

By: Senator(s) Thames

To: Fees, Salaries and Administration

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

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

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

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

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

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

38 (a) For counties with a total assessed valuation of Two  
39 Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00) or more, a salary  
40 of Forty-nine Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-nine Dollars  
41 (\$49,639.00);

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

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

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

55 (e) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
56 at least Twelve Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars  
57 (\$12,500,000.00) but less than Twenty Million Dollars  
58 (\$20,000,000.00), a salary of Thirty-seven Thousand Nine Hundred  
59 Five Dollars (\$37,905.00);

60 (f) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
61 less than Twelve Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars  
62 (\$12,500,000.00), a salary of Thirty-four Thousand Five Hundred  
63 Sixty-five Dollars (\$34,565.00).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

230 (100,000), a salary not to exceed Twenty-three Thousand Eight  
231 Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$23,870.00).

232 (d) For counties with a total population of more than  
233 thirty-five thousand (35,000) and not more than fifty thousand  
234 (50,000), a salary not to exceed Twenty-two Thousand Four Hundred  
235 Forty Dollars (\$22,440.00).

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

240 (f) For counties with a total population of more than  
241 fifteen thousand (15,000) and not more than twenty-five thousand  
242 (25,000), a salary not to exceed Nineteen Thousand Four Hundred  
243 Seventy Dollars (\$19,470.00).

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

248 (h) For counties with a total population of more than  
249 six thousand (6,000) and not more than ten thousand (10,000), a  
250 salary not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars  
251 (\$15,950.00).

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

638 (a) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
639 less than Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00), a salary of  
640 Twenty-five Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-two Dollars  
641 (\$25,882.00);

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

690 (b) For counties with a total population of more than  
691 one hundred thousand (100,000) and not more than two hundred  
692 thousand (200,000), a salary of Seventy-seven Thousand Dollars  
693 (\$77,000.00).

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

698 (d) For counties with a total population of more than  
699 thirty-four thousand (34,000) and not more than forty-five  
700 thousand (45,000), a salary of Sixty-six Thousand Dollars  
701 (\$66,000.00).

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

706 (f) For counties with a total population of more than  
707 fifteen thousand (15,000) and not more than twenty-five thousand  
708 (25,000), a salary of Fifty-five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000.00).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

753 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual  
754 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such  
755 county for the following reasons:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

812                   (f) The main offices for the clerk and most of the  
813 judges and magistrates for the United States District Court for  
814 the Southern District of Mississippi are located within the  
815 county;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

877           (10) The salaries \* \* \* provided in this section shall be  
878 payable monthly on the first day of each calendar month by  
879 chancery clerk's warrant drawn on the general fund of the county;  
880 however, the board of supervisors, by resolution duly adopted and  
881 entered on its minutes, may provide that such salaries shall be  
882 paid semimonthly on the first and fifteenth day of each month. If  
883 a pay date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, salary payments

884 shall be made on the workday immediately preceding the weekend or  
885 legal holiday.

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

888 25-3-36. (1) From and after October 1, 1998, every justice  
889 court judge shall receive as full compensation for his or her  
890 services and in lieu of any and all other fees, costs or  
891 compensation heretofore authorized for such justice court judge,  
892 an annual salary based upon the population of his or her county  
893 according to the 1990 federal decennial census; however, no  
894 justice court judge shall be paid less than the salary authorized  
895 under this section to be paid the justice court judge based upon  
896 the population of the county according to the 1980 federal  
897 decennial census. The amount of which salary shall be determined  
898 as follows:

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

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

906 (c) In counties with a population of more than  
907 seventy-five thousand (75,000) but not more than one hundred fifty  
908 thousand (150,000), a salary of Forty-two Thousand Five Hundred  
909 Eighty Dollars (\$42,580.00).

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

914 (e) In counties with a population of more than  
915 thirty-four thousand (34,000) but not more than forty-nine

916 thousand (49,000), a salary of Thirty-one Thousand Seven Hundred  
917 Twenty-six Dollars (\$31,726.00).

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

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

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

930 (i) In counties with a population of more than twelve  
931 thousand (12,000) but not more than sixteen thousand five hundred  
932 (16,500), a salary of Twenty Thousand Thirty-eight Dollars  
933 (\$20,038.00).

