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To: Fees, Salaries and
Administration;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3064

1 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN COUNTY OFFICIALS;
 2 TO AMEND SECTIONS 25-3-3 AND 25-3-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
 3 INCREASE THE SALARIES OF COUNTY TAX COLLECTORS AND TAX ASSESSORS;
 4 TO AMEND SECTION 25-3-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE
 5 SALARIES OF THE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS IN CERTAIN COUNTIES;
 6 TO AMEND SECTION 25-3-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE
 7 THE SALARIES OF MEMBERS OF COUNTY BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS; TO AMEND
 8 SECTION 25-3-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE
 9 SALARIES OF SHERIFFS; TO AMEND SECTION 25-3-36, MISSISSIPPI CODE
 10 OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE SALARIES OF JUSTICE COURT JUDGES; TO
 11 AMEND SECTION 9-9-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE
 12 SALARIES OF CERTAIN COUNTY COURT JUDGES; TO AMEND SECTION
 13 41-61-59, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE SALARY
 14 ALLOWABLE TO CHIEF COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND CHIEF COUNTY
 15 MEDICAL EXAMINER INVESTIGATORS; TO AMEND SECTION 9-13-19,
 16 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE SALARIES OF COURT
 17 REPORTERS; TO AMEND SECTION 19-25-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
 18 INCREASE THE DAILY COMPENSATION AUTHORIZED FOR RIDING BAILIFFS; TO
 19 AMEND SECTION 23-15-225, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE
 20 SALARIES OF COUNTY REGISTRARS; TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 5-1-41,
 21 5-1-43, 5-1-45, 5-1-47, 25-3-31, 25-3-33, 25-3-35, 25-3-39,
 22 25-31-8 AND 25-31-10, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, REGARDING SALARIES
 23 OF CERTAIN STATE OFFICIALS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

27 25-3-3. The term "total assessed valuation" as used in this
 28 section only refers to the ad valorem assessment for the county
 29 and, in addition, in counties where oil or gas is produced, the
 30 actual value of oil at the point of production, as certified to
 31 the counties by the State Tax Commission under the provisions of
 32 Sections 27-25-501 through 27-25-525, and the actual value of gas
 33 as certified by the State Tax Commission under the provisions of
 34 Sections 27-25-701 through 27-25-723.

35 The salary of assessors of the various counties is * * *
 36 fixed as full compensation for their services as county assessors
 37 and tax collectors. The annual salary of each assessor shall be



38 based upon the total assessed valuation of his respective county
39 for the preceding taxable year in the following categories and for
40 the following amounts:

41 (a) For counties with a total assessed valuation of Two
42 Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00) or more, a salary
43 of Forty-nine Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-nine Dollars
44 (\$49,639.00);

45 (b) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
46 at least Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00) but less
47 than Two Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00), a salary
48 of Forty-seven Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-eight Dollars
49 (\$47,868.00);

50 (c) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
51 at least Thirty-five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000.00) but less
52 than Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00), a salary of
53 Forty-four Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-four Dollars (\$44,584.00);

54 (d) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
55 at least Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) but less than
56 Thirty-five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000.00), a salary of
57 Forty-one Thousand Two Hundred Forty-five Dollars (\$41,245.00);

58 (e) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
59 at least Twelve Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
60 (\$12,500,000.00) but less than Twenty Million Dollars
61 (\$20,000,000.00), a salary of Thirty-seven Thousand Nine Hundred
62 Five Dollars (\$37,905.00);

63 (f) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
64 less than Twelve Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
65 (\$12,500,000.00), a salary of Thirty-four Thousand Five Hundred
66 Sixty-five Dollars (\$34,565.00).

67 The annual salary established for the assessor-tax collector
68 shall not be reduced as a result of a reduction in total assessed
69 valuation. The salaries may be increased as a result of an
70 increase in total assessed valuation.



71 In addition to all other compensation paid to assessor-tax
72 collectors in counties having two (2) judicial districts, the
73 board of supervisors shall allow that * * * assessor-tax collector
74 be paid an additional Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
75 (\$3,500.00) per year. In addition to all other compensation paid
76 to assessors or tax collectors, in counties maintaining two (2)
77 full-time offices, the board of supervisors may allow that * * *
78 assessor or tax collector be paid an additional Three Thousand
79 Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00) per year.

80 In addition to all other compensation paid to assessor-tax
81 collectors, the board of supervisors of a county shall allow for
82 such assessor-tax collector to be paid additional compensation
83 when there is a contract between the county and one or more
84 municipalities providing that the assessor-tax collector shall
85 assess and/or collect taxes for the municipality or
86 municipalities; and such assessor-tax collector shall be
87 authorized to receive such additional compensation from the county
88 and/or the municipality or municipalities in any amount allowed by
89 the county and the municipality or municipalities for performing
90 those services.

91 When any tax assessor holds a valid certificate of
92 educational recognition from the International Association of
93 Assessing Officers or is a licensed appraiser under Section
94 73-34-1 et seq., he shall receive an additional One Thousand Five
95 Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) annually beginning the next fiscal
96 year after completion. When any tax assessor is a licensed state
97 certified Residential Appraiser (RA) or licensed state certified
98 Timberland Appraiser (TA) under Section 73-34-1 et seq., or when
99 any tax assessor holds a valid designation from the International
100 Association of Assessing Officers as a Cadastral Mapping
101 Specialist (CMS) or Personal Property Specialist (PPS) or
102 Residential Evaluation Specialist (RES), he shall receive an
103 additional Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500.00) annually



104 beginning the next fiscal year after completion. When any tax
105 assessor holds the valid designation of Certified Assessment
106 Evaluator (CAE) from the International Association of Assessing
107 Officers or is a state certified General Real Estate Appraiser
108 (GA) under Section 73-34-1 et seq., he shall receive an additional
109 Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500.00) annually beginning
110 the next fiscal year after completion.

111 The salaries * * * set out in this section shall be the total
112 funds paid to the county assessors and tax collectors and shall be
113 full compensation for their services, with any fees being paid to
114 the county general fund.

115 The salaries * * * provided in this section shall be payable
116 monthly on the first day of each calendar month by chancery
117 clerk's warrant drawn on the general fund of the county; however,
118 the board of supervisors, by resolution duly adopted and entered
119 on its minutes, may provide that such salaries shall be paid
120 semimonthly on the first and fifteenth day of each month. If a
121 pay date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, salary payments
122 shall be made on the workday immediately preceding the weekend or
123 legal holiday.

124 The salary scale in this section shall not apply in any
125 county in which the office of assessor has been separated from
126 that of tax collector. In the event of such separation, the
127 salary scale set forth in Section 25-3-5 shall control.

128 **SECTION 2.** Section 25-3-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
129 amended as follows:

130 25-3-5. In any county where the office of tax collector has
131 been separated from the office of tax assessor, the annual salary
132 of the assessor or tax collector shall be based upon the assessed
133 valuation of his respective county for the preceding taxable year
134 in the following categories and for the following amounts:



135 (a) For counties with a total assessed valuation of Two
136 Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00) or more, a salary
137 of Fifty-four Thousand Six Hundred Three Dollars (\$54,603.00);

138 (b) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
139 at least Two Hundred Million Dollars (\$200,000,000.00) but less
140 than Two Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00), a salary
141 of Fifty-one Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-three Dollars
142 (\$51,263.00);

143 (c) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
144 at least One Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$150,000,000.00) but
145 less than Two Hundred Million Dollars (\$200,000,000.00), a salary
146 of Forty-seven Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-four Dollars
147 (\$47,924.00);

148 (d) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
149 at least One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000.00) but less
150 than One Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$150,000,000.00), a salary
151 of Forty-four Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-four Dollars
152 (\$44,584.00);

153 (e) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
154 at least Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00) but less
155 than One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000.00), a salary of
156 Forty-one Thousand Two Hundred Forty-five Dollars (\$41,245.00);

157 (f) For counties with a total assessed valuation of
158 less than Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00), a salary
159 of Thirty-seven Thousand Nine Hundred Five Dollars (\$37,905.00).

160 The annual salary established for the tax assessor or tax
161 collector shall not be reduced as a result of a reduction in total
162 assessed valuation. The salaries may be increased as a result of
163 an increase in total assessed valuation.

164 In addition to all other compensation paid to assessors or
165 tax collectors, in counties having two (2) judicial districts, the
166 board of supervisors shall allow that * * * assessor or tax
167 collector be paid an additional Three Thousand Five Hundred



168 Dollars (\$3,500.00) per year. In addition to all other
169 compensation paid to assessors or tax collectors, in counties
170 maintaining two (2) full-time offices, the board of supervisors
171 may allow that * * * assessor or tax collector be paid an
172 additional Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00) per
173 year.

174 In addition to all other compensation paid to tax assessors
175 and tax collectors, the board of supervisors of a county shall
176 allow for such tax assessor and/or tax collector to be paid
177 additional compensation when there is a contract between the
178 county and one or more municipalities providing that the tax
179 assessor shall assess taxes and/or tax collector shall collect
180 taxes for the municipality or municipalities; and such tax
181 assessor and/or tax collector shall be authorized to receive such
182 additional compensation from the county and/or the municipality or
183 municipalities in any amount allowed by the county and the
184 municipality or municipalities for performing those services.
185 When any tax assessor holds a valid certificate of educational
186 recognition from the International Association of Assessing
187 Officers or is a licensed appraiser under Section 73-34-1 et seq.,
188 he shall receive an additional One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
189 (\$1,500.00) annually beginning the next fiscal year after
190 completion. When any tax assessor is a licensed state certified
191 Residential Appraiser (RA) or licensed state certified Timberland
192 Appraiser (TA) under Section 73-34-1 et seq., or when any tax
193 assessor holds a valid designation from the International
194 Association of Assessing Officers as a Cadastral Mapping
195 Specialist (CMS) or Personal Property Specialist (PPS) or
196 Residential Evaluation Specialist (RES), he shall receive an
197 additional Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500.00) annually
198 beginning the next fiscal year after completion. When any tax
199 assessor holds the valid designation of Certified Assessment
200 Evaluator (CAE) from the International Association of Assessing



201 Officers or is a state certified General Real Estate Appraiser
202 (GA) under Section 73-34-1 et seq., he shall receive an additional
203 Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500.00) annually beginning
204 the next fiscal year after completion.

