

By: Senator(s) Walls

To: Fees, Salaries and Administration

SENATE BILL NO. 2960

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-3-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 INCREASE THE SALARIES OF THE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS IN
3 WASHINGTON AND COAHOMA COUNTIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 25-3-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 25-3-9. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3)
8 of this section, the county prosecuting attorney may receive for
9 his services an annual salary to be paid by the board of
10 supervisors as follows:

11 (a) For counties with a total population of more than
12 two hundred thousand (200,000), a salary not to exceed
13 Twenty-eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$28,500.00).

14 (b) For counties with a total population of more than
15 one hundred thousand (100,000) and not more than two hundred
16 thousand (200,000), a salary not to exceed Twenty-six Thousand
17 Five Hundred Dollars (\$26,500.00).

18 (c) For counties with a total population of more than
19 fifty thousand (50,000) and not more than one hundred thousand
20 (100,000), a salary not to exceed Twenty-one Thousand Seven
21 Hundred Dollars (\$21,700.00).

22 (d) For counties with a total population of more than
23 thirty-five thousand (35,000) and not more than fifty thousand
24 (50,000), a salary not to exceed Twenty Thousand Four Hundred
25 Dollars (\$20,400.00).

26 (e) For counties with a total population of more than
27 twenty-five thousand (25,000) and not more than thirty-five

28 thousand (35,000), a salary not to exceed Nineteen Thousand Three
29 Hundred Dollars (\$19,300.00).

30 (f) For counties with a total population of more than
31 fifteen thousand (15,000) and not more than twenty-five thousand
32 (25,000), a salary not to exceed Seventeen Thousand Seven Hundred
33 Dollars (\$17,700.00).

34 (g) For counties with a total population of more than
35 ten thousand (10,000) and not more than fifteen thousand (15,000),
36 a salary not to exceed Sixteen Thousand One Hundred Dollars
37 (\$16,100.00).

38 (h) For counties with a total population of more than
39 six thousand (6,000) and not more than ten thousand (10,000), a
40 salary not to exceed Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
41 (\$14,500.00).

42 (i) For counties with a total population of six
43 thousand (6,000) or less, the board of supervisors, in its
44 discretion, may appoint a county prosecuting attorney, and it may
45 pay such county prosecuting attorney an annual salary not to
46 exceed Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$12,900.00).

47 In all cases of conviction there shall be taxed against the
48 convicted defendant, as an item of cost, the sum of Three Dollars
49 (\$3.00), which shall be turned in to the county treasury as a part
50 of the general county funds; however, the Three Dollars (\$3.00)
51 shall not be taxed in any case in which it is not the specific
52 duty of the county attorney to appear and prosecute.

53 From and after October 1, 1993, in addition to the salaries
54 provided for in this subsection, the board of supervisors of any
55 county, in its discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney
56 an additional amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the
57 maximum allowable salary prescribed herein.

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

61 (a) In any county bordering upon the Mississippi River
62 and having a population of not less than thirty thousand (30,000)
63 and not more than thirty-five thousand five hundred (35,500)
64 according to the federal census of 1990, and in counties having a
65 population of not more than thirty-seven thousand (37,000)
66 according to the federal census of 1990 in which Interstate
67 Highway 55 and U.S. Highway 98 intersect, the county prosecuting
68 attorney shall receive a salary equal to the justice court judge
69 of such county; and in any county wherein is located the state's
70 oldest state-supported institution of higher learning and wherein
71 Mississippi State Highways 7 and 6 intersect, the county
72 prosecuting attorney shall receive an annual salary equal to that
73 of a member of the board of supervisors of such county.

74 (b) In counties having a population in excess of fifty
75 thousand (50,000) in the 1960 federal census, wherein is located a
76 state-supported university and in which U.S. Highways 49 and 11
77 intersect, the salary of the county prosecuting attorney shall be
78 not less than Seventeen Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$17,400.00)
79 per year. The Board of Supervisors of Forrest County,
80 Mississippi, may, in its discretion, and by agreement with the
81 county prosecuting attorney, employ the county prosecuting
82 attorney as a full-time elected official during his/her term of
83 office, designate additional duties and responsibilities of the
84 office and pay additional compensation up to, but not in excess
85 of, ninety percent (90%) of the annual compensation and salary of
86 the county court judge and the youth court judge of Forrest County
87 as authorized by law and provide a reasonable office and
88 reasonable office expenses to the county prosecuting attorney.
89 The salary authorized by this paragraph (b) for the county
90 prosecuting attorney shall be the sole and complete salary for
91 such prosecuting attorney in each county to which this paragraph
92 applies, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
93 contrary.