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

937 (k) In counties with a population of eight thousand  
938 (8,000) or less, a salary of Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred Dollars  
939 (\$13,200.00).

940 The board of supervisors of any county having two (2)  
941 judicial districts and two (2) justice court judges for the county  
942 shall pay each justice court judge an amount equal to that \* \* \*  
943 provided in this subsection for judges in the next higher  
944 population category per year, if the justice court judge maintains  
945 regular office hours and is personally present in the office they  
946 maintain for at least thirty (30) hours per week. In any county  
947 having a population greater than eight thousand (8,000) but less  
948 than eight thousand five hundred (8,500) according to the 1990

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

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

977 (3) From and after January 1, 1984, all fees, costs, fines  
978 and penalties charged and collected in the justice court shall be  
979 paid to the clerk of the justice court for deposit, along with  
980 monies from cash bonds and other monies which have been forfeited  
981 in criminal cases, into the general fund of the county as provided

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

994 (4) The salaries provided for in \* \* \* this section shall be  
995 payable monthly by warrant drawn by the clerk of the board of  
996 supervisors on the general fund of the county; however, the board  
997 of supervisors, by resolution duly adopted and entered on its  
998 minutes, may provide that such salaries shall be paid semimonthly  
999 on the first and fifteenth day of each month. If a pay date falls  
1000 on a weekend or legal holiday, salary payments shall be made on  
1001 the workday immediately preceding the weekend or legal holiday.

1002 (5) \* \* \* The salary of a justice court judge shall not be  
1003 reduced during his term of office as a result of a population  
1004 change following a federal decennial census.

1005 (6) Any justice court judge who is unable to attend and hold  
1006 court by reason of being under suspension by the Commission on  
1007 Judicial Performance or the Mississippi Supreme Court shall not  
1008 receive a salary while under such suspension.

1009 SECTION 7. Section 9-9-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1010 amended as follows:

1011 9-9-11. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (2)  
1012 and (3), the county court judge shall receive an annual salary  
1013 payable monthly out of the county treasury in an amount not to  
1014 exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) less than the salary which

1015 is now or shall hereafter be provided for circuit and chancery  
1016 judges of this state, in the discretion of the board of  
1017 supervisors of that county; \* \* \* however, \* \* \* the salary of  
1018 such judge shall not be reduced during his term of office. \* \* \*  
1019 Further, \* \* \* the office of county court judge in any county  
1020 receiving an annual salary of Thirty-six Thousand Dollars  
1021 (\$36,000.00) or more shall be a full-time position, and the holder  
1022 thereof shall not otherwise engage in the practice of law.

1023 (2) In the event of the establishment of a county court by  
1024 agreement between two (2) or more counties as provided in Section  
1025 9-9-3, the county judge of the court so established shall be paid  
1026 a salary equal to one and one-half (1-1/2) times that salary that  
1027 he would be paid if he were the judge of the smallest of such two  
1028 (2) or more counties, such salary to be paid in monthly  
1029 installments as provided by law; provided that such salary shall  
1030 not exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) less than the salary  
1031 of the circuit and chancery judges of this state.

1032 (3) The county court judge shall receive an annual salary  
1033 payable monthly out of the county treasury as follows:

1034 (a) In any county having a population of seventy  
1035 thousand (70,000) or more according to the 1980 federal census,  
1036 the county judge shall receive an annual salary of One Thousand  
1037 Dollars (\$1,000.00) less than that paid to a circuit court judge.  
1038 The office of county judge shall be a full-time position, and the  
1039 holder thereof shall not otherwise engage in the practice of law.

1040 (b) In any county having a population of sixty thousand  
1041 (60,000) or more but less than seventy thousand (70,000) according  
1042 to the 1980 federal census, the county judge shall receive an  
1043 annual salary of Forty-four Thousand Dollars (\$44,000.00). The  
1044 office of county judge shall be a full-time position, and the  
1045 holder thereof shall not otherwise engage in the practice of law.  
1046 The county judge shall not be eligible for any additional salary  
1047 except as may be authorized in subsection (4).



