

By: Senator(s) Gordon

To: Fees, Salaries and Administration

SENATE BILL NO. 2177

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-11-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 ESTABLISH A MINIMUM SALARY TO BE PAID TO THE JUSTICE COURT CLERKS;
3 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 9-11-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 9-11-27. The board of supervisors of each county shall, at
8 its own expense, appoint one (1) person to serve as clerk of the
9 justice court system of the county, and may appoint such other
10 employees for the justice court of the county as it deems
11 necessary, including a person or persons to serve as deputy clerk
12 or deputy clerks. The board of supervisors of each county with
13 two (2) judicial districts may, at its own expense, appoint two
14 (2) persons to serve as clerks of the justice court system of the
15 county, one (1) for each judicial district, and may appoint such
16 other employees for the justice court system of the county as it
17 deems necessary including persons to serve as deputy clerks. The
18 clerk and deputy clerks shall be empowered to file and record
19 actions and pleadings, to receive and receipt for monies, to
20 acknowledge affidavits, to issue warrants in criminal cases upon
21 direction by a justice court judge in the county, to approve the
22 sufficiency of bonds in civil and criminal cases, to certify and
23 issue copies of all records, documents and pleadings filed in the
24 justice court and to issue all process necessary for the operation
25 of the justice court. The clerk or deputy clerks may refuse to
26 accept a personal check in payment of any fine or cost or to
27 satisfy any other payment required to be made to the justice



28 court. All orders from the justice court judge to the clerk of
29 the justice court shall be written. All cases, civil and
30 criminal, shall be assigned by the clerk to the justice court
31 judges of the county in the manner provided in Section 11-9-105
32 and Section 99-33-2. A deputy clerk who works in an office
33 separate from the clerk and who is the head deputy clerk of the
34 separate office may be designated to be trained as a clerk as
35 provided in Section 9-11-29. Each justice court clerk shall
36 receive as full compensation for his services an annual salary of
37 not less than Twenty-four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000.00). The
38 salary shall be payable by warrant drawn by the clerk of the board
39 of supervisors on the general fund of the county.

40 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
41 and after July 1, 2002.