205 The salaries * * * set out in this section shall be the total
206 funds paid to the county assessors or tax collectors and shall be
207 full compensation for their services, with any fees being paid to
208 the county general fund.

209 The salaries * * * provided in this section shall be payable
210 monthly on the first day of each calendar month by chancery
211 clerk's warrant drawn on the general fund of the county; however,
212 the board of supervisors, by resolution duly adopted and entered
213 on its minutes, may provide that such salaries shall be paid
214 semimonthly on the first and fifteenth day of each month. If a
215 pay date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, salary payments
216 shall be made on the workday immediately preceding the weekend or
217 legal holiday.

218 **SECTION 3.** Section 25-3-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
219 amended as follows:

220 25-3-9. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3)
221 of this section, the county prosecuting attorney may receive for
222 his services an annual salary to be paid by the board of
223 supervisors as follows:

224 (a) For counties with a total population of more than
225 two hundred thousand (200,000), a salary not to exceed Thirty-one
226 Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$31,350.00).

227 (b) For counties with a total population of more than
228 one hundred thousand (100,000) and not more than two hundred
229 thousand (200,000), a salary not to exceed Twenty-nine Thousand
230 One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$29,150.00).

231 (c) For counties with a total population of more than
232 fifty thousand (50,000) and not more than one hundred thousand



233 (100,000), a salary not to exceed Twenty-three Thousand Eight
234 Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$23,870.00).

235 (d) For counties with a total population of more than
236 thirty-five thousand (35,000) and not more than fifty thousand
237 (50,000), a salary not to exceed Twenty-two Thousand Four Hundred
238 Forty Dollars (\$22,440.00).

239 (e) For counties with a total population of more than
240 twenty-five thousand (25,000) and not more than thirty-five
241 thousand (35,000), a salary not to exceed Twenty-one Thousand Two
242 Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$21,230.00).

243 (f) For counties with a total population of more than
244 fifteen thousand (15,000) and not more than twenty-five thousand
245 (25,000), a salary not to exceed Nineteen Thousand Four Hundred
246 Seventy Dollars (\$19,470.00).

247 (g) For counties with a total population of more than
248 ten thousand (10,000) and not more than fifteen thousand (15,000),
249 a salary not to exceed Seventeen Thousand Seven Hundred Ten
250 Dollars (\$17,710.00).

251 (h) For counties with a total population of more than
252 six thousand (6,000) and not more than ten thousand (10,000), a
253 salary not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars
254 (\$15,950.00).

255 (i) For counties with a total population of six
256 thousand (6,000) or less, the board of supervisors, in its
257 discretion, may appoint a county prosecuting attorney, and it may
258 pay such county prosecuting attorney an annual salary not to
259 exceed Fourteen Thousand One Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$14,190.00).

260 In all cases of conviction there shall be taxed against the
261 convicted defendant, as an item of cost, the sum of Three Dollars
262 (\$3.00), which shall be turned in to the county treasury as a part
263 of the general county funds; however, the Three Dollars (\$3.00)
264 shall not be taxed in any case in which it is not the specific
265 duty of the county attorney to appear and prosecute.



266 * * * In addition to the salaries provided for in this
267 subsection, the board of supervisors of any county, in its
268 discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney an additional
269 amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the maximum allowable
270 salary prescribed in this subsection.

271 (2) In the following counties, the county prosecuting
272 attorney shall receive for his services an annual salary to be
273 paid by the board of supervisors, as follows:

274 (a) In any county bordering upon the Mississippi River
275 and having a population of not less than thirty thousand (30,000)
276 and not more than thirty-five thousand five hundred (35,500)
277 according to the federal census of 1990, and in counties having a
278 population of not more than thirty-seven thousand (37,000)
279 according to the federal census of 1990 in which Interstate
280 Highway 55 and U.S. Highway 98 intersect, the county prosecuting
281 attorney shall receive a salary equal to the justice court judge
282 of such county; and in any county wherein is located the state's
283 oldest state-supported institution of higher learning and wherein
284 Mississippi State Highways 7 and 6 intersect, the county
285 prosecuting attorney shall receive an annual salary equal to that
286 of a member of the board of supervisors of such county.

287 (b) In counties having a population in excess of fifty
288 thousand (50,000) in the 1960 federal census, wherein is located a
289 state-supported university and in which U.S. Highways 49 and 11
290 intersect, the salary of the county prosecuting attorney shall be
291 not less than Seventeen Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$17,400.00)
292 per year. The Board of Supervisors of Forrest County,
293 Mississippi, may, in its discretion, and by agreement with the
294 county prosecuting attorney, employ the county prosecuting
295 attorney as a full-time elected official during his/her term of
296 office, designate additional duties and responsibilities of the
297 office and pay additional compensation up to, but not in excess
298 of, ninety percent (90%) of the annual compensation and salary of



299 the county court judge and the youth court judge of Forrest County
300 as authorized by law and provide a reasonable office and
301 reasonable office expenses to the county prosecuting attorney.
302 The salary authorized by this paragraph (b) for the county
303 prosecuting attorney shall be the sole and complete salary for
304 such prosecuting attorney in each county to which this paragraph
305 applies, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
306 contrary.

307 (c) In any county wherein is housed the seat of state
308 government, wherein U.S. Highways 80 and 49 intersect, and having
309 two (2) judicial districts, the board of supervisors, in its
310 discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual
311 salary equal to the annual salary of members of the board of
312 supervisors in the county.

313 (d) In any county which has two (2) judicial districts
314 and wherein Highway 8 and Highway 15 intersect, having a
315 population of greater than seventeen thousand (17,000), according
316 to the 1980 federal decennial census, the board of supervisors
317 shall pay the county prosecuting attorney a salary equal to that
318 of a member of the board of supervisors of such county; provided
319 that if such county prosecuting attorney is paid a sum for the
320 purpose of defraying office or secretarial expenses, then the
321 salary prescribed herein shall be reduced by that amount.

322 (e) In any county bordering the State of Tennessee and
323 in which Mississippi Highways No. 4 and 15 intersect, and having a
324 population of less than twenty thousand (20,000) in the 1970
325 federal census, the salary of the county prosecuting attorney
326 shall be no less than Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00).

327 (f) In any county having a population of more than
328 twenty-five thousand (25,000) and in which U.S. Highways 72 and 45
329 intersect, the salary of the county attorney shall be paid not
330 less than Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00).



331 In addition, such county prosecuting attorney shall receive
332 the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) per month
333 for the purpose of defraying secretarial expense.

334 (g) In any county wherein I-20 and State Highway 15
335 intersect; and in any county wherein I-20 and State Highway 35
336 intersect, the salary of the county prosecuting attorney shall be
337 not less than Eight Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$8,400.00).

338 (h) In any Class 1 county bordering on the Mississippi
339 River, lying in whole or in part within a levee district, wherein
340 U.S. Highways 82 and 61 intersect, bounded by the Sunflower River
341 and Stales Bayou, the board of supervisors, in its discretion, may
342 pay an annual salary equal to the annual salary of members of the
343 board of supervisors in the county. In addition, such county
344 prosecuting attorney shall receive the sum of One Thousand Dollars
345 (\$1,000.00) per month for the purpose of defraying secretarial
346 expenses.

347 (i) In any county bordering on the Gulf of Mexico
348 having two (2) judicial districts, and wherein U.S. Highways 90
349 and 49 intersect, the salary of the county prosecuting attorney
350 shall be not less than Nineteen Thousand Dollars (\$19,000.00) per
351 year. The Board of Supervisors of Harrison County, Mississippi,
352 may, in its discretion, and by agreement with the county
353 prosecuting attorney, employ the county prosecuting attorney and
354 his/her assistant during his/her term of office, and designate
355 additional duties and responsibilities of the office and pay
356 additional compensation up to, but not in excess of, ninety
357 percent (90%) of the annual compensation and salary of the county
358 court judges of Harrison County as authorized by law and provide
359 adequate office space and reasonable office expenses to the county
360 prosecuting attorney and his/her assistant. The salary authorized
361 by this paragraph (i) for the county prosecuting attorney and
362 his/her assistant shall be the sole and complete salary paid by
363 the county for such prosecuting attorney and his/her assistant in



364 each county to which this paragraph applies, notwithstanding any
365 other provision of law to the contrary.

366 (j) In any county bordering on the State of Alabama,
367 having a population in excess of seventy-five thousand (75,000)
368 according to the 1980 decennial census in which is located an
369 institution of higher learning and a United States military
370 installation and which is traversed by an interstate highway, the
371 salary of the county prosecuting attorney shall not be less than
372 Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) nor more than the amount of
373 the annual salary received by a member of the board of supervisors
374 of that county.

375 (k) In any county with a land area wherein Mississippi
376 Highways 8 and 9 intersect, the salary of the county prosecuting
377 attorney shall be not less than Eight Thousand Five Hundred
378 Dollars (\$8,500.00) per year.

379 (l) In any Class 2 county wherein Mississippi Highways
380 6 and 3 intersect, the salary of the county prosecuting attorney
381 shall be not less than Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) per
382 year nor more than the amount of the annual salary received by a
383 member of the board of supervisors of that county.

384 (m) In any county wherein Interstate Highway 55 and
385 State Highway 8 intersect, the salary of the county prosecuting
386 attorney shall be not less than Twelve Thousand Dollars
387 (\$12,000.00) per year.

388 (n) In any county wherein U.S. Highway 51 intersects
389 Mississippi Highway 6, and having two (2) judicial districts, the
390 salary of the county prosecuting attorney shall be not less than
391 Three Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$3,600.00) per year.

392 (o) In any county bordering on the Alabama state line,
393 having a population of greater than fifteen thousand (15,000)
394 according to the 1970 federal decennial census, wherein U.S.
395 Highway 45 and Mississippi Highway 18 intersect, the salary of the
396 county prosecuting attorney shall be not less than Three Thousand



397 Six Hundred Dollars (\$3,600.00) nor greater than that of a member
398 of the board of supervisors of such county. All prior acts,
399 orders and resolutions of the board of supervisors of such county
400 which authorized the payment of the salary in conformity with the
401 provisions of this paragraph, whether or not heretofore
402 specifically authorized by law are hereby ratified, approved and
403 confirmed.

