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To: Fees, Salaries and Administration

SENATE BILL NO. 2672  
(As Passed the Senate)

1 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN COUNTY OFFICIALS;  
2 TO AMEND SECTIONS 25-3-3 AND 25-3-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
3 INCREASE THE SALARIES OF COUNTY TAX COLLECTORS AND TAX ASSESSORS;  
4 TO AMEND SECTION 25-3-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE  
5 SALARIES OF THE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS IN CERTAIN COUNTIES;  
6 TO AMEND SECTION 25-3-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE  
7 THE SALARIES OF MEMBERS OF COUNTY BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS; TO AMEND  
8 SECTION 25-3-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE  
9 SALARIES OF SHERIFFS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF  
10 CLAIBORNE AND FRANKLIN COUNTIES TO PAY AN ANNUAL SUPPLEMENT TO THE  
11 SHERIFFS OF CLAIBORNE AND FRANKLIN COUNTIES; TO AMEND SECTION  
12 25-3-36, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE SALARIES OF  
13 JUSTICE COURT JUDGES; TO AMEND SECTION 9-9-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
14 1972, TO INCREASE THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN COUNTY COURT JUDGES; TO  
15 AMEND SECTION 41-61-59, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE  
16 SALARY ALLOWABLE TO CHIEF COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND CHIEF  
17 COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER INVESTIGATORS; TO AMEND SECTION 9-13-19,  
18 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE SALARIES OF COURT  
19 REPORTERS; TO AMEND SECTION 19-25-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
20 INCREASE THE DAILY COMPENSATION AUTHORIZED FOR RIDING BAILIFFS; TO  
21 AMEND SECTION 23-15-225, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE  
22 SALARIES OF COUNTY REGISTRARS; TO AMEND SECTION 17-15-11,  
23 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ALLOW THE MEMBERS OF LOCAL HUMAN  
24 RESOURCE BOARDS TO RECEIVE PER DIEM AND EXPENSES; AND FOR RELATED  
25 PURPOSES.

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

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

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

37           The salary of assessors of the various counties is \* \* \*  
38 fixed as full compensation for their services as county assessors  
39 and tax collectors. The annual salary of each assessor shall be  
40 based upon the total assessed valuation of his respective county  
41 for the preceding taxable year in the following categories and for  
42 the following amounts:

43           (a) For counties with a total assessed valuation of Two  
44 Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00) or more, a salary  
45 of Forty-nine Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-nine Dollars  
46 (\$49,639.00);

47           (b) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
48 at least Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00) but less  
49 than Two Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00), a salary  
50 of Forty-seven Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-eight Dollars  
51 (\$47,868.00);

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

102 Association of Assessing Officers as a Cadastral Mapping  
103 Specialist (CMS) or Personal Property Specialist (PPS) or  
104 Residential Evaluation Specialist (RES), he shall receive an  
105 additional Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500.00) annually  
106 beginning the next fiscal year after completion. When any tax  
107 assessor holds the valid designation of Certified Assessment  
108 Evaluator (CAE) from the International Association of Assessing  
109 Officers or is a state certified General Real Estate Appraiser  
110 (GA) under Section 73-34-1 et seq., he shall receive an additional  
111 Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500.00) annually beginning  
112 the next fiscal year after completion.

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

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

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

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

132 25-3-5. In any county where the office of tax collector has  
133 been separated from the office of tax assessor, the annual salary  
134 of the assessor or tax collector shall be based upon the assessed

135 valuation of his respective county for the preceding taxable year  
136 in the following categories and for the following amounts:

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

140 (b) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
141 at least Two Hundred Million Dollars (\$200,000,000.00) but less  
142 than Two Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00), a salary  
143 of Fifty-one Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-three Dollars  
144 (\$51,263.00);

145 (c) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
146 at least One Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$150,000,000.00) but  
147 less than Two Hundred Million Dollars (\$200,000,000.00), a salary  
148 of Forty-seven Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-four Dollars  
149 (\$47,924.00);

150 (d) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
151 at least One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000.00) but less  
152 than One Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$150,000,000.00), a salary  
153 of Forty-four Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-four Dollars  
154 (\$44,584.00);

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

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

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

166 In addition to all other compensation paid to assessors or  
167 tax collectors, in counties having two (2) judicial districts, the

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

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

201 assessor holds the valid designation of Certified Assessment  
202 Evaluator (CAE) from the International Association of Assessing  
203 Officers or is a state certified General Real Estate Appraiser  
204 (GA) under Section 73-34-1 et seq., he shall receive an additional  
205 Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500.00) annually beginning  
206 the next fiscal year after completion.

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

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

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

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

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

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

233           (c) For counties with a total population of more than  
234 fifty thousand (50,000) and not more than one hundred thousand  
235 (100,000), a salary not to exceed Twenty-three Thousand Eight  
236 Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$23,870.00).

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

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

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

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

253           (h) For counties with a total population of more than  
254 six thousand (6,000) and not more than ten thousand (10,000), a  
255 salary not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars  
256 (\$15,950.00).

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

262           In all cases of conviction there shall be taxed against the  
263 convicted defendant, as an item of cost, the sum of Three Dollars  
264 (\$3.00), which shall be turned in to the county treasury as a part  
265 of the general county funds; however, the Three Dollars (\$3.00)

266 shall not be taxed in any case in which it is not the specific  
267 duty of the county attorney to appear and prosecute.

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

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

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

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

299 office and pay additional compensation up to, but not in excess  
300 of, ninety percent (90%) of the annual compensation and salary of  
301 the county court judge and the youth court judge of Forrest County  
302 as authorized by law and provide a reasonable office and  
303 reasonable office expenses to the county prosecuting attorney.  
304 The salary authorized by this paragraph (b) for the county  
305 prosecuting attorney shall be the sole and complete salary for  
306 such prosecuting attorney in each county to which this paragraph  
307 applies, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
308 contrary.