1048           (c) In any county having a population of twenty-seven  
1049 thousand (27,000) or more but less than sixty thousand (60,000)  
1050 according to the 1980 federal census, the county judge shall  
1051 receive an annual salary of not less than Thirteen Thousand Two  
1052 Hundred Dollars (\$13,200.00) but not more than Forty-four Thousand  
1053 Dollars (\$44,000.00), in the discretion of the board of  
1054 supervisors of that county. The county judge shall not be  
1055 eligible for any additional salary except as may be authorized in  
1056 subsection (4). In the event that the board of supervisors of  
1057 said county elects to pay such county judge an annual salary of  
1058 Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) or more, the office of county  
1059 judge shall be a full-time position, and the holder thereof shall  
1060 not otherwise engage in the practice of law.

1061           (d) In any county having a population of less than  
1062 twenty-seven thousand (27,000) according to the 1980 federal  
1063 census, the county judge shall receive an annual salary of not  
1064 less than Four Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$4,620.00) and  
1065 not more than Nine Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Dollars  
1066 (\$9,350.00), in the discretion of the board of supervisors of that  
1067 county. The county judge shall not be eligible for any additional  
1068 salary except as may be authorized in subsection (4).

1069           (4) The county judge of any county described in this  
1070 subsection shall be paid the compensation, and he shall be subject  
1071 to any restrictions, set forth in the following paragraphs:

1072           (a) The county judge of any such Class 1 county with  
1073 population according to the latest federal decennial census of  
1074 forty-five thousand (45,000) or more and lying wholly within a  
1075 levee district and having two (2) judicial districts \* \* \*, in the  
1076 discretion of the board of supervisors of such county, shall  
1077 receive an annual salary not exceeding Forty Thousand Dollars  
1078 (\$40,000.00), or a sum which is One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)  
1079 less than the salary which is now or shall hereafter be provided

1080 for circuit and chancery judges of the state, whichever is  
1081 greater.

1082 (b) The county judge of any Class 1 county having an  
1083 area in excess of nine hundred twenty-five (925) square miles  
1084 shall receive an annual salary of not less than Thirty Thousand  
1085 Dollars (\$30,000.00) but, in the discretion of the board of  
1086 supervisors of such county, such salary may be not more than Five  
1087 Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) less than the annual salary of a circuit  
1088 judge, payable monthly out of the county treasury, and the county  
1089 judge shall not practice law.

1090 (c) The office of county judge in any such Class 1  
1091 county with a population according to the 1970 federal decennial  
1092 census of greater than thirty-nine thousand (39,000), and where  
1093 U.S. Highway 61 and Mississippi Highway 6 intersect, shall receive  
1094 an annual salary to be paid in monthly installments of not less  
1095 than an amount equal to ninety percent (90%) of the annual salary  
1096 which is now or shall hereafter be provided for circuit and  
1097 chancery judges of the state, as follows: The salary of the  
1098 county judge shall be increased by ten percent (10%) annually  
1099 above the base salary of the preceding year until such time as the  
1100 judge's salary is equal to the amount that is provided by this  
1101 subsection. The office of county judge shall be a full-time  
1102 position and the holder thereof shall not otherwise engage in the  
1103 practice of law.

1104 (d) In any Class 1 county bordering on the Mississippi  
1105 River and which has situated therein a national military park and  
1106 national military cemetery, the office of county judge shall be a  
1107 full-time position and the holder thereof shall not otherwise  
1108 engage in the practice of law. The salary for the county judge in  
1109 said county shall be fixed at a sum which is One Thousand Dollars  
1110 (\$1,000.00) less than the salary which is now or shall hereafter  
1111 be provided for circuit and chancery judges of this state.

1112           (e) The county judge in any county having a population  
1113 of at least forty-two thousand one hundred eleven (42,111),  
1114 according to the 1970 census, and where U.S. Highway 49E and U.S.  
1115 Highway 82 intersect, shall receive an annual salary to be paid in  
1116 monthly installments of not less than Thirty Thousand Dollars  
1117 (\$30,000.00) but not more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars  
1118 (\$2,500.00) less than the annual salary of the circuit judge, in  
1119 the discretion of the board of supervisors of that county.