404 (p) In any county wherein is located a state-supported
405 institution of higher learning and wherein U.S. Highway 82 and
406 Mississippi Highway 389 intersect, the board of supervisors, in
407 its discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual
408 salary equal to the annual salary of members of the board of
409 supervisors in the county.

410 (q) In any county having two (2) judicial districts
411 wherein Mississippi Highway 32 intersects U.S. Highway 49E, the
412 salary of the county prosecuting attorney shall be not less than
413 Twelve Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$12,700.00).

414 (r) In any county traversed by the Natchez Trace
415 Parkway wherein U.S. Highway 45 and Mississippi Highway 4
416 intersect, the board of supervisors, in its discretion, may pay
417 the county prosecuting attorney an annual salary equal to the
418 annual salary of justice court judges in the county.

419 (s) In any county having a population of more than
420 fourteen thousand (14,000) according to the 1970 census and which
421 county is bordered on the north by the State of Tennessee and on
422 the east by the State of Alabama and in which U.S. Highway No. 72
423 and Highway No. 25 intersect, the board of supervisors, in its
424 discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual
425 salary equal to the annual salary of justice court judges in the
426 county.

427 (t) (i) In any county wherein Interstate Highway 55
428 and State Highway 22 intersect, and which is also traversed in
429 whole or part by U.S. Highways 49 and 51, and State Highways 16,



430 17, 43 and the Natchez Trace Parkway, and also containing a part
431 of a public lake or reservoir, in excess of thirty thousand
432 (30,000) acres, the board of supervisors, in its discretion, may
433 pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual salary in the amount
434 of Twenty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$28,000.00).

435 (ii) From and after October 1, 1993, in addition
436 to the salary provided for subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, the
437 board of supervisors, in its discretion, may pay the county
438 prosecuting attorney an additional amount not to exceed ten
439 percent (10%) of the maximum allowable salary prescribed herein.

440 (u) In any county having a population in the 1970
441 census in excess of thirty-five thousand (35,000) and in which
442 U.S. Highways 49W and 82 intersect, and in which is located a
443 state penitentiary, the annual salary of a county prosecuting
444 attorney shall be Thirty Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Dollars
445 (\$30,420.00).

446 (v) In any county wherein Mississippi Highway 50
447 intersects U.S. Highway 45-Alternate, and having a population
448 greater than twenty thousand (20,000) according to the 1980
449 federal decennial census, a salary equal to that of a member of
450 the board of supervisors of such county; provided that if such
451 county prosecuting attorney is paid a sum for the purpose of
452 defraying office or secretarial expenses, then the salary
453 prescribed herein shall be reduced by that amount.

454 (w) In any county in which the 1975 assessed valuation
455 was Forty Million Seven Hundred Thirty-nine Thousand Four Hundred
456 Sixty-six Dollars (\$40,739,466.00) and wherein U.S. Highway 45 and
457 Mississippi Highway 8 intersect, the salary of the county
458 prosecuting attorney shall be equal to that of a member of the
459 board of supervisors of such county.

460 (x) In any county bordering on the Mississippi River
461 having a population greater than fifty thousand (50,000) according
462 to the 1980 federal decennial census and also having a national



463 military park and national cemetery, an annual salary of
464 Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) or a salary equal to
465 that of a member of the board of supervisors in such county,
466 whichever is greater. In addition, such county prosecuting
467 attorney shall receive the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)
468 per month for the purpose of defraying secretarial expenses.

469 (y) In any county bordering on the Alabama state line,
470 traversed by the Chickasawhay River, and wherein U.S. Highway 45
471 and U.S. Highway 84 intersect, a salary that shall be equal to the
472 annual salary of a member of the board of supervisors of such
473 county. All prior acts, orders and resolutions of the board of
474 supervisors of such county which authorize the payment of the
475 salary of the county prosecuting attorney in conformity with the
476 provisions of this section as it existed immediately prior to the
477 effective date of Chapter 506, Laws of 1985, are hereby ratified,
478 approved, confirmed and validated.

479 (z) In any county having a population greater than
480 sixty-five thousand five hundred eighty (65,580) but less than
481 sixty-five thousand five hundred ninety (65,590) according to the
482 1990 federal decennial census, wherein U.S. Highway 45 intersects
483 with Mississippi Highway 6, an annual salary equal to Thirty
484 Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00).

485 (aa) In any county where an institution of higher
486 learning is located and wherein U.S. Highway 82 and U.S. Highway
487 45 intersect, the salary of county prosecuting attorney shall be
488 not less than that of a member of the board of supervisors in such
489 county, and the board of supervisors may, in its discretion, pay
490 such county prosecuting attorney a salary in an amount not to
491 exceed the amount of the salary of the District Attorney for the
492 Sixteenth Judicial District of Mississippi.

493 (bb) In any county having a population greater than six
494 thousand (6,000) according to the federal decennial census and
495 wherein U.S. Highway 61 and Highway 24 intersect, the board of



496 supervisors, in its discretion, may pay the county prosecuting
497 attorney an annual salary equal to the annual salary of members of
498 the board of supervisors in the county.

499 (cc) In any county having a population greater than
500 thirty-one thousand (31,000) according to the 1990 federal
501 decennial census and wherein U.S. Highway 61 and U.S. Highway 49
502 intersect, a salary of not less than the annual salary of justice
503 court judges in the county.

504 (dd) In any county having a population greater than
505 eighty-seven thousand (87,000) but less than eighty-seven thousand
506 two hundred (87,200) according to the 1990 federal census, in
507 which is located an international airport, an annual salary of
508 Twenty-nine Thousand Dollars (\$29,000.00). In addition, such
509 county prosecuting attorney shall receive the sum of One Thousand
510 Dollars (\$1,000.00) per month for the purpose of defraying
511 secretarial expenses.

512 (ee) In any county having a population greater than
513 eight thousand (8,000) but less than eight thousand two hundred
514 (8,200) according to the 1990 federal census, and in which U.S.
515 Highway 61 and Mississippi Highway 4 intersect, the board of
516 supervisors may, in its discretion, pay the county prosecuting
517 attorney an amount not to exceed Fourteen Thousand Dollars
518 (\$14,000.00), in addition to the maximum allowable salary for that
519 attorney under subsection (1), beginning on April 1, 1997.

520 (ff) In any county having a population greater than
521 thirty thousand three hundred (30,300) but less than thirty
522 thousand four hundred (30,400) according to the 1990 federal
523 census, and in which U.S. Highway 78 and Mississippi Highway 7
524 intersect, a salary of not less than the annual salary of a member
525 of the board of supervisors in such county.

526 (gg) In any county having a population greater than
527 thirteen thousand three hundred (13,300) but less than thirteen
528 thousand four hundred (13,400) according to the 1990 federal



529 census, and in which Mississippi Highway 24 and Mississippi
530 Highway 48 intersect, the board of supervisors may, in its
531 discretion, pay the county prosecuting attorney an additional
532 amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the maximum allowable
533 salary for that attorney under subsection (1).

534 (hh) In any county having a population greater than
535 eight thousand three hundred (8,300) but less than eight thousand
536 four hundred (8,400) according to the 1990 federal census, and in
537 which U.S. Highway 84 and U.S. Highway 98 intersect, the board of
538 supervisors may, in its discretion, pay the county prosecuting
539 attorney an additional amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of
540 the maximum allowable salary for that attorney under subsection
541 (1).

542 (ii) After September 30, 1993, in any county having a
543 population of more than thirty thousand four hundred (30,400) and
544 which is traversed in whole or part by I-59, U.S. Highways 98 and
545 11 and State Highway 13, the annual salary of the county
546 prosecuting attorney shall be Twenty-five Thousand Dollars
547 (\$25,000.00). In addition, such county prosecuting attorney shall
548 receive after September 30, 1993, the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty
549 Dollars (\$750.00) per month for the purpose of defraying office or
550 secretarial expenses.

551 (jj) In any county having a population greater than
552 twenty thousand (20,000) according to the 1990 federal census and
553 wherein U.S. Highway 78 and Mississippi Highway 25 intersect, the
554 board of supervisors, in its discretion, may pay the county
555 prosecuting attorney an annual salary equal to the annual salary
556 of justice court judges in the county.

557 (kk) In any county having a population greater than
558 twelve thousand four hundred (12,400) but less than twelve
559 thousand five hundred (12,500) according to the 1990 federal
560 census, and in which U.S. Highway 84 and Mississippi Highway 27
561 intersect, the board of supervisors may, in its discretion, pay



562 the county prosecuting attorney an additional amount not to exceed
563 ten percent (10%) of the maximum allowable salary for that
564 attorney under subsection (1).

565 (ll) In any county having a population greater than
566 thirty thousand two hundred (30,200) but less than thirty thousand
567 three hundred (30,300) according to the 1990 federal census, and
568 in which U.S. Interstate 55 and Mississippi Highway 84 intersect,
569 the board of supervisors may, in its discretion, pay the county
570 prosecuting attorney an additional amount not to exceed ten
571 percent (10%) of the maximum allowable salary for that attorney
572 under subsection (1).

573 (mm) In any county on the Mississippi River levee,
574 having a population greater than forty-one thousand eight hundred
575 (41,800) but less than forty-one thousand nine hundred (41,900)
576 according to the 1990 federal census wherein U.S. Highway 61 and
577 Mississippi Highway 8 intersect, the board of supervisors, in its
578 discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual
579 salary equal to the annual salary of members of the board of
580 supervisors in the county. In addition, the board of supervisors,
581 in its discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney the sum
582 of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per month for the purpose of
583 defraying secretarial expenses.

584 (nn) In any county having a population greater than
585 twenty-four thousand seven hundred (24,700) and less than
586 twenty-four thousand nine hundred (24,900) according to the 1990
587 federal census, wherein Mississippi Highways 15 and 16 intersect,
588 the board of supervisors, in its discretion, may pay the county
589 prosecuting attorney an annual salary equal to the annual salary
590 of members of the board of supervisors in the county.

