

By: Representatives Guice, Mitchell

To: Fees and Salaries of  
Public Officers; County  
Affairs

HOUSE BILL NO. 203

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-9-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 ESTABLISH A UNIFORM SALARY FOR ALL COUNTY COURT JUDGES; TO AMEND  
3 SECTION 9-9-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROHIIT COUNTY COURT  
4 JUDGES FROM PRACTICING LAW; TO REPEAL SECTION 9-9-13, MISSISSIPPI  
5 CODE OF 1972, WHICH AUTHORIZES THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF LARGE  
6 MUNICIPALITIES TO SUPPLEMENT THE SALARY OF THE COUNTY COURT JUDGE;  
7 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** Section 9-9-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
10 amended as follows:

11 9-9-11. Each county court judge shall receive an annual  
12 salary, payable monthly out of the county treasury, in an amount  
13 equal to \* \* \* One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) less than the  
14 salary \* \* \* provided for circuit and chancery judges of this  
15 state \* \* \*. The office of county court judge \* \* \* shall be a  
16 full-time position, and the holder of the office shall not \* \* \*  
17 engage otherwise in the practice of law.

18 \* \* \*

19 **SECTION 2.** Section 9-9-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
20 amended as follows:

21 9-9-9. The county judge shall not practice law \* \* \*, but  
22 this prohibition shall not prohibit the judges of the county  
23 courts from practicing in any of the courts so far as to enable  
24 them to bring to a conclusion cases actually pending when they are  
25 appointed or elected, in which cases the county judges are then  
26 employed, as provided in Section 9-1-25 for judges of the circuit  
27 courts and chancellors.



28           **SECTION 3.** Section 9-9-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, which  
29 authorizes the governing authorities of large municipalities to  
30 supplement the salary of the county court judge, is repealed.

31           **SECTION 4.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi  
32 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,  
33 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the  
34 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States  
35 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the  
36 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and  
37 extended.

38           **SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
39 and after October 1, 2002, if it is effectuated on or before that  
40 date under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended  
41 and extended. If it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting  
42 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended, after October 1,  
43 2002, this act shall take effect and be in force from and after  
44 the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting Rights  
45 Act of 1965, as amended and extended.

