of supervisors of the county shall allow on an annual
1413 basis in the following amounts:

1414 (a) For counties with a total population of more than
1415 two hundred thousand (200,000), an amount not to exceed Thirty-two
1416 Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$32,890.00), but not less
1417 than Ten Thousand One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$10,120.00).

1418 (b) For counties with a total population of more than
1419 one hundred thousand (100,000) and not more than two hundred
1420 thousand (200,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-seven Thousand
1421 Eight Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$27,830.00), but not less than Ten
1422 Thousand One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$10,120.00).

1423 (c) For counties with a total population of more than
1424 fifty thousand (50,000) and not more than one hundred thousand
1425 (100,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-five Thousand Three
1426 Hundred Dollars (\$25,300.00), but not less than Ten Thousand One
1427 Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$10,120.00).

1428 (d) For counties with a total population of more than
1429 thirty-five thousand (35,000) and not more than fifty thousand
1430 (50,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-two Thousand Seven
1431 Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$22,770.00), but not less than Ten
1432 Thousand One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$10,120.00).

1433 (e) For counties with a total population of more than
1434 twenty-five thousand (25,000) and not more than thirty-five
1435 thousand (35,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty Thousand Two
1436 Hundred Forty Dollars (\$20,240.00), but not less than Ten Thousand
1437 One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$10,120.00).

1438 (f) For counties with a total population of more than
1439 fifteen thousand (15,000) and not more than twenty-five thousand
1440 (25,000), an amount not to exceed Seventeen Thousand Seven Hundred



1441 Ten Dollars (\$17,710.00), but not less than Ten Thousand One
1442 Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$10,120.00).

1443 (g) For counties with a total population of more than
1444 ten thousand (10,000) and not more than fifteen thousand (15,000),
1445 an amount not to exceed Fifteen Thousand One Hundred Eighty
1446 Dollars (\$15,180.00), but not less than Eight Thousand Eight
1447 Hundred Fifty-five Dollars (\$8,855.00).

1448 (h) For counties with a total population of more than
1449 six thousand (6,000) and not more than ten thousand (10,000), an
1450 amount not to exceed Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars
1451 (\$12,650.00), but not less than Eight Thousand Eight Hundred
1452 Fifty-five Dollars (\$8,855.00).

1453 (i) For counties with a total population of not more
1454 than six thousand (6,000), an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand
1455 One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$10,120.00), but not less than Six
1456 Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-eight Dollars (\$6,958.00).

1457 (j) For counties having two (2) judicial districts, the
1458 board of supervisors of the county may allow, in addition to the
1459 sums prescribed herein, in its discretion, an amount not to exceed
1460 Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$12,650.00).

1461 (2) In the event of a reregistration within such county, or
1462 a redistricting which necessitates the hiring of additional deputy
1463 registrars, the board of supervisors may by contract compensate
1464 the county registrar amounts in addition to the sums prescribed in
1465 this section, in its discretion.

1466 (3) As compensation for their services in assisting the
1467 county election commissioners in performance of their duties in
1468 the revision of the registration books and the pollbooks of the
1469 several voting precincts of the several counties and in assisting
1470 the election commissioners, executive committees or boards of
1471 supervisors in connection with any election, the registrar shall
1472 receive the same daily per diem and limitation on meeting days as
1473 provided for the board of election commissioners as set out in



1474 Sections 23-15-153 and 23-15-227 to be paid from the general fund
1475 of the county.

1476 (4) In any case where an amount has been allowed by the
1477 board of supervisors pursuant to this section, such amount shall
1478 not be reduced or terminated during the term for which the
1479 registrar was elected.

1480 (5) The circuit clerk shall, in addition to any other
1481 compensation provided for by law, be entitled to receive as
1482 compensation from the board of supervisors the amount of Two
1483 Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) per year. This payment shall be for
1484 the performance of his duties in regard to the conduct of
1485 elections and the performance of his other duties.

1486 (6) The municipal clerk shall, in addition to any other
1487 compensation for performance of duties, be eligible to receive as
1488 compensation from the municipality's governing authorities a
1489 reasonable amount of additional compensation for reimbursement of
1490 costs and for additional duties associated with mail-in
1491 registration of voters.

1492 (7) The board of supervisors shall not allow any additional
1493 compensation authorized under this section for services as county
1494 registrar to any circuit clerk who is receiving fees as
1495 compensation for his services equal to the limitation on
1496 compensation prescribed in Section 9-1-43.

1497 SECTION 12. Section 17-15-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1498 amended as follows:

1499 17-15-11. The board of supervisors of each county and the
1500 municipal governing authority of each municipality comprising a
1501 human resource agency may, in their discretion, set aside,
1502 appropriate and expend funds from the general fund or federal
1503 revenue sharing funds to defray the administrative expenses
1504 incurred in the operation of such human resource agency.

1505 The board of supervisors and the governing authority of a
1506 municipality may compensate the members on the human resource



1507 agency board representing their respective county or municipality
1508 for each meeting attended at the per diem established in Section
1509 25-3-69, and may reimburse expenses incurred by their respective
1510 members of the human resource board in the discharge of the
1511 official duties of such board as provided in Section 25-3-41.

1512 SECTION 13. The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
1513 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
1514 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the
1515 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
1516 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
1517 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
1518 extended.

1519 SECTION 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from
1520 and after October 1, 2001, if it is effectuated on or before that
1521 date under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended
1522 and extended. If it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting
1523 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended, after October 1,
1524 2001, this act shall take effect and be in force from and after
1525 the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting Rights
1526 Act of 1965, as amended and extended.