591 (oo) In any county having a population greater than
592 thirty-seven thousand (37,000) but less than thirty-eight thousand
593 (38,000) according to the 1990 federal census, in which is located
594 a state supported institution of higher learning, and in which



595 U.S. Highway 82 and Mississippi Highway 7 intersect, the board of
596 supervisors may, in its discretion, pay the county prosecuting
597 attorney a salary in an amount not to exceed the amount of the
598 salary of the District Attorney for the Fourth Judicial District
599 of Mississippi.

600 (pp) In any county in which U.S. Highway 78 and
601 Mississippi Highway 15 intersect and which is traversed by the
602 Tallahatchie River, a salary equal to that of members of the board
603 of supervisors of the county, which salary shall be in addition to
604 any sums received for the purpose of defraying office or
605 secretarial expenses and sums received as youth court prosecutor
606 fees.

607 (qq) In any county bordering on the State of Tennessee
608 and the State of Arkansas, wherein Interstate Highway 55 and
609 Mississippi Highway 302 intersect, the board of supervisors, in
610 its discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual
611 salary equal to the annual salary of justice court judges in the
612 county.

613 (rr) In any county that is traversed by the Natchez
614 Trace Parkway and in which Mississippi Highway 35 and Mississippi
615 Highway 12 intersect, the board of supervisors, in its discretion,
616 may pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual salary in the
617 amount of the annual salary of justice court judges in the county.

618 (ss) In any county in which Mississippi Highway 14 and
619 Mississippi Highway 25 intersect, the board of supervisors, in its
620 discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual
621 salary in the amount of Twenty-two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000.00).

622 (tt) In any county in which Interstate Highway 59 and
623 U.S. Highway 84 intersect, the board of supervisors, in its
624 discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual
625 salary equal to the annual salary of members of the board of
626 supervisors in the county.



627 (3) In any case where a salary, expense allowance or other
628 sum is authorized or paid by the board of supervisors pursuant to
629 this section, that salary, expense allowance or other sum shall
630 not be reduced or terminated during the term for which the county
631 attorney was elected.

632 **SECTION 4.** Section 25-3-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
633 amended as follows:

634 25-3-13. The salaries of the members of the boards of
635 supervisors of the various counties are * * * fixed as full
636 compensation for their services.

637 The annual salary of each member of the board of supervisors
638 shall be based upon the total assessed valuation of his respective
639 county for the preceding taxable year in the following categories
640 and for the following amounts:

641 (a) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
642 less than Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00), a salary of
643 Twenty-five Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-two Dollars
644 (\$25,882.00);

645 (b) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
646 at least Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00), but less than
647 Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00), a salary of
648 Twenty-six Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-one Dollars (\$26,551.00);

649 (c) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
650 at least Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00), but less
651 than Thirty-five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000.00), a salary of
652 Twenty-seven Thousand Two Hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$27,219.00);

653 (d) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
654 at least Thirty-five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000.00), but less
655 than Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00), a salary of
656 Twenty-nine Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-six Dollars (\$29,556.00);

657 (e) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
658 at least Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00), but less than



659 Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00), a salary of Thirty
660 Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-one Dollars (\$30,891.00);

661 (f) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
662 at least Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00), but less
663 than One Hundred Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$125,000,000.00), a
664 salary of Thirty-one Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-three Dollars
665 (\$31,893.00);

666 (g) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
667 One Hundred Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$125,000,000.00), but
668 less than Three Hundred Million Dollars (\$300,000,000.00), a
669 salary of Thirty-six Thousand Nine Hundred Three Dollars
670 (\$36,903.00);

671 (h) For counties having a total assessed valuation of
672 Three Hundred Million Dollars (\$300,000,000.00) or more, a salary
673 of Forty-one Thousand Seventy-seven Dollars (\$41,077.00).

674 The salary of the members of the board of supervisors shall
675 not be increased under this section until the board of supervisors
676 shall have passed a resolution stating the amount of the increase
677 and spread it on its minutes.

678 **SECTION 5.** Section 25-3-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
679 amended as follows:

680 25-3-25. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections
681 (2) through (9), the salaries of sheriffs of the various counties
682 are * * * fixed as full compensation for their services.

683 From and after October 1, 1998, the annual salary for each
684 sheriff shall be based upon the total population of his county
685 according to the latest federal decennial census in the following
686 categories and for the following amounts; however, no sheriff
687 shall be paid less than the salary authorized under this section
688 to be paid the sheriff based upon the population of the county
689 according to the 1980 federal decennial census:



690 (a) For counties with a total population of more than
691 two hundred thousand (200,000), a salary of Eighty-two Thousand
692 Five Hundred Dollars (\$82,500.00).

693 (b) For counties with a total population of more than
694 one hundred thousand (100,000) and not more than two hundred
695 thousand (200,000), a salary of Seventy-seven Thousand Dollars
696 (\$77,000.00).

697 (c) For counties with a total population of more than
698 forty-five thousand (45,000) and not more than one hundred
699 thousand (100,000), a salary of Seventy-one Thousand Five Hundred
700 Dollars (\$71,500.00).

701 (d) For counties with a total population of more than
702 thirty-four thousand (34,000) and not more than forty-five
703 thousand (45,000), a salary of Sixty-six Thousand Dollars
704 (\$66,000.00).

705 (e) For counties with a total population of more than
706 twenty-five thousand (25,000) and not more than thirty-four
707 thousand (34,000), a salary of Fifty-seven Thousand Two Hundred
708 Dollars (\$57,200.00).

709 (f) For counties with a total population of more than
710 fifteen thousand (15,000) and not more than twenty-five thousand
711 (25,000), a salary of Fifty-five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000.00).

712 (g) For counties with a total population of more than
713 nine thousand five hundred (9,500) and not more than fifteen
714 thousand (15,000), a salary of Fifty-one Thousand Seven Hundred
715 Dollars (\$51,700.00).

716 (h) For counties with a total population of more than
717 seven thousand five hundred (7,500) and not more than nine
718 thousand five hundred (9,500), a salary of Forty-nine Thousand
719 Five Hundred Dollars (\$49,500.00).

720 (i) For counties with a total population of not more
721 than seven thousand five hundred (7,500), a salary of Forty-six
722 Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$46,200.00).



723 (2) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)
724 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Leflore County * * *,
725 in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of
726 the county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars
727 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual
728 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such
729 county for the following reasons:

730 (a) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates
731 and maintains a restitution center within the county;

732 (b) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates
733 and maintains a community work center within the county;

734 (c) There is a resident circuit court judge in the
735 county whose office is located at the Leflore County Courthouse;

736 (d) There is a resident chancery court judge in the
737 county whose office is located at the Leflore County Courthouse;

738 (e) The Magistrate for the Fourth Circuit Court
739 District is located in the county and maintains his office at the
740 Leflore County Courthouse;

741 (f) The Region VI Mental Health-Mental Retardation
742 Center, which serves a multicounty area, calls upon the sheriff to
743 provide security for out-of-town mental patients, as well as
744 patients from within the county;

745 (g) The increased activity of the Child Support
746 Division of the Department of Human Services in enforcing in the
747 courts parental obligations has imposed additional duties on the
748 sheriff; and

749 (h) The dispatchers of the enhanced E-911 system in
750 place in Leflore County has been placed under the direction and
751 control of the sheriff.

752 (3) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)
753 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Rankin County * * *,
754 in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of
755 the county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars



756 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual
757 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such
758 county for the following reasons:

759 (a) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates
760 and maintains the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility within
761 the county;

762 (b) The State Hospital is operated and maintained
763 within the county at Whitfield;

764 (c) Hudspeth Regional Center, a facility maintained for
765 the care and treatment of the mentally retarded, is located within
766 the county;

767 (d) The Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Training
768 Academy is operated and maintained within the county;

769 (e) The State Fire Academy is operated and maintained
770 within the county;

771 (f) The Pearl River Valley Water Supply District,
772 ordinarily known as the "Reservoir District," is located within
773 the county;

774 (g) The Jackson International Airport is located within
775 the county;

776 (h) The patrolling of the state properties located
777 within the county has imposed additional duties on the sheriff;
778 and

779 (i) The sheriff, in addition to providing security to
780 the nearly one hundred thousand (100,000) residents of the county,
781 has the duty to investigate, solve and assist in the prosecution
782 of any misdemeanor or felony committed upon any state property
783 located in Rankin County.

784 (4) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)
785 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County shall
786 pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county an amount
787 equal to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).



788 (5) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)
789 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Tunica County * * *,
790 in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of
791 the county an amount equal to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00),
792 payable beginning April 1, 1997.

793 (6) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)
794 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Hinds County shall
795 pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county in an amount
796 equal to Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00). The Legislature
797 finds and declares that the annual supplement authorized by this
798 subsection is justified in such county for the following reasons:

799 (a) Hinds County has the greatest population of any
800 county, two hundred fifty-four thousand four hundred forty-one
801 (254,441) by the 1990 census, being almost one hundred thousand
802 (100,000) more than the next most populous county;

803 (b) Hinds County is home to the state capitol and the
804 seat of all state government offices;

805 (c) Hinds County is the third largest county in
806 geographic area, containing eight hundred seventy-five (875)
807 square miles;

808 (d) Hinds County is comprised of two (2) judicial
809 districts, each having a courthouse and county office buildings;

810 (e) There are four (4) resident circuit judges, four
811 (4) resident chancery judges, and three (3) resident county judges
812 in Hinds County, the most of any county, with the sheriff acting
813 as chief executive officer and provider of bailiff services for
814 all;

815 (f) The main offices for the clerk and most of the
816 judges and magistrates for the United States District Court for
817 the Southern District of Mississippi are located within the
818 county;

819 (g) The state's only urban university, Jackson State
820 University, is located within the county;



821 (h) The University of Mississippi Medical Center,
822 combining the medical school, dental school, nursing school and
823 hospital, is located within the county;

824 (i) Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium, the state's
825 largest sports arena, is located within the county;

826 (j) The Mississippi State Fairgrounds, including the
827 Coliseum and Trade Mart, are located within the county;

828 (k) Hinds County has the largest criminal population in
829 the state, such that the Hinds County Sheriff's Department
830 operates the largest county jail system in the state, housing
831 almost one thousand (1,000) inmates in three (3) separate
832 detention facilities;

833 (l) The Hinds County Sheriff's Department handles more
834 mental and drug and alcohol commitments cases than any other
835 sheriff's department in the state;

836 (m) The Mississippi Department of Corrections maintains
837 a restitution center within the county;

838 (n) The Mississippi Department of Corrections regularly
839 houses as many as one hundred (100) state convicts within the
840 Hinds County jail system; and

841 (o) The Hinds County Sheriff's Department is regularly
842 asked to provide security services not only at the Fairgrounds and
843 Memorial Stadium, but also for events at the Mississippi Museum of
844 Art and Jackson City Auditorium.