94 (c) In any county wherein is housed the seat of state
95 government, wherein U.S. Highways 80 and 49 intersect, and having
96 two (2) judicial districts, the board of supervisors, in its
97 discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual
98 salary equal to the annual salary of members of the board of
99 supervisors in the county.

100 (d) In any county which has two (2) judicial districts
101 and wherein Highway 8 and Highway 15 intersect, having a
102 population of greater than seventeen thousand (17,000), according
103 to the 1980 federal decennial census, the board of supervisors
104 shall pay the county prosecuting attorney a salary equal to that
105 of a member of the board of supervisors of such county; provided
106 that if such county prosecuting attorney is paid a sum for the
107 purpose of defraying office or secretarial expenses, then the
108 salary prescribed herein shall be reduced by that amount.

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

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

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

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

125 (h) In any Class 1 county bordering on the Mississippi
126 River, lying in whole or in part within a levee district, wherein

127 U.S. Highways 82 and 61 intersect, bounded by the Sunflower River
128 and Stales Bayou, the salary of the county prosecuting attorney
129 shall be Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) or an amount
130 equal to fifty percent (50%) of the salary of the district
131 attorney in such county, whichever is greater. In addition, such
132 county prosecuting attorney shall receive the sum of One Thousand
133 Dollars (\$1,000.00) per month for the purpose of defraying
134 secretarial expenses.

135 (i) In any county bordering on the Gulf of Mexico
136 having two (2) judicial districts, and wherein U.S. Highways 90
137 and 49 intersect, the salary of the county prosecuting attorney
138 shall be not less than Nineteen Thousand Dollars (\$19,000.00) per
139 year. The Board of Supervisors of Harrison County, Mississippi,
140 may, in its discretion, and by agreement with the county
141 prosecuting attorney, employ the county prosecuting attorney and
142 his/her assistant during his/her term of office, and designate
143 additional duties and responsibilities of the office and pay
144 additional compensation up to, but not in excess of, ninety
145 percent (90%) of the annual compensation and salary of the county
146 court judges of Harrison County as authorized by law and provide
147 adequate office space and reasonable office expenses to the county
148 prosecuting attorney and his/her assistant. The salary authorized
149 by this paragraph (i) for the county prosecuting attorney and
150 his/her assistant shall be the sole and complete salary paid by
151 the county for such prosecuting attorney and his/her assistant in
152 each county to which this paragraph applies, notwithstanding any
153 other provision of law to the contrary.

154 (j) In any county bordering on the State of Alabama,
155 having a population in excess of seventy-five thousand (75,000)
156 according to the 1980 decennial census in which is located an
157 institution of higher learning and a United States military
158 installation and which is traversed by an interstate highway, the
159 salary of the county prosecuting attorney shall not be less than

160 Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) nor more than the amount of
161 the annual salary received by a member of the board of supervisors
162 of that county.

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

167 (l) In any Class 2 county wherein Mississippi Highways
168 6 and 3 intersect, the salary of the county prosecuting attorney
169 shall be not less than Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) per
170 year nor more than the amount of the annual salary received by a
171 member of the board of supervisors of that county.

172 (m) In any county wherein Interstate Highway 55 and
173 State Highway 8 intersect, the salary of the county prosecuting
174 attorney shall be not less than Twelve Thousand Dollars
175 (\$12,000.00) per year.

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

180 (o) In any county bordering on the Alabama state line,
181 having a population of greater than fifteen thousand (15,000)
182 according to the 1970 federal decennial census, wherein U.S.
183 Highway 45 and Mississippi Highway 18 intersect, the salary of the
184 county prosecuting attorney shall be not less than Three Thousand
185 Six Hundred Dollars (\$3,600.00) nor greater than that of a member
186 of the board of supervisors of such county. All prior acts,
187 orders and resolutions of the board of supervisors of such county
188 which authorized the payment of the salary in conformity with the
189 provisions of this paragraph, whether or not heretofore
190 specifically authorized by law are hereby ratified, approved and
191 confirmed.

192 (p) In any county wherein is located a state-supported
193 institution of higher learning and wherein U.S. Highway 82 and
194 Mississippi Highway 389 intersect, the board of supervisors, in
195 its discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual
196 salary equal to the annual salary of members of the board of
197 supervisors in the county.

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

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

207 (s) In any county having a population of more than
208 fourteen thousand (14,000) according to the 1970 census and which
209 county is bordered on the north by the State of Tennessee and on
210 the east by the State of Alabama and in which U.S. Highway No. 72
211 and Highway No. 25 intersect, the board of supervisors, in its
212 discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual
213 salary equal to the annual salary of justice court judges in the
214 county.