1120           (f) The county judge in any Class 1 county bordering on  
1121 the Mississippi River and having an area of less than four hundred  
1122 fifty (450) square miles wherein U.S. Highways 84 and 61 intersect  
1123 shall receive an annual salary of Four Thousand Dollars  
1124 (\$4,000.00) less than the annual salary of a circuit judge, and  
1125 such county judge shall not practice law in any manner. The  
1126 county judge in such county shall not be eligible to receive any  
1127 additional salary authorized by this section or from any other  
1128 source other than that set out and authorized by this paragraph.

1129           (g) The county judge of any Class 1 county bordering on  
1130 the Mississippi River on the west and the State of Tennessee on  
1131 the north, and traversed north to south by Interstate Highway 55,  
1132 shall receive an annual salary of ninety percent (90%) of the  
1133 salary which is now or shall hereafter be provided for chancery  
1134 and circuit judges of this state, but in any event not less than  
1135 Sixty Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$60,200.00).

1136           (h) The county judge of any Class 1 county with a  
1137 population of greater than sixty-nine thousand (69,000) according  
1138 to the 1980 federal decennial census, and wherein U.S. Highway 80  
1139 and Mississippi Highway 43 intersect, shall receive an annual  
1140 salary in an amount not greater than the sum of Five Hundred  
1141 Dollars (\$500.00) less than the salary which is now or shall  
1142 hereafter be provided for circuit and chancery judges of this  
1143 state, in the discretion of the board of supervisors of that  
1144 county.

1145           (i) The county judge of any county having a population  
1146 in excess of sixty-six thousand (66,000) according to the 1980  
1147 federal decennial census, wherein is located a state-supported  
1148 university and in which U.S. Highways 49 and 11 intersect, shall  
1149 receive an annual salary of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) less  
1150 than that paid to a circuit court judge. The office of such  
1151 county judge shall be a full-time position, and the holder thereof  
1152 shall not otherwise engage in the practice of law.

1153           (j) The county judge of any county having two (2)  
1154 judicial districts, having a population in excess of sixty-one  
1155 thousand nine hundred (61,900) according to the 1980 federal  
1156 decennial census, in which U.S. Interstate Highway 59 intersects  
1157 with U.S. Highway 84, shall receive an annual salary of One  
1158 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) less than the salary which is now or  
1159 hereafter authorized to be paid circuit and chancery court judges  
1160 of this state. The office of such county judge shall be a  
1161 full-time position, and the holder thereof shall not otherwise  
1162 engage in the practice of law.

1163           (k) The office of county judge of any Class I county  
1164 wherein U.S. Highway 51 and U.S. Highway 98 intersect shall be a  
1165 full-time position and the holder thereof shall not otherwise  
1166 engage in the practice of law. The annual salary for the office  
1167 of county judge in that county may be fixed, in the discretion of  
1168 the board of supervisors of the county, at a sum not to exceed Two  
1169 Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) less than the salary which is now or  
1170 shall hereafter be provided for circuit and chancery judges of  
1171 this state.

1172           (l) The county judge of any county having a population  
1173 of more than forty-one thousand six hundred (41,600) but less than  
1174 forty-one thousand six hundred fifty (41,650) according to the  
1175 1980 federal census, and wherein U.S. Highway 49 intersects with  
1176 Mississippi Highway 22, shall receive an annual salary in an  
1177 amount established by the board of supervisors, but in no event to

1178 exceed the salary provided now or hereafter for circuit and  
1179 chancery judges of this state.

1180 (m) The county judge of any county having a population  
1181 of more than fifty-seven thousand (57,000) but less than  
1182 fifty-seven thousand one hundred (57,100) according to the 1980  
1183 federal census, wherein U.S. Highway 45 intersects with  
1184 Mississippi Highway 6, shall receive an annual salary in an amount  
1185 established by the board of supervisors, but in no event to exceed  
1186 the salary provided now or hereafter for circuit and chancery  
1187 judges of this state.