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

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

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

329           (f) In any county having a population of more than  
330 twenty-five thousand (25,000) and in which U.S. Highways 72 and 45

331 intersect, the salary of the county attorney shall be paid not  
332 less than Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00).

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

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

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

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

364 his/her assistant shall be the sole and complete salary paid by  
365 the county for such prosecuting attorney and his/her assistant in  
366 each county to which this paragraph applies, notwithstanding any  
367 other provision of law to the contrary.

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

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

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

386 (m) In any county wherein Interstate Highway 55 and  
387 State Highway 8 intersect, the salary of the county prosecuting  
388 attorney shall be not less than Twelve Thousand Dollars  
389 (\$12,000.00) per year.

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

394 (o) In any county bordering on the Alabama state line,  
395 having a population of greater than fifteen thousand (15,000)  
396 according to the 1970 federal decennial census, wherein U.S.

397 Highway 45 and Mississippi Highway 18 intersect, the salary of the  
398 county prosecuting attorney shall be not less than Three Thousand  
399 Six Hundred Dollars (\$3,600.00) nor greater than that of a member  
400 of the board of supervisors of such county. All prior acts,  
401 orders and resolutions of the board of supervisors of such county  
402 which authorized the payment of the salary in conformity with the  
403 provisions of this paragraph, whether or not heretofore  
404 specifically authorized by law are hereby ratified, approved and  
405 confirmed.

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

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

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

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

429           (t) (i) In any county wherein Interstate Highway 55  
430 and State Highway 22 intersect, and which is also traversed in  
431 whole or part by U.S. Highways 49 and 51, and State Highways 16,  
432 17, 43 and the Natchez Trace Parkway, and also containing a part  
433 of a public lake or reservoir, in excess of thirty thousand  
434 (30,000) acres, the board of supervisors, in its discretion, may  
435 pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual salary in the amount  
436 of Twenty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$28,000.00).

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

442           (u) In any county having a population in the 1970  
443 census in excess of thirty-five thousand (35,000) and in which  
444 U.S. Highways 49W and 82 intersect, and in which is located a  
445 state penitentiary, the annual salary of a county prosecuting  
446 attorney shall be Thirty Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Dollars  
447 (\$30,420.00).

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

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

462           (x) In any county bordering on the Mississippi River  
463 having a population greater than fifty thousand (50,000) according  
464 to the 1980 federal decennial census and also having a national  
465 military park and national cemetery, an annual salary of  
466 Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) or a salary equal to  
467 that of a member of the board of supervisors in such county,  
468 whichever is greater. In addition, such county prosecuting  
469 attorney shall receive the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)  
470 per month for the purpose of defraying secretarial expenses.

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

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

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

495           (bb) In any county having a population greater than six  
496 thousand (6,000) according to the federal decennial census and  
497 wherein U.S. Highway 61 and Highway 24 intersect, the board of  
498 supervisors, in its discretion, may pay the county prosecuting  
499 attorney an annual salary equal to the annual salary of members of  
500 the board of supervisors in the county.

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

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

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

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

528           (gg) In any county having a population greater than  
529 thirteen thousand three hundred (13,300) but less than thirteen  
530 thousand four hundred (13,400) according to the 1990 federal  
531 census, and in which Mississippi Highway 24 and Mississippi  
532 Highway 48 intersect, the board of supervisors may, in its  
533 discretion, pay the county prosecuting attorney an additional  
534 amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the maximum allowable  
535 salary for that attorney under subsection (1).

536           (hh) In any county having a population greater than  
537 eight thousand three hundred (8,300) but less than eight thousand  
538 four hundred (8,400) according to the 1990 federal census, and in  
539 which U.S. Highway 84 and U.S. Highway 98 intersect, the board of  
540 supervisors may, in its discretion, pay the county prosecuting  
541 attorney an additional amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of  
542 the maximum allowable salary for that attorney under subsection  
543 (1).

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

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

559           (kk) In any county having a population greater than  
560 twelve thousand four hundred (12,400) but less than twelve

561 thousand five hundred (12,500) according to the 1990 federal  
562 census, and in which U.S. Highway 84 and Mississippi Highway 27  
563 intersect, the board of supervisors may, in its discretion, pay  
564 the county prosecuting attorney an additional amount not to exceed  
565 ten percent (10%) of the maximum allowable salary for that  
566 attorney under subsection (1).

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

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

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

593           (oo) In any county having a population greater than  
594 thirty-seven thousand (37,000) but less than thirty-eight thousand  
595 (38,000) according to the 1990 federal census, in which is located  
596 a state supported institution of higher learning, and in which  
597 U.S. Highway 82 and Mississippi Highway 7 intersect, the board of  
598 supervisors may, in its discretion, pay the county prosecuting  
599 attorney a salary in an amount not to exceed the amount of the  
600 salary of the District Attorney for the Fourth Judicial District  
601 of Mississippi.

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

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

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

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

624           (tt) In any county in which Interstate Highway 59 and  
625 U.S. Highway 84 intersect, the board of supervisors, in its

626 discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual  
627 salary equal to the annual salary of members of the board of  
628 supervisors in the county.

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

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

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

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

643 (a) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
644 less than Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00), a salary of  
645 Twenty-five Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-two Dollars  
646 (\$25,882.00);

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

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

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

659 (e) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
660 at least Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00), but less than  
661 Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00), a salary of Thirty  
662 Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-one Dollars (\$30,891.00);

663 (f) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
664 at least Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00), but less  
665 than One Hundred Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$125,000,000.00), a  
666 salary of Thirty-one Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-three Dollars  
667 (\$31,893.00);

668 (g) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
669 One Hundred Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$125,000,000.00), but  
670 less than Three Hundred Million Dollars (\$300,000,000.00), a  
671 salary of Thirty-six Thousand Nine Hundred Three Dollars  
672 (\$36,903.00);

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

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

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

682 25-3-25. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections  
683 (2) through (11), the salaries of sheriffs of the various counties  
684 are \* \* \* fixed as full compensation for their services.