845 (7) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)
846 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Wilkinson County, in
847 its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the
848 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars
849 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual
850 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such
851 county because the Mississippi Department of Corrections contracts
852 for the private incarceration of state inmates at a private
853 correctional facility within the county.



854 (8) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)
855 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Marshall County, in
856 its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the
857 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars
858 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual
859 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such
860 county because the Mississippi Department of Corrections contracts
861 for the private incarceration of state inmates at a private
862 correctional facility within the county.

863 (9) In addition to the salary provided in subsection (1) of
864 this section, the Board of Supervisors of Greene County, in its
865 discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the
866 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars
867 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual
868 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such
869 county for the following reasons:

870 (a) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates
871 and maintains the South Mississippi Correctional Facility within
872 the county;

873 (b) In 1996, additional facilities to house another one
874 thousand four hundred sixteen (1,416) male offenders were
875 constructed at the South Mississippi Correctional Facility within
876 the county; and

877 (c) The patrolling of the state properties located
878 within the county has imposed additional duties on the sheriff
879 justifying additional compensation.

880 (10) The salaries * * * provided in this section shall be
881 payable monthly on the first day of each calendar month by
882 chancery clerk's warrant drawn on the general fund of the county;
883 however, the board of supervisors, by resolution duly adopted and
884 entered on its minutes, may provide that such salaries shall be
885 paid semimonthly on the first and fifteenth day of each month. If
886 a pay date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, salary payments



887 shall be made on the workday immediately preceding the weekend or
888 legal holiday.

889 **SECTION 6.** Section 25-3-36, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
890 amended as follows:

891 25-3-36. (1) From and after October 1, 1998, every justice
892 court judge shall receive as full compensation for his or her
893 services and in lieu of any and all other fees, costs or
894 compensation heretofore authorized for such justice court judge,
895 an annual salary based upon the population of his or her county
896 according to the 1990 federal decennial census; however, no
897 justice court judge shall be paid less than the salary authorized
898 under this section to be paid the justice court judge based upon
899 the population of the county according to the 1980 federal
900 decennial census. The amount of which salary shall be determined
901 as follows:

902 (a) In counties with a population of more than two
903 hundred thousand (200,000), a salary of Fifty Thousand Nine
904 Hundred Twenty-nine Dollars (\$50,929.00).

905 (b) In counties with a population of more than one
906 hundred fifty thousand (150,000) but not more than two hundred
907 thousand (200,000), a salary of Forty-six Thousand Seven Hundred
908 Fifty-five Dollars (\$46,755.00).

909 (c) In counties with a population of more than
910 seventy-five thousand (75,000) but not more than one hundred fifty
911 thousand (150,000), a salary of Forty-two Thousand Five Hundred
912 Eighty Dollars (\$42,580.00).

913 (d) In counties with a population of more than
914 forty-nine thousand (49,000) but not more than seventy-five
915 thousand (75,000), a salary of Thirty-six Thousand Seven Hundred
916 Thirty-six Dollars (\$36,736.00).

917 (e) In counties with a population of more than
918 thirty-four thousand (34,000) but not more than forty-nine



919 thousand (49,000), a salary of Thirty-one Thousand Seven Hundred
920 Twenty-six Dollars (\$31,726.00).

921 (f) In counties with a population of more than
922 twenty-four thousand five hundred (24,500) but not more than
923 thirty-four thousand (34,000), a salary of Thirty Thousand
924 Fifty-six Dollars (\$30,056.00).

925 (g) In counties with a population of more than
926 twenty-one thousand (21,000) but not more than twenty-four
927 thousand five hundred (24,500), a salary of Twenty-six Thousand
928 Seven Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$26,717.00).

929 (h) In counties with a population of more than sixteen
930 thousand five hundred (16,500) but not more than twenty-one
931 thousand (21,000), a salary of Twenty-three Thousand Three Hundred
932 Seventy-seven Dollars (\$23,377.00).

933 (i) In counties with a population of more than twelve
934 thousand (12,000) but not more than sixteen thousand five hundred
935 (16,500), a salary of Twenty Thousand Thirty-eight Dollars
936 (\$20,038.00).

937 (j) In counties with a population of more than eight
938 thousand (8,000) but not more than twelve thousand (12,000), a
939 salary of Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$16,500.00).

940 (k) In counties with a population of eight thousand
941 (8,000) or less, a salary of Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred Dollars
942 (\$13,200.00).

943 The board of supervisors of any county having two (2)
944 judicial districts and two (2) justice court judges for the county
945 shall pay each justice court judge an amount equal to that * * *
946 provided in this subsection for judges in the next higher
947 population category per year, if the justice court judge maintains
948 regular office hours and is personally present in the office they
949 maintain for at least thirty (30) hours per week. In any county
950 having a population greater than eight thousand (8,000) but less
951 than eight thousand five hundred (8,500) according to the 1990



952 federal decennial census and in which U.S. Highway 61 and
953 Mississippi Highway 4 intersect, the board of supervisors * * *,
954 in its discretion, may pay such justice court judges an additional
955 amount not to exceed the sum of Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Fifty
956 Dollars (\$11,550.00) per year, payable beginning April 1, 1997.
957 In any county having a population greater than ten thousand
958 (10,000) but less than ten thousand five hundred (10,500)
959 according to the 1990 federal decennial census and in which
960 Mississippi Highway 3 and Mississippi Highway 6 intersect, the
961 board of supervisors * * *, in its discretion, may pay such
962 justice court judges an additional amount not to exceed One
963 Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,450.00) per year, payable
964 beginning April 1, 1997. In any county having a population
965 greater than twenty-four thousand seven hundred (24,700) and less
966 than twenty-four thousand nine hundred (24,900), according to the
967 1990 federal census, wherein Mississippi Highways 15 and 16
968 intersect, the board of supervisors shall pay such justice court
969 judge an additional amount equal to Two Thousand Five Hundred
970 Dollars (\$2,500.00) per year.

971 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this
972 section, in the event that the number of justice court judges
973 authorized pursuant to Section 9-11-2(1) is exceeded pursuant to
974 the provisions of Section 9-11-2(4), the aggregate of the salaries
975 paid to the justice court judges of such a county shall not exceed
976 the amount sufficient to pay the number of justice court judges
977 authorized pursuant to Section 9-11-2(1), and such amount shall be
978 equally divided among those justice court judges continuing to
979 hold office under the provisions of Section 9-11-2(4).

980 (3) From and after January 1, 1984, all fees, costs, fines
981 and penalties charged and collected in the justice court shall be
982 paid to the clerk of the justice court for deposit, along with
983 monies from cash bonds and other monies which have been forfeited
984 in criminal cases, into the general fund of the county as provided



985 in Section 9-11-19; and the clerk of the board of supervisors
986 shall be authorized and empowered, upon approval by the board of
987 supervisors, to make disbursements and withdrawals from the
988 general fund of the county in order to pay any reasonable and
989 necessary expenses incurred in complying with this section,
990 including payment of the salaries of justice court judges as
991 provided by subsection (1) of this section. The provisions of
992 this subsection shall not, except as to cash bonds and other
993 monies which have been forfeited in criminal cases, apply to
994 monies required to be deposited in the justice court clerk
995 clearing account as provided in Section 9-11-18, Mississippi Code
996 of 1972.

997 (4) The salaries provided for in * * * this section shall be
998 payable monthly by warrant drawn by the clerk of the board of
999 supervisors on the general fund of the county; however, the board
1000 of supervisors, by resolution duly adopted and entered on its
1001 minutes, may provide that such salaries shall be paid semimonthly
1002 on the first and fifteenth day of each month. If a pay date falls
1003 on a weekend or legal holiday, salary payments shall be made on
1004 the workday immediately preceding the weekend or legal holiday.

1005 (5) * * * The salary of a justice court judge shall not be
1006 reduced during his term of office as a result of a population
1007 change following a federal decennial census.

1008 (6) Any justice court judge who is unable to attend and hold
1009 court by reason of being under suspension by the Commission on
1010 Judicial Performance or the Mississippi Supreme Court shall not
1011 receive a salary while under such suspension.

1012 **SECTION 7.** Section 9-9-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1013 amended as follows:

1014 9-9-11. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (2)
1015 and (3), the county court judge shall receive an annual salary
1016 payable monthly out of the county treasury in an amount not to
1017 exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) less than the salary which



1018 is now or shall hereafter be provided for circuit and chancery
1019 judges of this state, in the discretion of the board of
1020 supervisors of that county; * * * however, * * * the salary of
1021 such judge shall not be reduced during his term of office. * * *
1022 Further, * * * the office of county court judge in any county
1023 receiving an annual salary of Thirty-six Thousand Dollars
1024 (\$36,000.00) or more shall be a full-time position, and the holder
1025 thereof shall not otherwise engage in the practice of law.

1026 (2) In the event of the establishment of a county court by
1027 agreement between two (2) or more counties as provided in Section
1028 9-9-3, the county judge of the court so established shall be paid
1029 a salary equal to one and one-half (1-1/2) times that salary that
1030 he would be paid if he were the judge of the smallest of such two
1031 (2) or more counties, such salary to be paid in monthly
1032 installments as provided by law; provided that such salary shall
1033 not exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) less than the salary
1034 of the circuit and chancery judges of this state.

1035 (3) The county court judge shall receive an annual salary
1036 payable monthly out of the county treasury as follows:

1037 (a) In any county having a population of seventy
1038 thousand (70,000) or more according to the 1980 federal census,
1039 the county judge shall receive an annual salary of One Thousand
1040 Dollars (\$1,000.00) less than that paid to a circuit court judge.
1041 The office of county judge shall be a full-time position, and the
1042 holder thereof shall not otherwise engage in the practice of law.