1188 (n) The county judge of any county having a population  
1189 of more than fifty-seven thousand three hundred (57,300) according  
1190 to the 1980 federal decennial census, wherein is located a  
1191 state-supported university and wherein United States Highways 82  
1192 and 45 intersect, shall receive an annual salary in an amount  
1193 established by the board of supervisors, but in no event to exceed  
1194 the salary provided now or hereafter for circuit and chancery  
1195 judges of this state.

1196 (5) The salary of a county court judge or justice court  
1197 judge shall not be reduced during his term of office as a result  
1198 of a population decrease based upon the 1990 federal decennial  
1199 census.

1200 \* \* \*

1201 (6) From and after October 1, 1993, \* \* \* in addition to the  
1202 salaries set forth in this section, the board of supervisors of  
1203 any county, in its discretion, may pay any county court judge  
1204 whose salary is not established herein in relation to the salary  
1205 paid to chancery and circuit court judges, an additional amount  
1206 not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the maximum allowable salary  
1207 for that judge.

1208 SECTION 8. Section 41-61-59, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1209 amended as follows:

1210           41-61-59. (1) A person's death which affects the public  
1211 interest as specified in subsection (2) of this section shall be  
1212 promptly reported to the medical examiner by the physician in  
1213 attendance, any hospital employee, any law enforcement officer  
1214 having knowledge of the death, the embalmer or other funeral home  
1215 employee, any emergency medical technician, any relative or any  
1216 other person present. The appropriate medical examiner shall  
1217 notify the municipal or state law enforcement agency or sheriff  
1218 and take charge of the body.

1219           (2) A death affecting the public interest includes, but is  
1220 not limited to, any of the following:

1221                 (a) Violent death, including homicidal, suicidal or  
1222 accidental death.

1223                 (b) Death caused by thermal, chemical, electrical or  
1224 radiation injury.

1225                 (c) Death caused by criminal abortion, including  
1226 self-induced abortion, or abortion related to or by sexual abuse.

1227                 (d) Death related to disease thought to be virulent or  
1228 contagious which may constitute a public hazard.

1229                 (e) Death that has occurred unexpectedly or from an  
1230 unexplained cause.

1231                 (f) Death of a person confined in a prison, jail or  
1232 correctional institution.

1233                 (g) Death of a person where a physician was not in  
1234 attendance within thirty-six (36) hours preceding death, or in  
1235 prediagnosed terminal or bedfast cases, within thirty (30) days  
1236 preceding death.

1237                 (h) Death of a person where the body is not claimed by  
1238 a relative or a friend.

1239                 (i) Death of a person where the identity of the  
1240 deceased is unknown.

1241                 (j) Death of a child under the age of two (2) years  
1242 where death results from an unknown cause or where the

1243 circumstances surrounding the death indicate that sudden infant  
1244 death syndrome may be the cause of death.

1245 (k) Where a body is brought into this state for  
1246 disposal and there is reason to believe either that the death was  
1247 not investigated properly or that there is not an adequate  
1248 certificate of death.

1249 (l) Where a person is presented to a hospital emergency  
1250 room unconscious and/or unresponsive, with cardiopulmonary  
1251 resuscitative measures being performed, and dies within  
1252 twenty-four (24) hours of admission without regaining  
1253 consciousness or responsiveness, unless a physician was in  
1254 attendance within thirty-six (36) hours preceding presentation to  
1255 the hospital, or in cases in which the decedent had a prediagnosed  
1256 terminal or bedfast condition, unless a physician was in  
1257 attendance within thirty (30) days preceding presentation to the  
1258 hospital.