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

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

695 (b) For counties with a total population of more than  
696 one hundred thousand (100,000) and not more than two hundred  
697 thousand (200,000), a salary of Seventy-seven Thousand Dollars  
698 (\$77,000.00).

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

703 (d) For counties with a total population of more than  
704 thirty-four thousand (34,000) and not more than forty-five  
705 thousand (45,000), a salary of Sixty-six Thousand Dollars  
706 (\$66,000.00).

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

711 (f) For counties with a total population of more than  
712 fifteen thousand (15,000) and not more than twenty-five thousand  
713 (25,000), a salary of Fifty-five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000.00).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

801 (a) Hinds County has the greatest population of any  
802 county, two hundred fifty-four thousand four hundred forty-one  
803 (254,441) by the 1990 census, being almost one hundred thousand  
804 (100,000) more than the next most populous county;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

890 (11) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection  
891 (1) of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Franklin County,  
892 in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of  
893 the county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars  
894 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual  
895 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such  
896 county because the sheriff has certain contractual duties  
897 regarding a regional correctional facility within Jefferson County  
898 used for the private incarceration of state inmates.

899 (12) In addition to the salary provided in subsection (1) of  
900 this section, the board of supervisors of any county, in its  
901 discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the  
902 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars  
903 (\$10,000.00) if within the county there is located a facility or  
904 institution that has imposed additional duties on the sheriff.  
905 The board of supervisors shall not pay the annual supplement to  
906 the sheriff until it has passed a resolution stating the  
907 justifications for the supplement and has spread it on its  
908 minutes. The annual supplement authorized in this subsection  
909 shall not be in addition to the annual supplements authorized in  
910 subsections (2) through (11).

911 (13) The salaries \* \* \* provided in this section shall be  
912 payable monthly on the first day of each calendar month by  
913 chancery clerk's warrant drawn on the general fund of the county;  
914 however, the board of supervisors, by resolution duly adopted and  
915 entered on its minutes, may provide that such salaries shall be  
916 paid semimonthly on the first and fifteenth day of each month. If  
917 a pay date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, salary payments  
918 shall be made on the workday immediately preceding the weekend or  
919 legal holiday.

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

922 25-3-36. (1) From and after October 1, 1998, every justice  
923 court judge shall receive as full compensation for his or her  
924 services and in lieu of any and all other fees, costs or  
925 compensation heretofore authorized for such justice court judge,  
926 an annual salary based upon the population of his or her county  
927 according to the 1990 federal decennial census; however, no  
928 justice court judge shall be paid less than the salary authorized  
929 under this section to be paid the justice court judge based upon  
930 the population of the county according to the 1980 federal  
931 decennial census. The amount of which salary shall be determined  
932 as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

964 (i) In counties with a population of more than twelve  
965 thousand (12,000) but not more than sixteen thousand five hundred  
966 (16,500), a salary of Twenty Thousand Thirty-eight Dollars  
967 (\$20,038.00).

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

971 (k) In counties with a population of eight thousand  
972 (8,000) or less, a salary of Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred Dollars  
973 (\$13,200.00).

974 The board of supervisors of any county having two (2)  
975 judicial districts and two (2) justice court judges for the county  
976 shall pay each justice court judge an amount equal to that \* \* \*  
977 provided in this subsection for judges in the next higher  
978 population category per year, if the justice court judge maintains  
979 regular office hours and is personally present in the office they  
980 maintain for at least thirty (30) hours per week. In any county  
981 having a population greater than eight thousand (8,000) but less  
982 than eight thousand five hundred (8,500) according to the 1990  
983 federal decennial census and in which U.S. Highway 61 and  
984 Mississippi Highway 4 intersect, the board of supervisors \* \* \*,

985 in its discretion, may pay such justice court judges an additional  
986 amount not to exceed the sum of Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Fifty  
987 Dollars (\$11,550.00) per year, payable beginning April 1, 1997.  
988 In any county having a population greater than ten thousand  
989 (10,000) but less than ten thousand five hundred (10,500)  
990 according to the 1990 federal decennial census and in which  
991 Mississippi Highway 3 and Mississippi Highway 6 intersect, the  
992 board of supervisors \* \* \*, in its discretion, may pay such  
993 justice court judges an additional amount not to exceed One  
994 Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,450.00) per year, payable  
995 beginning April 1, 1997. In any county having a population  
996 greater than twenty-four thousand seven hundred (24,700) and less  
997 than twenty-four thousand nine hundred (24,900), according to the  
998 1990 federal census, wherein Mississippi Highways 15 and 16  
999 intersect, the board of supervisors shall pay such justice court  
1000 judge an additional amount equal to Two Thousand Five Hundred  
1001 Dollars (\$2,500.00) per year.

1002 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this  
1003 section, in the event that the number of justice court judges  
1004 authorized pursuant to Section 9-11-2(1) is exceeded pursuant to  
1005 the provisions of Section 9-11-2(4), the aggregate of the salaries  
1006 paid to the justice court judges of such a county shall not exceed  
1007 the amount sufficient to pay the number of justice court judges  
1008 authorized pursuant to Section 9-11-2(1), and such amount shall be  
1009 equally divided among those justice court judges continuing to  
1010 hold office under the provisions of Section 9-11-2(4).

