

By: Senator(s) Thames

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2899

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-3-39, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REMOVE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT
3 AUTHORITY FROM THE CEILING ESTABLISHED FOR SALARIES OF PUBLIC
4 OFFICERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 25-3-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 25-3-39. (1) No public officer, public employee,
9 administrator, or executive head of any arm or agency of the
10 state, in the executive branch of government, shall be paid a
11 salary or compensation, directly or indirectly, in excess of the
12 salary fixed in Section 25-3-31 for the Governor. All academic
13 officials, members of the teaching staffs and employees of the
14 state institutions of higher learning, the State Board for
15 Community and Junior Colleges, and community and junior colleges,
16 and licensed physicians who are public employees, shall be exempt
17 from this subsection. In addition, the Executive Director of the
18 Mississippi Development Authority and the Chief of Staff of the
19 Governor's Office shall be exempt from this subsection. The
20 Governor shall fix the annual salary of the Executive Director of
21 the Mississippi Development Authority and the annual salary of the
22 Chief of Staff of the Governor's Office, which salaries shall be
23 completely paid by the state and may not be supplemented with any
24 funds from any source, including federal or private funds.
25 Provided, however, that the salary of * * * the Governor's Chief
26 of Staff shall not be greater than fifty percent (50%) in excess
27 of the salary of the Governor.



28 (2) No public officer, employee or administrator shall be
29 paid a salary or compensation, directly or indirectly, in excess
30 of the salary of the executive head of the state agency or
31 department in which he is employed. The State Personnel Board,
32 based upon its findings of fact, may exempt physicians and
33 actuaries from this subsection when the acquisition of such
34 professional services is precluded based on the prevailing wage in
35 the relevant labor market.

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