1259 (3) The State Medical Examiner is empowered to investigate  
1260 deaths, under the authority hereinafter conferred, in any and all  
1261 political subdivisions of the state. The county medical examiners  
1262 and county medical examiner investigators, while appointed for a  
1263 specific county, may serve other counties on a regular basis with  
1264 written authorization by the State Medical Examiner, or may serve  
1265 other counties on an as-needed basis upon the request of the  
1266 ranking officer of the investigating law enforcement agency. The  
1267 county medical examiner or county medical examiner investigator of  
1268 any county which has established a regional medical examiner  
1269 district under subsection (4) of Section 41-61-77 may serve other  
1270 counties which are parties to the agreement establishing the  
1271 district, in accordance with the terms of the agreement, and may  
1272 contract with counties which are not part of the district to  
1273 provide medical examiner services for such counties. If a death  
1274 affecting the public interest takes place in a county other than  
1275 the one where injuries or other substantial causal factors leading

1276 to the death have occurred, jurisdiction for investigation of the  
1277 death may be transferred, by mutual agreement of the respective  
1278 medical examiners of the counties involved, to the county where  
1279 such injuries or other substantial causal factors occurred, and  
1280 the costs of autopsy or other studies necessary to the further  
1281 investigation of the death shall be borne by the county assuming  
1282 jurisdiction.

1283 (4) The chief county medical examiner or chief county  
1284 medical examiner investigator may receive from the county in which  
1285 he serves a salary of Eight Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$825.00)  
1286 per month, in addition to the fees specified in Sections 41-61-69  
1287 and 41-61-75, provided that no county shall pay the chief county  
1288 medical examiner or chief county medical examiner investigator  
1289 less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per month as a salary, in  
1290 addition to other compensation provided by law. In any county  
1291 having one or more deputy medical examiners or deputy medical  
1292 examiner investigators, each deputy may receive from the county in  
1293 which he serves, in the discretion of the board of supervisors, a  
1294 salary of not more than Eight Hundred Twenty-five Dollars  
1295 (\$825.00) per month, in addition to the fees specified in Sections  
1296 41-61-69 and 41-61-75. For this salary the chief shall assure  
1297 twenty-four-hour daily and readily available death investigators  
1298 for the county, and shall maintain copies of all medical examiner  
1299 death investigations for the county for at least the previous five  
1300 (5) years. He shall coordinate his office and duties and  
1301 cooperate with the State Medical Examiner, and the State Medical  
1302 Examiner shall cooperate with him.

1303 (5) A body composed of the State Medical Examiner, whether  
1304 appointed on a permanent or interim basis, the Director of the  
1305 State Board of Health or his designee, the Attorney General or his  
1306 designee, the President of the Mississippi Coroners' Association  
1307 (or successor organization) or his designee, and a certified  
1308 pathologist appointed by the Mississippi State Medical Association



1309 shall adopt, promulgate, amend and repeal rules and regulations as  
1310 may be deemed necessary by them from time to time for the proper  
1311 enforcement, interpretation and administration of Sections  
1312 41-61-51 through 41-61-79, in accordance with the provisions of  
1313 the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law, being Sections  
1314 25-43-1 through 25-43-19.

1315 SECTION 9. Section 9-13-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1316 amended as follows:

1317 9-13-19. (1) Court reporters for circuit and chancery  
1318 courts shall be paid an annual salary of Forty-one Thousand Eight  
1319 Hundred Dollars (\$41,800.00) payable by the Administrative Office  
1320 of Courts. In addition, any court reporter performing the duties  
1321 of a court administrator in the same judicial district in which  
1322 the person is employed as a court reporter may be paid additional  
1323 compensation for performing the court administrator duties. The  
1324 annual amount of the additional compensation shall be set by vote  
1325 of the judges and chancellors for whom the court administrator  
1326 duties are performed, with consideration given to the number of  
1327 hours per month devoted by the court reporter to performing the  
1328 duties of a court administrator. The additional compensation  
1329 shall be submitted to the Administrative Office of Courts for  
1330 approval.

1331 (2) The several counties in each respective court district  
1332 shall transfer from the general funds of those county treasuries  
1333 to the Administrative Office of Courts a proportionate amount to  
1334 be paid toward the annual compensation of the court reporter,  
1335 including any additional compensation paid for the performance of  
1336 court administrator duties. The amount to be paid by each county  
1337 shall be determined by the number of weeks in which court is held  
1338 in each county in proportion to the total number of weeks court is  
1339 held in the district. For purposes of this section, the term  
1340 "compensation" means the gross salary plus all amounts paid for  
1341 benefits, or otherwise, as a result of employment or as required

1342 by employment, but does not include transcript fees otherwise  
1343 authorized to be paid by or through the counties. However, only  
1344 salary earned for services rendered shall be reported and credited  
1345 for retirement purposes. Amounts paid for transcript fees,  
1346 benefits or otherwise, including reimbursement for travel  
1347 expenses, shall not be reported or credited for retirement  
1348 purposes.