1011 (3) From and after January 1, 1984, all fees, costs, fines  
1012 and penalties charged and collected in the justice court shall be  
1013 paid to the clerk of the justice court for deposit, along with  
1014 monies from cash bonds and other monies which have been forfeited  
1015 in criminal cases, into the general fund of the county as provided  
1016 in Section 9-11-19; and the clerk of the board of supervisors  
1017 shall be authorized and empowered, upon approval by the board of

1018 supervisors, to make disbursements and withdrawals from the  
1019 general fund of the county in order to pay any reasonable and  
1020 necessary expenses incurred in complying with this section,  
1021 including payment of the salaries of justice court judges as  
1022 provided by subsection (1) of this section. The provisions of  
1023 this subsection shall not, except as to cash bonds and other  
1024 monies which have been forfeited in criminal cases, apply to  
1025 monies required to be deposited in the justice court clerk  
1026 clearing account as provided in Section 9-11-18, Mississippi Code  
1027 of 1972.

1028 (4) The salaries provided for in \* \* \* this section shall be  
1029 payable monthly by warrant drawn by the clerk of the board of  
1030 supervisors on the general fund of the county; however, the board  
1031 of supervisors, by resolution duly adopted and entered on its  
1032 minutes, may provide that such salaries shall be paid semimonthly  
1033 on the first and fifteenth day of each month. If a pay date falls  
1034 on a weekend or legal holiday, salary payments shall be made on  
1035 the workday immediately preceding the weekend or legal holiday.

1036 (5) \* \* \* The salary of a justice court judge shall not be  
1037 reduced during his term of office as a result of a population  
1038 change following a federal decennial census.

1039 (6) Any justice court judge who is unable to attend and hold  
1040 court by reason of being under suspension by the Commission on  
1041 Judicial Performance or the Mississippi Supreme Court shall not  
1042 receive a salary while under such suspension.

1043 SECTION 7. Section 9-9-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1044 amended as follows:

1045 9-9-11. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (2)  
1046 and (3), the county court judge shall receive an annual salary  
1047 payable monthly out of the county treasury in an amount not to  
1048 exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) less than the salary which  
1049 is now or shall hereafter be provided for circuit and chancery  
1050 judges of this state, in the discretion of the board of

1051 supervisors of that county; \* \* \* however, \* \* \* the salary of  
1052 such judge shall not be reduced during his term of office. \* \* \*  
1053 Further, \* \* \* the office of county court judge in any county  
1054 receiving an annual salary of Thirty-six Thousand Dollars  
1055 (\$36,000.00) or more shall be a full-time position, and the holder  
1056 thereof shall not otherwise engage in the practice of law.

1057 (2) In the event of the establishment of a county court by  
1058 agreement between two (2) or more counties as provided in Section  
1059 9-9-3, the county judge of the court so established shall be paid  
1060 a salary equal to one and one-half (1-1/2) times that salary that  
1061 he would be paid if he were the judge of the smallest of such two  
1062 (2) or more counties, such salary to be paid in monthly  
1063 installments as provided by law; provided that such salary shall  
1064 not exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) less than the salary  
1065 of the circuit and chancery judges of this state.

1066 (3) The county court judge shall receive an annual salary  
1067 payable monthly out of the county treasury as follows:

1068 (a) In any county having a population of seventy  
1069 thousand (70,000) or more according to the 1980 federal census,  
1070 the county judge shall receive an annual salary of One Thousand  
1071 Dollars (\$1,000.00) less than that paid to a circuit court judge.  
1072 The office of county judge shall be a full-time position, and the  
1073 holder thereof shall not otherwise engage in the practice of law.

1074 (b) In any county having a population of sixty thousand  
1075 (60,000) or more but less than seventy thousand (70,000) according  
1076 to the 1980 federal census, the county judge shall receive an  
1077 annual salary of Forty-four Thousand Dollars (\$44,000.00). The  
1078 office of county judge shall be a full-time position, and the  
1079 holder thereof shall not otherwise engage in the practice of law.  
1080 The county judge shall not be eligible for any additional salary  
1081 except as may be authorized in subsection (4).

1082 (c) In any county having a population of twenty-seven  
1083 thousand (27,000) or more but less than sixty thousand (60,000)

1084 according to the 1980 federal census, the county judge shall  
1085 receive an annual salary of not less than Thirteen Thousand Two  
1086 Hundred Dollars (\$13,200.00) but not more than Forty-four Thousand  
1087 Dollars (\$44,000.00), in the discretion of the board of  
1088 supervisors of that county. The county judge shall not be  
1089 eligible for any additional salary except as may be authorized in  
1090 subsection (4). In the event that the board of supervisors of  
1091 said county elects to pay such county judge an annual salary of  
1092 Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) or more, the office of county  
1093 judge shall be a full-time position, and the holder thereof shall  
1094 not otherwise engage in the practice of law.

1095 (d) In any county having a population of less than  
1096 twenty-seven thousand (27,000) according to the 1980 federal  
1097 census, the county judge shall receive an annual salary of not  
1098 less than Four Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$4,620.00) and  
1099 not more than Nine Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Dollars  
1100 (\$9,350.00), in the discretion of the board of supervisors of that  
1101 county. The county judge shall not be eligible for any additional  
1102 salary except as may be authorized in subsection (4).

1103 (4) The county judge of any county described in this  
1104 subsection shall be paid the compensation, and he shall be subject  
1105 to any restrictions, set forth in the following paragraphs:

1106 (a) The county judge of any such Class 1 county with  
1107 population according to the latest federal decennial census of  
1108 forty-five thousand (45,000) or more and lying wholly within a  
1109 levee district and having two (2) judicial districts \* \* \*, in the  
1110 discretion of the board of supervisors of such county, shall  
1111 receive an annual salary not exceeding Forty Thousand Dollars  
1112 (\$40,000.00), or a sum which is One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)  
1113 less than the salary which is now or shall hereafter be provided  
1114 for circuit and chancery judges of the state, whichever is  
1115 greater.