1043 (b) In any county having a population of sixty thousand
1044 (60,000) or more but less than seventy thousand (70,000) according
1045 to the 1980 federal census, the county judge shall receive an
1046 annual salary of Forty-four Thousand Dollars (\$44,000.00). The
1047 office of county judge shall be a full-time position, and the
1048 holder thereof shall not otherwise engage in the practice of law.
1049 The county judge shall not be eligible for any additional salary
1050 except as may be authorized in subsection (4).



1051 (c) In any county having a population of twenty-seven
1052 thousand (27,000) or more but less than sixty thousand (60,000)
1053 according to the 1980 federal census, the county judge shall
1054 receive an annual salary of not less than Thirteen Thousand Two
1055 Hundred Dollars (\$13,200.00) but not more than Forty-four Thousand
1056 Dollars (\$44,000.00), in the discretion of the board of
1057 supervisors of that county. The county judge shall not be
1058 eligible for any additional salary except as may be authorized in
1059 subsection (4). In the event that the board of supervisors of
1060 said county elects to pay such county judge an annual salary of
1061 Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) or more, the office of county
1062 judge shall be a full-time position, and the holder thereof shall
1063 not otherwise engage in the practice of law.

1064 (d) In any county having a population of less than
1065 twenty-seven thousand (27,000) according to the 1980 federal
1066 census, the county judge shall receive an annual salary of not
1067 less than Four Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$4,620.00) and
1068 not more than Nine Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Dollars
1069 (\$9,350.00), in the discretion of the board of supervisors of that
1070 county. The county judge shall not be eligible for any additional
1071 salary except as may be authorized in subsection (4).

1072 (4) The county judge of any county described in this
1073 subsection shall be paid the compensation, and he shall be subject
1074 to any restrictions, set forth in the following paragraphs:

1075 (a) The county judge of any such Class 1 county with
1076 population according to the latest federal decennial census of
1077 forty-five thousand (45,000) or more and lying wholly within a
1078 levee district and having two (2) judicial districts * * *, in the
1079 discretion of the board of supervisors of such county, shall
1080 receive an annual salary not exceeding Forty Thousand Dollars
1081 (\$40,000.00), or a sum which is One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)
1082 less than the salary which is now or shall hereafter be provided



1083 for circuit and chancery judges of the state, whichever is
1084 greater.

1085 (b) The county judge of any Class 1 county having an
1086 area in excess of nine hundred twenty-five (925) square miles
1087 shall receive an annual salary of not less than Thirty Thousand
1088 Dollars (\$30,000.00) but, in the discretion of the board of
1089 supervisors of such county, such salary may be not more than Five
1090 Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) less than the annual salary of a circuit
1091 judge, payable monthly out of the county treasury, and the county
1092 judge shall not practice law.

1093 (c) The office of county judge in any such Class 1
1094 county with a population according to the 1970 federal decennial
1095 census of greater than thirty-nine thousand (39,000), and where
1096 U.S. Highway 61 and Mississippi Highway 6 intersect, shall receive
1097 an annual salary to be paid in monthly installments of not less
1098 than an amount equal to ninety percent (90%) of the annual salary
1099 which is now or shall hereafter be provided for circuit and
1100 chancery judges of the state, as follows: The salary of the
1101 county judge shall be increased by ten percent (10%) annually
1102 above the base salary of the preceding year until such time as the
1103 judge's salary is equal to the amount that is provided by this
1104 subsection. The office of county judge shall be a full-time
1105 position and the holder thereof shall not otherwise engage in the
1106 practice of law.

1107 (d) In any Class 1 county bordering on the Mississippi
1108 River and which has situated therein a national military park and
1109 national military cemetery, the office of county judge shall be a
1110 full-time position and the holder thereof shall not otherwise
1111 engage in the practice of law. The salary for the county judge in
1112 said county shall be fixed at a sum which is One Thousand Dollars
1113 (\$1,000.00) less than the salary which is now or shall hereafter
1114 be provided for circuit and chancery judges of this state.



1115 (e) The county judge in any county having a population
1116 of at least forty-two thousand one hundred eleven (42,111),
1117 according to the 1970 census, and where U.S. Highway 49E and U.S.
1118 Highway 82 intersect, shall receive an annual salary to be paid in
1119 monthly installments of not less than Thirty Thousand Dollars
1120 (\$30,000.00) but not more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
1121 (\$2,500.00) less than the annual salary of the circuit judge, in
1122 the discretion of the board of supervisors of that county.

1123 (f) The county judge in any Class 1 county bordering on
1124 the Mississippi River and having an area of less than four hundred
1125 fifty (450) square miles wherein U.S. Highways 84 and 61 intersect
1126 shall receive an annual salary of Four Thousand Dollars
1127 (\$4,000.00) less than the annual salary of a circuit judge, and
1128 such county judge shall not practice law in any manner. The
1129 county judge in such county shall not be eligible to receive any
1130 additional salary authorized by this section or from any other
1131 source other than that set out and authorized by this paragraph.

1132 (g) The county judge of any Class 1 county bordering on
1133 the Mississippi River on the west and the State of Tennessee on
1134 the north, and traversed north to south by Interstate Highway 55,
1135 shall receive an annual salary of ninety percent (90%) of the
1136 salary which is now or shall hereafter be provided for chancery
1137 and circuit judges of this state, but in any event not less than
1138 Sixty Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$60,200.00).

1139 (h) The county judge of any Class 1 county with a
1140 population of greater than sixty-nine thousand (69,000) according
1141 to the 1980 federal decennial census, and wherein U.S. Highway 80
1142 and Mississippi Highway 43 intersect, shall receive an annual
1143 salary in an amount not greater than the sum of Five Hundred
1144 Dollars (\$500.00) less than the salary which is now or shall
1145 hereafter be provided for circuit and chancery judges of this
1146 state, in the discretion of the board of supervisors of that
1147 county.



1148 (i) The county judge of any county having a population
1149 in excess of sixty-six thousand (66,000) according to the 1980
1150 federal decennial census, wherein is located a state-supported
1151 university and in which U.S. Highways 49 and 11 intersect, shall
1152 receive an annual salary of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) less
1153 than that paid to a circuit court judge. The office of such
1154 county judge shall be a full-time position, and the holder thereof
1155 shall not otherwise engage in the practice of law.

1156 (j) The county judge of any county having two (2)
1157 judicial districts, having a population in excess of sixty-one
1158 thousand nine hundred (61,900) according to the 1980 federal
1159 decennial census, in which U.S. Interstate Highway 59 intersects
1160 with U.S. Highway 84, shall receive an annual salary of One
1161 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) less than the salary which is now or
1162 hereafter authorized to be paid circuit and chancery court judges
1163 of this state. The office of such county judge shall be a
1164 full-time position, and the holder thereof shall not otherwise
1165 engage in the practice of law.

1166 (k) The office of county judge of any Class I county
1167 wherein U.S. Highway 51 and U.S. Highway 98 intersect shall be a
1168 full-time position and the holder thereof shall not otherwise
1169 engage in the practice of law. The annual salary for the office
1170 of county judge in that county may be fixed, in the discretion of
1171 the board of supervisors of the county, at a sum not to exceed Two
1172 Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) less than the salary which is now or
1173 shall hereafter be provided for circuit and chancery judges of
1174 this state.

1175 (l) The county judge of any county having a population
1176 of more than forty-one thousand six hundred (41,600) but less than
1177 forty-one thousand six hundred fifty (41,650) according to the
1178 1980 federal census, and wherein U.S. Highway 49 intersects with
1179 Mississippi Highway 22, shall receive an annual salary in an
1180 amount established by the board of supervisors, but in no event to



1181 exceed the salary provided now or hereafter for circuit and
1182 chancery judges of this state.

1183 (m) The county judge of any county having a population
1184 of more than fifty-seven thousand (57,000) but less than
1185 fifty-seven thousand one hundred (57,100) according to the 1980
1186 federal census, wherein U.S. Highway 45 intersects with
1187 Mississippi Highway 6, shall receive an annual salary in an amount
1188 established by the board of supervisors, but in no event to exceed
1189 the salary provided now or hereafter for circuit and chancery
1190 judges of this state.

1191 (n) The county judge of any county having a population
1192 of more than fifty-seven thousand three hundred (57,300) according
1193 to the 1980 federal decennial census, wherein is located a
1194 state-supported university and wherein United States Highways 82
1195 and 45 intersect, shall receive an annual salary in an amount
1196 established by the board of supervisors, but in no event to exceed
1197 the salary provided now or hereafter for circuit and chancery
1198 judges of this state.

1199 (5) The salary of a county court judge or justice court
1200 judge shall not be reduced during his term of office as a result
1201 of a population decrease based upon the 1990 federal decennial
1202 census.

1203 * * *

1204 (6) From and after October 1, 1993, * * * in addition to the
1205 salaries set forth in this section, the board of supervisors of
1206 any county, in its discretion, may pay any county court judge
1207 whose salary is not established herein in relation to the salary
1208 paid to chancery and circuit court judges, an additional amount
1209 not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the maximum allowable salary
1210 for that judge.

1211 **SECTION 8.** Section 41-61-59, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1212 amended as follows:



1213 41-61-59. (1) A person's death which affects the public
1214 interest as specified in subsection (2) of this section shall be
1215 promptly reported to the medical examiner by the physician in
1216 attendance, any hospital employee, any law enforcement officer
1217 having knowledge of the death, the embalmer or other funeral home
1218 employee, any emergency medical technician, any relative or any
1219 other person present. The appropriate medical examiner shall
1220 notify the municipal or state law enforcement agency or sheriff
1221 and take charge of the body.

1222 (2) A death affecting the public interest includes, but is
1223 not limited to, any of the following:

1224 (a) Violent death, including homicidal, suicidal or
1225 accidental death.

1226 (b) Death caused by thermal, chemical, electrical or
1227 radiation injury.

1228 (c) Death caused by criminal abortion, including
1229 self-induced abortion, or abortion related to or by sexual abuse.

1230 (d) Death related to disease thought to be virulent or
1231 contagious which may constitute a public hazard.

1232 (e) Death that has occurred unexpectedly or from an
1233 unexplained cause.

1234 (f) Death of a person confined in a prison, jail or
1235 correctional institution.