1349 For example, if there are thirty-eight (38) scheduled court  
1350 weeks in a particular district, a county in which court is  
1351 scheduled five (5) weeks out of the year would have to pay  
1352 five-thirty-eighths (5/38) of the total annual compensation.

1353 (3) The salary and any additional compensation for the  
1354 performance of court administrator duties shall be paid in twelve  
1355 (12) installments on the last working day of each month after it  
1356 has been duly authorized by the appointing judge or chancellor and  
1357 an order duly placed on the minutes of the court. Each county  
1358 shall transfer to the Administrative Office of Courts one-twelfth  
1359 (1/12) of the amount required to be paid pursuant to subsection  
1360 (2) of this section by the twentieth day of each month for the  
1361 salary that is to be paid on the last working day of the month.  
1362 The Administrative Office of Courts shall pay to the court  
1363 reporter the total amount of salary due for that month. Any  
1364 county may pay, in the discretion of the board of supervisors, by  
1365 the twentieth day of January of any year, the amount due for a  
1366 full twelve (12) months.

1367 (4) From and after October 1, 1996, all circuit and chancery  
1368 court reporters will be employees of the Administrative Office of  
1369 Courts.

1370 (5) No circuit or chancery court reporter shall be entitled  
1371 to any compensation for any special or extended term of court  
1372 after passage of this section.

1373 (6) No chancery or circuit court reporter shall practice law  
1374 in the court within which he or she is the court reporter.

1375           (7) For all travel required in the performance of official  
1376 duties, the circuit or chancery court reporter shall be paid  
1377 mileage by the county in which the duties were performed at the  
1378 same rate as provided for state employees in Section 25-3-41. The  
1379 court reporter shall file in the office of the clerk of the court  
1380 which he serves a certificate of mileage expense incurred during  
1381 that term and payment of such expense to the court reporter shall  
1382 be paid on allowance by the judge of such court.

1383           SECTION 10. Section 19-25-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1384 amended as follows:

1385           19-25-31. Each judge of a circuit, chancery or county court,  
1386 or a court of eminent domain may, in the judge's discretion, by  
1387 order entered on the minutes of the court, allow the sheriff  
1388 riding bailiffs to serve in the respective court of such judge,  
1389 not to exceed four (4) bailiffs. Any such person so employed  
1390 shall be paid by the county on allowances of the court on issuance  
1391 of a warrant therefor in an amount of Seventy Dollars (\$70.00) for  
1392 each day, or part thereof, for which he serves as bailiff when the  
1393 court is in session. No full-time deputy sheriff shall be paid as  
1394 a riding bailiff of any court. County court judges shall be  
1395 limited to one (1) bailiff per each court day.

1396           SECTION 11. Section 23-15-225, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1397 amended as follows:

1398           23-15-225. (1) The registrar shall be entitled to such  
1399 compensation, payable monthly out of the county treasury, which  
1400 the board of supervisors of the county shall allow on an annual  
1401 basis in the following amounts:

1402           (a) For counties with a total population of more than  
1403 two hundred thousand (200,000), an amount not to exceed Thirty-two  
1404 Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$32,890.00), but not less  
1405 than Ten Thousand One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$10,120.00).

1406           (b) For counties with a total population of more than  
1407 one hundred thousand (100,000) and not more than two hundred

1408 thousand (200,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-seven Thousand  
1409 Eight Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$27,830.00), but not less than Ten  
1410 Thousand One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$10,120.00).

1411 (c) For counties with a total population of more than  
1412 fifty thousand (50,000) and not more than one hundred thousand  
1413 (100,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-five Thousand Three  
1414 Hundred Dollars (\$25,300.00), but not less than Ten Thousand One  
1415 Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$10,120.00).

1416 (d) For counties with a total population of more than  
1417 thirty-five thousand (35,000) and not more than fifty thousand  
1418 (50,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-two Thousand Seven  
1419 Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$22,770.00), but not less than Ten  
1420 Thousand One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$10,120.00).