1116           (b) The county judge of any Class 1 county having an  
1117 area in excess of nine hundred twenty-five (925) square miles  
1118 shall receive an annual salary of not less than Thirty Thousand  
1119 Dollars (\$30,000.00) but, in the discretion of the board of  
1120 supervisors of such county, such salary may be not more than Five  
1121 Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) less than the annual salary of a circuit  
1122 judge, payable monthly out of the county treasury, and the county  
1123 judge shall not practice law.

1124           (c) The office of county judge in any such Class 1  
1125 county with a population according to the 1970 federal decennial  
1126 census of greater than thirty-nine thousand (39,000), and where  
1127 U.S. Highway 61 and Mississippi Highway 6 intersect, shall receive  
1128 an annual salary to be paid in monthly installments of not less  
1129 than an amount equal to ninety percent (90%) of the annual salary  
1130 which is now or shall hereafter be provided for circuit and  
1131 chancery judges of the state, as follows: The salary of the  
1132 county judge shall be increased by ten percent (10%) annually  
1133 above the base salary of the preceding year until such time as the  
1134 judge's salary is equal to the amount that is provided by this  
1135 subsection. The office of county judge shall be a full-time  
1136 position and the holder thereof shall not otherwise engage in the  
1137 practice of law.

1138           (d) In any Class 1 county bordering on the Mississippi  
1139 River and which has situated therein a national military park and  
1140 national military cemetery, the office of county judge shall be a  
1141 full-time position and the holder thereof shall not otherwise  
1142 engage in the practice of law. The salary for the county judge in  
1143 said county shall be fixed at a sum which is One Thousand Dollars  
1144 (\$1,000.00) less than the salary which is now or shall hereafter  
1145 be provided for circuit and chancery judges of this state.

1146           (e) The county judge in any county having a population  
1147 of at least forty-two thousand one hundred eleven (42,111),  
1148 according to the 1970 census, and where U.S. Highway 49E and U.S.

1149 Highway 82 intersect, shall receive an annual salary to be paid in  
1150 monthly installments of not less than Thirty Thousand Dollars  
1151 (\$30,000.00) but not more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars  
1152 (\$2,500.00) less than the annual salary of the circuit judge, in  
1153 the discretion of the board of supervisors of that county.

1154 (f) The county judge in any Class 1 county bordering on  
1155 the Mississippi River and having an area of less than four hundred  
1156 fifty (450) square miles wherein U.S. Highways 84 and 61 intersect  
1157 shall receive an annual salary of Four Thousand Dollars  
1158 (\$4,000.00) less than the annual salary of a circuit judge, and  
1159 such county judge shall not practice law in any manner. The  
1160 county judge in such county shall not be eligible to receive any  
1161 additional salary authorized by this section or from any other  
1162 source other than that set out and authorized by this paragraph.

1163 (g) The county judge of any Class 1 county bordering on  
1164 the Mississippi River on the west and the State of Tennessee on  
1165 the north, and traversed north to south by Interstate Highway 55,  
1166 shall receive an annual salary of ninety percent (90%) of the  
1167 salary which is now or shall hereafter be provided for chancery  
1168 and circuit judges of this state, but in any event not less than  
1169 Sixty Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$60,200.00).

1170 (h) The county judge of any Class 1 county with a  
1171 population of greater than sixty-nine thousand (69,000) according  
1172 to the 1980 federal decennial census, and wherein U.S. Highway 80  
1173 and Mississippi Highway 43 intersect, shall receive an annual  
1174 salary in an amount not greater than the sum of Five Hundred  
1175 Dollars (\$500.00) less than the salary which is now or shall  
1176 hereafter be provided for circuit and chancery judges of this  
1177 state, in the discretion of the board of supervisors of that  
1178 county.

1179 (i) The county judge of any county having a population  
1180 in excess of sixty-six thousand (66,000) according to the 1980  
1181 federal decennial census, wherein is located a state-supported

1182 university and in which U.S. Highways 49 and 11 intersect, shall  
1183 receive an annual salary of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) less  
1184 than that paid to a circuit court judge. The office of such  
1185 county judge shall be a full-time position, and the holder thereof  
1186 shall not otherwise engage in the practice of law.

1187 (j) The county judge of any county having two (2)  
1188 judicial districts, having a population in excess of sixty-one  
1189 thousand nine hundred (61,900) according to the 1980 federal  
1190 decennial census, in which U.S. Interstate Highway 59 intersects  
1191 with U.S. Highway 84, shall receive an annual salary of One  
1192 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) less than the salary which is now or  
1193 hereafter authorized to be paid circuit and chancery court judges  
1194 of this state. The office of such county judge shall be a  
1195 full-time position, and the holder thereof shall not otherwise  
1196 engage in the practice of law.

1197 (k) The office of county judge of any Class I county  
1198 wherein U.S. Highway 51 and U.S. Highway 98 intersect shall be a  
1199 full-time position and the holder thereof shall not otherwise  
1200 engage in the practice of law. The annual salary for the office  
1201 of county judge in that county may be fixed, in the discretion of  
1202 the board of supervisors of the county, at a sum not to exceed Two  
1203 Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) less than the salary which is now or  
1204 shall hereafter be provided for circuit and chancery judges of  
1205 this state.

1206 (l) The county judge of any county having a population  
1207 of more than forty-one thousand six hundred (41,600) but less than  
1208 forty-one thousand six hundred fifty (41,650) according to the  
1209 1980 federal census, and wherein U.S. Highway 49 intersects with  
1210 Mississippi Highway 22, shall receive an annual salary in an  
1211 amount established by the board of supervisors, but in no event to  
1212 exceed the salary provided now or hereafter for circuit and  
1213 chancery judges of this state.