1236 (g) Death of a person where a physician was not in
1237 attendance within thirty-six (36) hours preceding death, or in
1238 prediagnosed terminal or bedfast cases, within thirty (30) days
1239 preceding death.

1240 (h) Death of a person where the body is not claimed by
1241 a relative or a friend.

1242 (i) Death of a person where the identity of the
1243 deceased is unknown.

1244 (j) Death of a child under the age of two (2) years
1245 where death results from an unknown cause or where the



1246 circumstances surrounding the death indicate that sudden infant
1247 death syndrome may be the cause of death.

1248 (k) Where a body is brought into this state for
1249 disposal and there is reason to believe either that the death was
1250 not investigated properly or that there is not an adequate
1251 certificate of death.

1252 (1) Where a person is presented to a hospital emergency
1253 room unconscious and/or unresponsive, with cardiopulmonary
1254 resuscitative measures being performed, and dies within
1255 twenty-four (24) hours of admission without regaining
1256 consciousness or responsiveness, unless a physician was in
1257 attendance within thirty-six (36) hours preceding presentation to
1258 the hospital, or in cases in which the decedent had a prediagnosed
1259 terminal or bedfast condition, unless a physician was in
1260 attendance within thirty (30) days preceding presentation to the
1261 hospital.

1262 (3) The State Medical Examiner is empowered to investigate
1263 deaths, under the authority hereinafter conferred, in any and all
1264 political subdivisions of the state. The county medical examiners
1265 and county medical examiner investigators, while appointed for a
1266 specific county, may serve other counties on a regular basis with
1267 written authorization by the State Medical Examiner, or may serve
1268 other counties on an as-needed basis upon the request of the
1269 ranking officer of the investigating law enforcement agency. The
1270 county medical examiner or county medical examiner investigator of
1271 any county which has established a regional medical examiner
1272 district under subsection (4) of Section 41-61-77 may serve other
1273 counties which are parties to the agreement establishing the
1274 district, in accordance with the terms of the agreement, and may
1275 contract with counties which are not part of the district to
1276 provide medical examiner services for such counties. If a death
1277 affecting the public interest takes place in a county other than
1278 the one where injuries or other substantial causal factors leading



1279 to the death have occurred, jurisdiction for investigation of the
1280 death may be transferred, by mutual agreement of the respective
1281 medical examiners of the counties involved, to the county where
1282 such injuries or other substantial causal factors occurred, and
1283 the costs of autopsy or other studies necessary to the further
1284 investigation of the death shall be borne by the county assuming
1285 jurisdiction.

1286 (4) The chief county medical examiner or chief county
1287 medical examiner investigator may receive from the county in which
1288 he serves a salary of Eight Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$825.00)
1289 per month, in addition to the fees specified in Sections 41-61-69
1290 and 41-61-75, provided that no county shall pay the chief county
1291 medical examiner or chief county medical examiner investigator
1292 less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per month as a salary, in
1293 addition to other compensation provided by law. In any county
1294 having one or more deputy medical examiners or deputy medical
1295 examiner investigators, each deputy may receive from the county in
1296 which he serves, in the discretion of the board of supervisors, a
1297 salary of not more than Eight Hundred Twenty-five Dollars
1298 (\$825.00) per month, in addition to the fees specified in Sections
1299 41-61-69 and 41-61-75. For this salary the chief shall assure
1300 twenty-four-hour daily and readily available death investigators
1301 for the county, and shall maintain copies of all medical examiner
1302 death investigations for the county for at least the previous five
1303 (5) years. He shall coordinate his office and duties and
1304 cooperate with the State Medical Examiner, and the State Medical
1305 Examiner shall cooperate with him.

1306 (5) A body composed of the State Medical Examiner, whether
1307 appointed on a permanent or interim basis, the Director of the
1308 State Board of Health or his designee, the Attorney General or his
1309 designee, the President of the Mississippi Coroners' Association
1310 (or successor organization) or his designee, and a certified
1311 pathologist appointed by the Mississippi State Medical Association



1312 shall adopt, promulgate, amend and repeal rules and regulations as
1313 may be deemed necessary by them from time to time for the proper
1314 enforcement, interpretation and administration of Sections
1315 41-61-51 through 41-61-79, in accordance with the provisions of
1316 the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law, being Sections
1317 25-43-1 through 25-43-19.

1318 **SECTION 9.** Section 9-13-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1319 amended as follows:

1320 9-13-19. (1) Court reporters for circuit and chancery
1321 courts shall be paid an annual salary of Forty-one Thousand Eight
1322 Hundred Dollars (\$41,800.00) payable by the Administrative Office
1323 of Courts. In addition, any court reporter performing the duties
1324 of a court administrator in the same judicial district in which
1325 the person is employed as a court reporter may be paid additional
1326 compensation for performing the court administrator duties. The
1327 annual amount of the additional compensation shall be set by vote
1328 of the judges and chancellors for whom the court administrator
1329 duties are performed, with consideration given to the number of
1330 hours per month devoted by the court reporter to performing the
1331 duties of a court administrator. The additional compensation
1332 shall be submitted to the Administrative Office of Courts for
1333 approval.

1334 (2) The several counties in each respective court district
1335 shall transfer from the general funds of those county treasuries
1336 to the Administrative Office of Courts a proportionate amount to
1337 be paid toward the annual compensation of the court reporter,
1338 including any additional compensation paid for the performance of
1339 court administrator duties. The amount to be paid by each county
1340 shall be determined by the number of weeks in which court is held
1341 in each county in proportion to the total number of weeks court is
1342 held in the district. For purposes of this section, the term
1343 "compensation" means the gross salary plus all amounts paid for
1344 benefits, or otherwise, as a result of employment or as required



1345 by employment, but does not include transcript fees otherwise
1346 authorized to be paid by or through the counties. However, only
1347 salary earned for services rendered shall be reported and credited
1348 for retirement purposes. Amounts paid for transcript fees,
1349 benefits or otherwise, including reimbursement for travel
1350 expenses, shall not be reported or credited for retirement
1351 purposes.

1352 For example, if there are thirty-eight (38) scheduled court
1353 weeks in a particular district, a county in which court is
1354 scheduled five (5) weeks out of the year would have to pay
1355 five-thirty-eighths (5/38) of the total annual compensation.

1356 (3) The salary and any additional compensation for the
1357 performance of court administrator duties shall be paid in twelve
1358 (12) installments on the last working day of each month after it
1359 has been duly authorized by the appointing judge or chancellor and
1360 an order duly placed on the minutes of the court. Each county
1361 shall transfer to the Administrative Office of Courts one-twelfth
1362 (1/12) of the amount required to be paid pursuant to subsection
1363 (2) of this section by the twentieth day of each month for the
1364 salary that is to be paid on the last working day of the month.
1365 The Administrative Office of Courts shall pay to the court
1366 reporter the total amount of salary due for that month. Any
1367 county may pay, in the discretion of the board of supervisors, by
1368 the twentieth day of January of any year, the amount due for a
1369 full twelve (12) months.

1370 (4) From and after October 1, 1996, all circuit and chancery
1371 court reporters will be employees of the Administrative Office of
1372 Courts.

1373 (5) No circuit or chancery court reporter shall be entitled
1374 to any compensation for any special or extended term of court
1375 after passage of this section.

1376 (6) No chancery or circuit court reporter shall practice law
1377 in the court within which he or she is the court reporter.



1378 (7) For all travel required in the performance of official
1379 duties, the circuit or chancery court reporter shall be paid
1380 mileage by the county in which the duties were performed at the
1381 same rate as provided for state employees in Section 25-3-41. The
1382 court reporter shall file in the office of the clerk of the court
1383 which he serves a certificate of mileage expense incurred during
1384 that term and payment of such expense to the court reporter shall
1385 be paid on allowance by the judge of such court.

1386 **SECTION 10.** Section 19-25-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1387 amended as follows:

1388 19-25-31. Each judge of a circuit, chancery or county court,
1389 or a court of eminent domain may, in the judge's discretion, by
1390 order entered on the minutes of the court, allow the sheriff
1391 riding bailiffs to serve in the respective court of such judge,
1392 not to exceed four (4) bailiffs. Any such person so employed
1393 shall be paid by the county on allowances of the court on issuance
1394 of a warrant therefor in an amount of Seventy Dollars (\$70.00) for
1395 each day, or part thereof, for which he serves as bailiff when the
1396 court is in session. No full-time deputy sheriff shall be paid as
1397 a riding bailiff of any court. County court judges shall be
1398 limited to one (1) bailiff per each court day.

1399 **SECTION 11.** Section 23-15-225, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1400 amended as follows:

1401 23-15-225. (1) The registrar shall be entitled to such
1402 compensation, payable monthly out of the county treasury, which
1403 the board of supervisors of the county shall allow on an annual
1404 basis in the following amounts:

1405 (a) For counties with a total population of more than
1406 two hundred thousand (200,000), an amount not to exceed Thirty-two
1407 Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$32,890.00), but not less
1408 than Ten Thousand One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$10,120.00).

1409 (b) For counties with a total population of more than
1410 one hundred thousand (100,000) and not more than two hundred



1411 thousand (200,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-seven Thousand
1412 Eight Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$27,830.00), but not less than Ten
1413 Thousand One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$10,120.00).

1414 (c) For counties with a total population of more than
1415 fifty thousand (50,000) and not more than one hundred thousand
1416 (100,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-five Thousand Three
1417 Hundred Dollars (\$25,300.00), but not less than Ten Thousand One
1418 Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$10,120.00).

1419 (d) For counties with a total population of more than
1420 thirty-five thousand (35,000) and not more than fifty thousand
1421 (50,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-two Thousand Seven
1422 Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$22,770.00), but not less than Ten
1423 Thousand One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$10,120.00).

1424 (e) For counties with a total population of more than
1425 twenty-five thousand (25,000) and not more than thirty-five
1426 thousand (35,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty Thousand Two
1427 Hundred Forty Dollars (\$20,240.00), but not less than Ten Thousand
1428 One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$10,120.00).

1429 (f) For counties with a total population of more than
1430 fifteen thousand (15,000) and not more than twenty-five thousand
1431 (25,000), an amount not to exceed Seventeen Thousand Seven Hundred
1432 Ten Dollars (\$17,710.00), but not less than Ten Thousand One
1433 Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$10,120.00).