1421 (e) For counties with a total population of more than  
1422 twenty-five thousand (25,000) and not more than thirty-five  
1423 thousand (35,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty Thousand Two  
1424 Hundred Forty Dollars (\$20,240.00), but not less than Ten Thousand  
1425 One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$10,120.00).

1426 (f) For counties with a total population of more than  
1427 fifteen thousand (15,000) and not more than twenty-five thousand  
1428 (25,000), an amount not to exceed Seventeen Thousand Seven Hundred  
1429 Ten Dollars (\$17,710.00), but not less than Ten Thousand One  
1430 Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$10,120.00).

1431 (g) For counties with a total population of more than  
1432 ten thousand (10,000) and not more than fifteen thousand (15,000),  
1433 an amount not to exceed Fifteen Thousand One Hundred Eighty  
1434 Dollars (\$15,180.00), but not less than Eight Thousand Eight  
1435 Hundred Fifty-five Dollars (\$8,855.00).

1436 (h) For counties with a total population of more than  
1437 six thousand (6,000) and not more than ten thousand (10,000), an  
1438 amount not to exceed Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars  
1439 (\$12,650.00), but not less than Eight Thousand Eight Hundred  
1440 Fifty-five Dollars (\$8,855.00).

1441 (i) For counties with a total population of not more  
1442 than six thousand (6,000), an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand  
1443 One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$10,120.00), but not less than Six  
1444 Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-eight Dollars (\$6,958.00).

1445 (j) For counties having two (2) judicial districts, the  
1446 board of supervisors of the county may allow, in addition to the  
1447 sums prescribed herein, in its discretion, an amount not to exceed  
1448 Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$12,650.00).

1449 (2) In the event of a reregistration within such county, or  
1450 a redistricting which necessitates the hiring of additional deputy  
1451 registrars, the board of supervisors may by contract compensate  
1452 the county registrar amounts in addition to the sums prescribed in  
1453 this section, in its discretion.

1454 (3) As compensation for their services in assisting the  
1455 county election commissioners in performance of their duties in  
1456 the revision of the registration books and the pollbooks of the  
1457 several voting precincts of the several counties and in assisting  
1458 the election commissioners, executive committees or boards of  
1459 supervisors in connection with any election, the registrar shall  
1460 receive the same daily per diem and limitation on meeting days as  
1461 provided for the board of election commissioners as set out in  
1462 Sections 23-15-153 and 23-15-227 to be paid from the general fund  
1463 of the county.

1464 (4) In any case where an amount has been allowed by the  
1465 board of supervisors pursuant to this section, such amount shall  
1466 not be reduced or terminated during the term for which the  
1467 registrar was elected.

1468 (5) The circuit clerk shall, in addition to any other  
1469 compensation provided for by law, be entitled to receive as  
1470 compensation from the board of supervisors the amount of Two  
1471 Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) per year. This payment shall be for  
1472 the performance of his duties in regard to the conduct of  
1473 elections and the performance of his other duties.

1474           (6) The municipal clerk shall, in addition to any other  
1475 compensation for performance of duties, be eligible to receive as  
1476 compensation from the municipality's governing authorities a  
1477 reasonable amount of additional compensation for reimbursement of  
1478 costs and for additional duties associated with mail-in  
1479 registration of voters.

1480           (7) The board of supervisors shall not allow any additional  
1481 compensation authorized under this section for services as county  
1482 registrar to any circuit clerk who is receiving fees as  
1483 compensation for his services equal to the limitation on  
1484 compensation prescribed in Section 9-1-43.

1485           SECTION 12. The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi  
1486 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,  
1487 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the  
1488 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States  
1489 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the  
1490 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and  
1491 extended.

1492           SECTION 13. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
1493 and after October 1, 2001, if it is effectuated on or before that  
1494 date under Section 5 of the voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended  
1495 and extended. If it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting  
1496 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended, after October 1,  
1497 2001, this act shall take effect and be in force from and after  
1498 the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting Rights  
1499 Act of 1965, as amended and extended.