1214           (m) The county judge of any county having a population  
1215 of more than fifty-seven thousand (57,000) but less than  
1216 fifty-seven thousand one hundred (57,100) according to the 1980  
1217 federal census, wherein U.S. Highway 45 intersects with  
1218 Mississippi Highway 6, shall receive an annual salary in an amount  
1219 established by the board of supervisors, but in no event to exceed  
1220 the salary provided now or hereafter for circuit and chancery  
1221 judges of this state.

1222           (n) The county judge of any county having a population  
1223 of more than fifty-seven thousand three hundred (57,300) according  
1224 to the 1980 federal decennial census, wherein is located a  
1225 state-supported university and wherein United States Highways 82  
1226 and 45 intersect, shall receive an annual salary in an amount  
1227 established by the board of supervisors, but in no event to exceed  
1228 the salary provided now or hereafter for circuit and chancery  
1229 judges of this state.

1230           (5) The salary of a county court judge or justice court  
1231 judge shall not be reduced during his term of office as a result  
1232 of a population decrease based upon the 1990 federal decennial  
1233 census.

1234       \* \* \*

1235           (6) From and after October 1, 1993, \* \* \* in addition to the  
1236 salaries set forth in this section, the board of supervisors of  
1237 any county, in its discretion, may pay any county court judge  
1238 whose salary is not established herein in relation to the salary  
1239 paid to chancery and circuit court judges, an additional amount  
1240 not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the maximum allowable salary  
1241 for that judge.

1242           SECTION 8. Section 41-61-59, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1243 amended as follows:

1244           41-61-59. (1) A person's death which affects the public  
1245 interest as specified in subsection (2) of this section shall be  
1246 promptly reported to the medical examiner by the physician in

1247 attendance, any hospital employee, any law enforcement officer  
1248 having knowledge of the death, the embalmer or other funeral home  
1249 employee, any emergency medical technician, any relative or any  
1250 other person present. The appropriate medical examiner shall  
1251 notify the municipal or state law enforcement agency or sheriff  
1252 and take charge of the body.

1253 (2) A death affecting the public interest includes, but is  
1254 not limited to, any of the following:

1255 (a) Violent death, including homicidal, suicidal or  
1256 accidental death.

1257 (b) Death caused by thermal, chemical, electrical or  
1258 radiation injury.

1259 (c) Death caused by criminal abortion, including  
1260 self-induced abortion, or abortion related to or by sexual abuse.

1261 (d) Death related to disease thought to be virulent or  
1262 contagious which may constitute a public hazard.

1263 (e) Death that has occurred unexpectedly or from an  
1264 unexplained cause.

1265 (f) Death of a person confined in a prison, jail or  
1266 correctional institution.

1267 (g) Death of a person where a physician was not in  
1268 attendance within thirty-six (36) hours preceding death, or in  
1269 prediagnosed terminal or bedfast cases, within thirty (30) days  
1270 preceding death.

1271 (h) Death of a person where the body is not claimed by  
1272 a relative or a friend.

1273 (i) Death of a person where the identity of the  
1274 deceased is unknown.

1275 (j) Death of a child under the age of two (2) years  
1276 where death results from an unknown cause or where the  
1277 circumstances surrounding the death indicate that sudden infant  
1278 death syndrome may be the cause of death.

1279           (k) Where a body is brought into this state for  
1280 disposal and there is reason to believe either that the death was  
1281 not investigated properly or that there is not an adequate  
1282 certificate of death.

1283           (1) Where a person is presented to a hospital emergency  
1284 room unconscious and/or unresponsive, with cardiopulmonary  
1285 resuscitative measures being performed, and dies within  
1286 twenty-four (24) hours of admission without regaining  
1287 consciousness or responsiveness, unless a physician was in  
1288 attendance within thirty-six (36) hours preceding presentation to  
1289 the hospital, or in cases in which the decedent had a prediagnosed  
1290 terminal or bedfast condition, unless a physician was in  
1291 attendance within thirty (30) days preceding presentation to the  
1292 hospital.

1293           (3) The State Medical Examiner is empowered to investigate  
1294 deaths, under the authority hereinafter conferred, in any and all  
1295 political subdivisions of the state. The county medical examiners  
1296 and county medical examiner investigators, while appointed for a  
1297 specific county, may serve other counties on a regular basis with  
1298 written authorization by the State Medical Examiner, or may serve  
1299 other counties on an as-needed basis upon the request of the  
1300 ranking officer of the investigating law enforcement agency. The  
1301 county medical examiner or county medical examiner investigator of  
1302 any county which has established a regional medical examiner  
1303 district under subsection (4) of Section 41-61-77 may serve other  
1304 counties which are parties to the agreement establishing the  
1305 district, in accordance with the terms of the agreement, and may  
1306 contract with counties which are not part of the district to  
1307 provide medical examiner services for such counties. If a death  
1308 affecting the public interest takes place in a county other than  
1309 the one where injuries or other substantial causal factors leading  
1310 to the death have occurred, jurisdiction for investigation of the  
1311 death may be transferred, by mutual agreement of the respective

1312 medical examiners of the counties involved, to the county where  
1313 such injuries or other substantial causal factors occurred, and  
1314 the costs of autopsy or other studies necessary to the further  
1315 investigation of the death shall be borne by the county assuming  
1316 jurisdiction.

1317 (4) The chief county medical examiner or chief county  
1318 medical examiner investigator may receive from the county in which  
1319 he serves a salary of Eight Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$825.00)  
1320 per month, in addition to the fees specified in Sections 41-61-69  
1321 and 41-61-75, provided that no county shall pay the chief county  
1322 medical examiner or chief county medical examiner investigator  
1323 less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per month as a salary, in  
1324 addition to other compensation provided by law. In any county  
1325 having one or more deputy medical examiners or deputy medical  
1326 examiner investigators, each deputy may receive from the county in  
1327 which he serves, in the discretion of the board of supervisors, a  
1328 salary of not more than Eight Hundred Twenty-five Dollars  
1329 (\$825.00) per month, in addition to the fees specified in Sections  
1330 41-61-69 and 41-61-75. For this salary the chief shall assure  
1331 twenty-four-hour daily and readily available death investigators  
1332 for the county, and shall maintain copies of all medical examiner  
1333 death investigations for the county for at least the previous five  
1334 (5) years. He shall coordinate his office and duties and  
1335 cooperate with the State Medical Examiner, and the State Medical  
1336 Examiner shall cooperate with him.

