

By: Representative Moak

To: Fees and Salaries of Public Officers

HOUSE BILL NO. 156

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-7-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REQUIRE COUNTIES TO PAY PER DIEM COMPENSATION TO CONSTABLES FOR
3 SERVICE AS BAILIFFS IN COURT IN CRIMINAL CASES; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 25-7-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 25-7-27. (1) Marshals and constables shall charge the
9 following fees:

10 (a) A uniform total fee in all cases, civil and
11 criminal, whether contested or uncontested, which shall include
12 all services in connection therewith, except as * * * stated
13 otherwise in this section, each..... \$25.00

14 * * * In all cases where there is more than one (1)
15 defendant, for service on each additional
16 defendant..... \$ 5.00

17 * * * When a complaining party has provided erroneous
18 information to the clerk of the court relating to the service of
19 process on the defendant or defendants and process cannot be
20 served after diligent search and inquiry, the uniform fee shall be
21 assessed upon subsequent successful service and an additional fee
22 shall be due in the following amount..... \$15.00

23 (b) * * * After final judgment has been enrolled,
24 further proceedings involving levy of execution on judgments, and
25 attachment and garnishment proceedings shall be a new suit for
26 which the marshal or constable shall be entitled to the following
27 fee..... \$25.00



28 (c) For conveying a person charged with a crime to
29 jail, mileage reimbursement in an amount not to exceed the rate
30 established under Section 25-3-41(2).

31 To be paid out of the county treasury on the allowance of the
32 board of supervisors, when the state fails in the prosecution, or
33 the person is convicted but is not able to pay the costs.

34 (d) For other service, the same fees allowed sheriffs
35 for similar services.

36 (e) For service as a bailiff in any court in a civil or
37 criminal case, to be paid by the county on allowance of the court
38 on issuance of a warrant therefor, an amount equal to the per diem
39 compensation provided under Section 25-3-69 for each day, or part
40 thereof, for which he serves as bailiff when the court is in
41 session.

42 (f) For serving all warrants and other process,
43 attending all trials in state cases in which the state fails in
44 the prosecution, to be paid out of the county treasury on the
45 allowance of the board of supervisors without itemization,
46 subject, however, to the condition that the marshal or constable
47 must not have overcharged in the collection of fees for costs,
48 contrary to the provisions of this section, annually not to
49 exceed..... \$1,000.00

50 (2) Marshals and constables shall be paid all uncollected
51 fees levied under subsection (1) of this section in full from the
52 first proceeds received by the court from the guilty party or from
53 any other source of payment in connection with the case.

54 (3) In addition to the fees authorized to be paid to a
55 constable under subsection (1) of this section, a constable may
56 receive payments for collecting delinquent criminal fines in
57 justice court pursuant to the provisions of Section 19-3-41(3).

58 **SECTION 2.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
59 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
60 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the



61 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
62 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
63 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
64 extended.

65 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
66 and after October 1, 2002, if it is effectuated on or before that
67 date under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended
68 and extended. If it is effectuated under Section 5 of the voting
69 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended, after October 1,
70 2002, this act shall take effect and be in force from and after
71 the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the voting Rights
72 Act of 1965, as amended and extended.