215 (t) (i) In any county wherein Interstate Highway 55
216 and State Highway 22 intersect, and which is also traversed in
217 whole or part by U.S. Highways 49 and 51, and State Highways 16,
218 17, 43 and the Natchez Trace Parkway, and also containing a part
219 of a public lake or reservoir, in excess of thirty thousand
220 (30,000) acres, the board of supervisors, in its discretion, may
221 pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual salary in the amount
222 of Twenty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$28,000.00).

223 (ii) From and after October 1, 1993, in addition
224 to the salary provided for subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, the

225 board of supervisors, in its discretion, may pay the county
226 prosecuting attorney an additional amount not to exceed ten
227 percent (10%) of the maximum allowable salary prescribed herein.

228 (u) In any county having a population in the 1970
229 census in excess of thirty-five thousand (35,000) and in which
230 U.S. Highways 49W and 82 intersect, and in which is located a
231 state penitentiary, the annual salary of a county prosecuting
232 attorney shall be Thirty Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Dollars
233 (\$30,420.00).

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

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

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

257 (y) In any county bordering on the Alabama state line,
258 traversed by the Chickasawhay River, and wherein U.S. Highway 45
259 and U.S. Highway 84 intersect, a salary that shall be equal to the
260 annual salary of a member of the board of supervisors of such
261 county. All prior acts, orders and resolutions of the board of
262 supervisors of such county which authorize the payment of the
263 salary of the county prosecuting attorney in conformity with the
264 provisions of this section as it existed immediately prior to the
265 effective date of Chapter 506, Laws of 1985, are hereby ratified,
266 approved, confirmed and validated.

267 (z) In any county having a population greater than
268 sixty-five thousand five hundred eighty (65,580) but less than
269 sixty-five thousand five hundred ninety (65,590) according to the
270 1990 federal decennial census, wherein U.S. Highway 45 intersects
271 with Mississippi Highway 6, an annual salary equal to Thirty
272 Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00).

273 (aa) In any county where an institution of higher
274 learning is located and wherein U.S. Highway 82 and U.S. Highway
275 45 intersect, the salary of county prosecuting attorney shall be
276 not less than that of a member of the board of supervisors in such
277 county, and the board of supervisors may, in its discretion, pay
278 such county prosecuting attorney a salary in an amount not to
279 exceed the amount of the salary of the District Attorney for the
280 Sixteenth Judicial District of Mississippi.

281 (bb) In any county having a population greater than six
282 thousand (6,000) according to the federal decennial census and
283 wherein U.S. Highway 61 and Highway 24 intersect, the board of
284 supervisors, in its discretion, may pay the county prosecuting
285 attorney an annual salary equal to the annual salary of members of
286 the board of supervisors in the county.

287 (cc) In any county having a population greater than
288 thirty-one thousand (31,000) according to the 1990 federal
289 decennial census and wherein U.S. Highway 61 and U.S. Highway 49

290 intersect, a salary of not less than the annual salary of members
291 of the board of supervisors in the county. In addition, such
292 county prosecuting attorney shall receive the sum of One Thousand
293 Dollars (\$1,000.00) per month for the purpose of defraying
294 secretarial expenses.

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

303 (ee) In any county having a population greater than
304 eight thousand (8,000) but less than eight thousand two hundred
305 (8,200) according to the 1990 federal census, and in which U.S.
306 Highway 61 and Mississippi Highway 4 intersect, the board of
307 supervisors may, in its discretion, pay the county prosecuting
308 attorney an amount not to exceed Fourteen Thousand Dollars
309 (\$14,000.00), in addition to the maximum allowable salary for that
310 attorney under subsection (1), beginning on April 1, 1997.

311 (ff) In any county having a population greater than
312 thirty thousand three hundred (30,300) but less than thirty
313 thousand four hundred (30,400) according to the 1990 federal
314 census, and in which U.S. Highway 78 and Mississippi Highway 7
315 intersect, a salary of not less than the annual salary of a member
316 of the board of supervisors in such county.

317 (gg) In any county having a population greater than
318 thirteen thousand three hundred (13,300) but less than thirteen
319 thousand four hundred (13,400) according to the 1990 federal
320 census, and in which Mississippi Highway 24 and Mississippi
321 Highway 48 intersect, the board of supervisors may, in its
322 discretion, pay the county prosecuting attorney an additional

323 amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the maximum allowable
324 salary for that attorney under subsection (1).