1337 (5) A body composed of the State Medical Examiner, whether  
1338 appointed on a permanent or interim basis, the Director of the  
1339 State Board of Health or his designee, the Attorney General or his  
1340 designee, the President of the Mississippi Coroners' Association  
1341 (or successor organization) or his designee, and a certified  
1342 pathologist appointed by the Mississippi State Medical Association  
1343 shall adopt, promulgate, amend and repeal rules and regulations as  
1344 may be deemed necessary by them from time to time for the proper

1345 enforcement, interpretation and administration of Sections  
1346 41-61-51 through 41-61-79, in accordance with the provisions of  
1347 the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law, being Sections  
1348 25-43-1 through 25-43-19.

1349 SECTION 9. Section 9-13-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1350 amended as follows:

1351 9-13-19. (1) Court reporters for circuit and chancery  
1352 courts shall be paid an annual salary of Forty-one Thousand Eight  
1353 Hundred Dollars (\$41,800.00) payable by the Administrative Office  
1354 of Courts. In addition, any court reporter performing the duties  
1355 of a court administrator in the same judicial district in which  
1356 the person is employed as a court reporter may be paid additional  
1357 compensation for performing the court administrator duties. The  
1358 annual amount of the additional compensation shall be set by vote  
1359 of the judges and chancellors for whom the court administrator  
1360 duties are performed, with consideration given to the number of  
1361 hours per month devoted by the court reporter to performing the  
1362 duties of a court administrator. The additional compensation  
1363 shall be submitted to the Administrative Office of Courts for  
1364 approval.

1365 (2) The several counties in each respective court district  
1366 shall transfer from the general funds of those county treasuries  
1367 to the Administrative Office of Courts a proportionate amount to  
1368 be paid toward the annual compensation of the court reporter,  
1369 including any additional compensation paid for the performance of  
1370 court administrator duties. The amount to be paid by each county  
1371 shall be determined by the number of weeks in which court is held  
1372 in each county in proportion to the total number of weeks court is  
1373 held in the district. For purposes of this section, the term  
1374 "compensation" means the gross salary plus all amounts paid for  
1375 benefits, or otherwise, as a result of employment or as required  
1376 by employment, but does not include transcript fees otherwise  
1377 authorized to be paid by or through the counties. However, only

1378 salary earned for services rendered shall be reported and credited  
1379 for retirement purposes. Amounts paid for transcript fees,  
1380 benefits or otherwise, including reimbursement for travel  
1381 expenses, shall not be reported or credited for retirement  
1382 purposes.

1383 For example, if there are thirty-eight (38) scheduled court  
1384 weeks in a particular district, a county in which court is  
1385 scheduled five (5) weeks out of the year would have to pay  
1386 five-thirty-eighths (5/38) of the total annual compensation.

1387 (3) The salary and any additional compensation for the  
1388 performance of court administrator duties shall be paid in twelve  
1389 (12) installments on the last working day of each month after it  
1390 has been duly authorized by the appointing judge or chancellor and  
1391 an order duly placed on the minutes of the court. Each county  
1392 shall transfer to the Administrative Office of Courts one-twelfth  
1393 (1/12) of the amount required to be paid pursuant to subsection  
1394 (2) of this section by the twentieth day of each month for the  
1395 salary that is to be paid on the last working day of the month.  
1396 The Administrative Office of Courts shall pay to the court  
1397 reporter the total amount of salary due for that month. Any  
1398 county may pay, in the discretion of the board of supervisors, by  
1399 the twentieth day of January of any year, the amount due for a  
1400 full twelve (12) months.

1401 (4) From and after October 1, 1996, all circuit and chancery  
1402 court reporters will be employees of the Administrative Office of  
1403 Courts.

1404 (5) No circuit or chancery court reporter shall be entitled  
1405 to any compensation for any special or extended term of court  
1406 after passage of this section.

1407 (6) No chancery or circuit court reporter shall practice law  
1408 in the court within which he or she is the court reporter.

1409 (7) For all travel required in the performance of official  
1410 duties, the circuit or chancery court reporter shall be paid

1411 mileage by the county in which the duties were performed at the  
1412 same rate as provided for state employees in Section 25-3-41. The  
1413 court reporter shall file in the office of the clerk of the court  
1414 which he serves a certificate of mileage expense incurred during  
1415 that term and payment of such expense to the court reporter shall  
1416 be paid on allowance by the judge of such court.

1417 SECTION 10. Section 19-25-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1418 amended as follows:

1419 19-25-31. Each judge of a circuit, chancery or county court,  
1420 or a court of eminent domain may, in the judge's discretion, by  
1421 order entered on the minutes of the court, allow the sheriff  
1422 riding bailiffs to serve in the respective court of such judge,  
1423 not to exceed four (4) bailiffs. Any such person so employed  
1424 shall be paid by the county on allowances of the court on issuance  
1425 of a warrant therefor in an amount of Seventy Dollars (\$70.00) for  
1426 each day, or part thereof, for which he serves as bailiff when the  
1427 court is in session. No full-time deputy sheriff shall be paid as  
1428 a riding bailiff of any court. County court judges shall be  
1429 limited to one (1) bailiff per each court day.

