

By: Representative Holland

To: Fees and Salaries of  
Public Officers

HOUSE BILL NO. 721

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-61-75, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO INCREASE THE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S FEE FOR PATHOLOGISTS PERFORMING  
3 AUTOPSIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 41-61-75, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 41-61-75. (1) For each investigation with the preparation  
8 and submission of the required reports, the following fees shall  
9 be billed to and paid by the county for which the service is  
10 provided:

11 (a) A medical examiner or his deputy shall receive  
12 Eighty-five Dollars (\$85.00) for each completed report of  
13 investigation of death, plus the examiner's actual expenses.

14 (b) The pathologist performing autopsies as provided in  
15 Section 41-61-65 shall receive Six Hundred Ninety-five Dollars  
16 (\$695.00) per completed autopsy, plus mileage expenses to and from  
17 the site of the autopsy.

18 (2) Any medical examiner, physician or pathologist who is  
19 subpoenaed for appearance and testimony before a grand jury,  
20 courtroom trial or deposition shall be entitled to an expert  
21 witness hourly fee to be set by the court and mileage expenses to  
22 and from the site of the testimony, and such amount shall be paid  
23 by the jurisdiction or party issuing the subpoena.

24 **SECTION 2.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi  
25 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,  
26 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the  
27 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States



28 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the  
29 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and  
30 extended.

31       **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
32 and after October 1, 2002, if it is effectuated on or before that  
33 date under Section 5 of the Voting rights Act of 1965, as amended  
34 and extended. If it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting  
35 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended, after October 1,  
36 2002, this act shall take effect and be in force from and after  
37 the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting Rights  
38 Act of 1965, as amended and extended.