325 (hh) In any county having a population greater than
326 eight thousand three hundred (8,300) but less than eight thousand
327 four hundred (8,400) according to the 1990 federal census, and in
328 which U.S. Highway 84 and U.S. Highway 98 intersect, the board of
329 supervisors may, in its discretion, pay the county prosecuting
330 attorney an additional amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of
331 the maximum allowable salary for that attorney under subsection
332 (1).

333 (ii) After September 30, 1993, in any county having a
334 population of more than thirty thousand four hundred (30,400) and
335 which is traversed in whole or part by I-59, U.S. Highways 98 and
336 11 and State Highway 13, the annual salary of the county
337 prosecuting attorney shall be Twenty-five Thousand Dollars
338 (\$25,000.00). In addition, such county prosecuting attorney shall
339 receive after September 30, 1993, the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty
340 Dollars (\$750.00) per month for the purpose of defraying office or
341 secretarial expenses.

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

348 (kk) In any county having a population greater than
349 twelve thousand four hundred (12,400) but less than twelve
350 thousand five hundred (12,500) according to the 1990 federal
351 census, and in which U.S. Highway 84 and Mississippi Highway 27
352 intersect, the board of supervisors may, in its discretion, pay
353 the county prosecuting attorney an additional amount not to exceed
354 ten percent (10%) of the maximum allowable salary for that
355 attorney under subsection (1).

356 (11) In any county having a population greater than
357 thirty thousand two hundred (30,200) but less than thirty thousand
358 three hundred (30,300) according to the 1990 federal census, and
359 in which U.S. Interstate 55 and Mississippi Highway 84 intersect,
360 the board of supervisors may, in its discretion, pay the county
361 prosecuting attorney an additional amount not to exceed ten
362 percent (10%) of the maximum allowable salary for that attorney
363 under subsection (1).

364 (mm) In any county on the Mississippi River levee,
365 having a population greater than forty-one thousand eight hundred
366 (41,800) but less than forty-one thousand nine hundred (41,900)
367 according to the 1990 federal census wherein U.S. Highway 61 and
368 Mississippi Highway 8 intersect, the board of supervisors, in its
369 discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual
370 salary equal to the annual salary of members of the board of
371 supervisors in the county. In addition, the board of supervisors,
372 in its discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney the sum
373 of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per month for the purpose of
374 defraying secretarial expenses.

375 (nn) In any county having a population greater than
376 twenty-four thousand seven hundred (24,700) and less than
377 twenty-four thousand nine hundred (24,900) according to the 1990
378 federal census, wherein Mississippi Highways 15 and 16 intersect,
379 the board of supervisors, in its discretion, may pay the county
380 prosecuting attorney an annual salary equal to the annual salary
381 of members of the board of supervisors in the county.

382 (oo) In any county having a population greater than
383 thirty-seven thousand (37,000) but less than thirty-eight thousand
384 (38,000) according to the 1990 federal census, in which is located
385 a state supported institution of higher learning, and in which
386 U.S. Highway 82 and Mississippi Highway 7 intersect, the board of
387 supervisors may, in its discretion, pay the county prosecuting
388 attorney a salary in an amount not to exceed the amount of the

389 salary of the District Attorney for the Fourth Judicial District
390 of Mississippi.

391 (pp) In any county in which U.S. Highway 78 and
392 Mississippi Highway 15 intersect and which is traversed by the
393 Tallahatchie River, a salary equal to that of members of the board
394 of supervisors of the county, which salary shall be in addition to
395 any sums received for the purpose of defraying office or
396 secretarial expenses and sums received as youth court prosecutor
397 fees.

398 (qq) In any county bordering on the State of Tennessee
399 and the State of Arkansas, wherein Interstate Highway 55 and
400 Mississippi Highway 302 intersect, the board of supervisors, in
401 its discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual
402 salary equal to the annual salary of justice court judges in the
403 county.

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

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

413 (tt) In any county in which Interstate Highway 59 and
414 U.S. Highway 84 intersect, the board of supervisors, in its
415 discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual
416 salary equal to the annual salary of members of the board of
417 supervisors in the county.

418 (3) In any case where a salary, expense allowance or other
419 sum is authorized or paid by the board of supervisors pursuant to
420 this section, that salary, expense allowance or other sum shall

421 not be reduced or terminated during the term for which the county
422 attorney was elected.

423 SECTION 2. The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
424 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
425 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the
426 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
427 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
428 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
429 extended.

430 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from
431 and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting
432 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended, or October 1, 2001,
433 whichever occurs later.