1430 SECTION 11. Section 23-15-225, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1431 amended as follows:

1432 23-15-225. (1) The registrar shall be entitled to such  
1433 compensation, payable monthly out of the county treasury, which  
1434 the board of supervisors of the county shall allow on an annual  
1435 basis in the following amounts:

1436 (a) For counties with a total population of more than  
1437 two hundred thousand (200,000), an amount not to exceed Thirty-two  
1438 Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$32,890.00), but not less  
1439 than Ten Thousand One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$10,120.00).

1440 (b) For counties with a total population of more than  
1441 one hundred thousand (100,000) and not more than two hundred  
1442 thousand (200,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-seven Thousand

1443 Eight Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$27,830.00), but not less than Ten  
1444 Thousand One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$10,120.00).

1445 (c) For counties with a total population of more than  
1446 fifty thousand (50,000) and not more than one hundred thousand  
1447 (100,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-five Thousand Three  
1448 Hundred Dollars (\$25,300.00), but not less than Ten Thousand One  
1449 Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$10,120.00).

1450 (d) For counties with a total population of more than  
1451 thirty-five thousand (35,000) and not more than fifty thousand  
1452 (50,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-two Thousand Seven  
1453 Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$22,770.00), but not less than Ten  
1454 Thousand One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$10,120.00).

1455 (e) For counties with a total population of more than  
1456 twenty-five thousand (25,000) and not more than thirty-five  
1457 thousand (35,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty Thousand Two  
1458 Hundred Forty Dollars (\$20,240.00), but not less than Ten Thousand  
1459 One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$10,120.00).

1460 (f) For counties with a total population of more than  
1461 fifteen thousand (15,000) and not more than twenty-five thousand  
1462 (25,000), an amount not to exceed Seventeen Thousand Seven Hundred  
1463 Ten Dollars (\$17,710.00), but not less than Ten Thousand One  
1464 Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$10,120.00).

1465 (g) For counties with a total population of more than  
1466 ten thousand (10,000) and not more than fifteen thousand (15,000),  
1467 an amount not to exceed Fifteen Thousand One Hundred Eighty  
1468 Dollars (\$15,180.00), but not less than Eight Thousand Eight  
1469 Hundred Fifty-five Dollars (\$8,855.00).

1470 (h) For counties with a total population of more than  
1471 six thousand (6,000) and not more than ten thousand (10,000), an  
1472 amount not to exceed Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars  
1473 (\$12,650.00), but not less than Eight Thousand Eight Hundred  
1474 Fifty-five Dollars (\$8,855.00).

1475           (i) For counties with a total population of not more  
1476 than six thousand (6,000), an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand  
1477 One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$10,120.00), but not less than Six  
1478 Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-eight Dollars (\$6,958.00).

1479           (j) For counties having two (2) judicial districts, the  
1480 board of supervisors of the county may allow, in addition to the  
1481 sums prescribed herein, in its discretion, an amount not to exceed  
1482 Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$12,650.00).

1483           (2) In the event of a reregistration within such county, or  
1484 a redistricting which necessitates the hiring of additional deputy  
1485 registrars, the board of supervisors may by contract compensate  
1486 the county registrar amounts in addition to the sums prescribed in  
1487 this section, in its discretion.

1488           (3) As compensation for their services in assisting the  
1489 county election commissioners in performance of their duties in  
1490 the revision of the registration books and the pollbooks of the  
1491 several voting precincts of the several counties and in assisting  
1492 the election commissioners, executive committees or boards of  
1493 supervisors in connection with any election, the registrar shall  
1494 receive the same daily per diem and limitation on meeting days as  
1495 provided for the board of election commissioners as set out in  
1496 Sections 23-15-153 and 23-15-227 to be paid from the general fund  
1497 of the county.

1498           (4) In any case where an amount has been allowed by the  
1499 board of supervisors pursuant to this section, such amount shall  
1500 not be reduced or terminated during the term for which the  
1501 registrar was elected.

1502           (5) The circuit clerk shall, in addition to any other  
1503 compensation provided for by law, be entitled to receive as  
1504 compensation from the board of supervisors the amount of Two  
1505 Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) per year. This payment shall be for  
1506 the performance of his duties in regard to the conduct of  
1507 elections and the performance of his other duties.

1508           (6) The municipal clerk shall, in addition to any other  
1509 compensation for performance of duties, be eligible to receive as  
1510 compensation from the municipality's governing authorities a  
1511 reasonable amount of additional compensation for reimbursement of  
1512 costs and for additional duties associated with mail-in  
1513 registration of voters.

1514           (7) The board of supervisors shall not allow any additional  
1515 compensation authorized under this section for services as county  
1516 registrar to any circuit clerk who is receiving fees as  
1517 compensation for his services equal to the limitation on  
1518 compensation prescribed in Section 9-1-43.

1519           SECTION 12. Section 17-15-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1520 amended as follows:

1521           17-15-11. The board of supervisors of each county and the  
1522 municipal governing authority of each municipality comprising a  
1523 human resource agency may, in their discretion, set aside,  
1524 appropriate and expend funds from the general fund or federal  
1525 revenue sharing funds to defray the administrative expenses  
1526 incurred in the operation of such human resource agency.

1527           The board of supervisors and the governing authority of a  
1528 municipality may compensate the members on the human resource  
1529 agency board representing their respective county or municipality  
1530 for each meeting attended at the per diem established in Section  
1531 25-3-69, and may reimburse expenses incurred by their respective  
1532 members of the human resource board in the discharge of the  
1533 official duties of such board as provided in Section 25-3-41.

1534           SECTION 13. The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi  
1535 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,  
1536 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the  
1537 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States  
1538 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the  
1539 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and  
1540 extended.

1541 SECTION 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
1542 and after October 1, 2001, if it is effectuated on or before that  
1543 date under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended  
1544 and extended. If it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting  
1545 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended, after October 1,  
1546 2001, this act shall take effect and be in force from and after  
1547 the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting Rights  
1548 Act of 1965, as amended and extended.