1434 (g) For counties with a total population of more than
1435 ten thousand (10,000) and not more than fifteen thousand (15,000),
1436 an amount not to exceed Fifteen Thousand One Hundred Eighty
1437 Dollars (\$15,180.00), but not less than Eight Thousand Eight
1438 Hundred Fifty-five Dollars (\$8,855.00).

1439 (h) For counties with a total population of more than
1440 six thousand (6,000) and not more than ten thousand (10,000), an
1441 amount not to exceed Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars
1442 (\$12,650.00), but not less than Eight Thousand Eight Hundred
1443 Fifty-five Dollars (\$8,855.00).



1444 (i) For counties with a total population of not more
1445 than six thousand (6,000), an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand
1446 One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$10,120.00), but not less than Six
1447 Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-eight Dollars (\$6,958.00).

1448 (j) For counties having two (2) judicial districts, the
1449 board of supervisors of the county may allow, in addition to the
1450 sums prescribed herein, in its discretion, an amount not to exceed
1451 Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$12,650.00).

1452 (2) In the event of a reregistration within such county, or
1453 a redistricting which necessitates the hiring of additional deputy
1454 registrars, the board of supervisors may by contract compensate
1455 the county registrar amounts in addition to the sums prescribed in
1456 this section, in its discretion.

1457 (3) As compensation for their services in assisting the
1458 county election commissioners in performance of their duties in
1459 the revision of the registration books and the pollbooks of the
1460 several voting precincts of the several counties and in assisting
1461 the election commissioners, executive committees or boards of
1462 supervisors in connection with any election, the registrar shall
1463 receive the same daily per diem and limitation on meeting days as
1464 provided for the board of election commissioners as set out in
1465 Sections 23-15-153 and 23-15-227 to be paid from the general fund
1466 of the county.

1467 (4) In any case where an amount has been allowed by the
1468 board of supervisors pursuant to this section, such amount shall
1469 not be reduced or terminated during the term for which the
1470 registrar was elected.

1471 (5) The circuit clerk shall, in addition to any other
1472 compensation provided for by law, be entitled to receive as
1473 compensation from the board of supervisors the amount of Two
1474 Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) per year. This payment shall be for
1475 the performance of his duties in regard to the conduct of
1476 elections and the performance of his other duties.



1477 (6) The municipal clerk shall, in addition to any other
1478 compensation for performance of duties, be eligible to receive as
1479 compensation from the municipality's governing authorities a
1480 reasonable amount of additional compensation for reimbursement of
1481 costs and for additional duties associated with mail-in
1482 registration of voters.

1483 (7) The board of supervisors shall not allow any additional
1484 compensation authorized under this section for services as county
1485 registrar to any circuit clerk who is receiving fees as
1486 compensation for his services equal to the limitation on
1487 compensation prescribed in Section 9-1-43.

1488 **SECTION 12.** Section 5-1-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1489 brought forward as follows:

1490 5-1-41. Beginning with the 1986 Regular Session of the
1491 Legislature of the State of Mississippi, each Senator and
1492 Representative of the Legislature shall receive as compensation at
1493 each regular session the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)
1494 and the mileage allowance provided by Section 25-3-41, for each
1495 mile of the distance by the most direct route usually traveled in
1496 coming to and returning from the place where the Legislature sits.
1497 Beginning on April 16, 1997, each Senator and Representative shall
1498 receive for attending each extraordinary session or called session
1499 the sum of Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00) per day and mileage at
1500 the same rate as per regular session. In addition to the above,
1501 beginning on April 16, 1997, each Senator and Representative and
1502 the Lieutenant Governor shall receive the sum of One Thousand Five
1503 Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) per month for expenses incidental to
1504 his office for every full month of his term, except any month or
1505 major fraction thereof when the Legislature is convened in regular
1506 or extraordinary session; and payments shall be made to each
1507 Senator and Representative and the Lieutenant Governor by the
1508 State Treasurer between the first and tenth day of each month
1509 following the month for which the payments are due.



1510 **SECTION 13.** Section 5-1-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1511 brought forward as follows:

1512 5-1-43. (1) The salary of the Lieutenant Governor and of
1513 the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be Sixty
1514 Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) annually, and they shall receive for
1515 attending each extraordinary or called session the same
1516 compensation and mileage as is provided for members of the
1517 Legislature. However, in the event the Lieutenant Governor
1518 serving on the effective date of Laws, 1997, Chapter 577, shall be
1519 re-elected for the term beginning in the year 2000, he shall
1520 continue to receive an annual salary of Forty Thousand Eight
1521 Hundred Dollars (\$40,800.00).

1522 (2) On the first day of each month, the Lieutenant Governor
1523 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall receive in
1524 twelve (12) equal monthly installments the compensation provided
1525 for pursuant to subsection (1) of this section.

1526 **SECTION 14.** Section 5-1-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1527 brought forward as follows:

1528 5-1-45. Beginning on June 4, 1997, the President Pro Tempore
1529 of the Senate shall receive an annual salary in an amount equal to
1530 Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00). The salary provided for
1531 the President Pro Tempore under this section shall be in addition
1532 to the compensation and expense allowance established for members
1533 of the Legislature under Section 5-1-41.

1534 **SECTION 15.** Section 5-1-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1535 brought forward as follows:

1536 5-1-47. (1) In addition to the regular salary and mileage
1537 provided by law, an expense allowance equal to the maximum daily
1538 expense rate allowable to employees of the federal government for
1539 travel in the high rate geographical area of Jackson, Mississippi,
1540 as may be established by federal regulations, per day, or an
1541 expense allowance of Forty-four Dollars (\$44.00) if the Lieutenant
1542 Governor or a Senator or Representative so chooses under



1543 subsection (2) of Section 5-1-41, for each legislative day in
1544 actual attendance at a session shall be paid to the Lieutenant
1545 Governor and members of the Senate and House of Representatives,
1546 together with an additional mileage allowance as provided by
1547 Section 25-3-41, for each mile of the distance by the most direct
1548 route usually traveled in coming to and returning from the place
1549 where the Legislature is in session, which said expense allowance
1550 and additional mileage allowance shall be paid at the end of each
1551 seven (7) day period while the Legislature is in session.

1552 In addition to the mileage allowance provided for in the
1553 above paragraph, an expense allowance equal to the maximum daily
1554 expense rate allowable to employees of the federal government for
1555 travel in the high rate geographical area of Jackson, Mississippi,
1556 as may be established by federal regulations, per day, shall be
1557 paid to the Lieutenant Governor and members of the Senate and
1558 House of Representatives, unless the Lieutenant Governor or a
1559 Senator or Representative chooses not to receive such expense
1560 allowance in the manner provided in subsection (2) of Section
1561 5-1-41, for any day between legislative sessions while attending
1562 to legislative duties, upon the approval of the appropriate
1563 management committee of the Senate or House, as the case may be.

1564 (2) The expense allowance and additional mileage allowance
1565 provided by this section for the Lieutenant Governor and members
1566 of the Senate shall be paid from the appropriate legislative fund
1567 of the Senate as provided by law, and the expense allowance and
1568 additional mileage allowance for members of the House of
1569 Representatives shall be paid from the appropriate legislative
1570 fund of said House of Representatives as provided by law, upon
1571 warrants drawn for such purpose in the manner provided by law.

1572 **SECTION 16.** Section 25-3-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1573 brought forward as follows:

1574 25-3-31. The annual salaries of the following elected state
1575 and district officers are fixed as follows:



1576	Governor.....	\$101,800.00
1577	Attorney General.....	90,800.00
1578	Secretary of State.....	75,000.00
1579	Commissioner of Insurance.....	75,000.00
1580	State Treasurer.....	75,000.00
1581	State Auditor of Public Accounts.....	75,000.00
1582	Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce.....	75,000.00
1583	Transportation Commissioners.....	65,000.00
1584	Public Service Commissioners.....	65,000.00

1585 The above fixed salary of the Governor shall be the reference
1586 amount utilized in computing average compensation and earned
1587 compensation pursuant to Section 25-11-103(f) and Section
1588 25-11-103(k) and to related sections which require such
1589 computations.

1590 **SECTION 17.** Section 25-3-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1591 brought forward as follows:

1592 25-3-33. The annual salaries of the following appointive
1593 state and district officials and employees are fixed as follows:

1594	Deputy Attorney General, not to exceed.....	\$72,800.00
1595	Assistant Attorneys General shall each	
1596	receive annual salaries in an amount	
1597	to be fixed by the Attorney General	
1598	but not to exceed.....	68,400.00

1599 Military Department--National Guard:

1600	Adjutant General.....	80,000.00
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1601 Department of Banking and Consumer Finance:

1602	Commissioner.....	85,000.00
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1603 Chairman of the State Tax Commission

1604	(Commissioner of Revenue).....	91,000.00
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1605	Associate Commissioners, each.....	42,000.00
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1606	Director of Emergency Management Agency.....	65,000.00
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1607 Department of Public Safety:

1608	Commissioner of Public Safety.....	80,000.00
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1609	Director, Office of Mississippi	
1610	Highway Safety Patrol, or his	
1611	successor.....	70,000.00
1612	Director, Office of Support Services,	
1613	or his successor.....	70,000.00
1614	Department of Human Services:	
1615	Director, not to exceed.....	85,000.00
1616	Workers' Compensation Commission:	
1617	Chairman.....	80,000.00
1618	Members, each.....	78,000.00
1619	Executive Director.....	75,000.00
1620	Administrative Judge, each.....	75,000.00
1621	Archives and History:	
1622	Director, not to exceed.....	70,000.00
1623	State Forester.....	70,000.00
1624	State Oil and Gas Board:	
1625	Secretary-Supervisor.....	70,000.00
1626	Educational Television Authority:	
1627	Executive Director.....	70,000.00
1628	Director, Mississippi Library Commission,	
1629	not to exceed.....	70,000.00
1630	Executive Secretary, Public Service	
1631	Commission.....	65,000.00
1632	Parole Board:	
1633	Chairman.....	50,000.00
1634	Administrative Assistant for Parole	
1635	Matters.....	42,000.00
1636	Members, each.....	44,000.00
1637	Governor's State Bond Advisory Division:	
1638	Director.....	55,000.00
1639	Employment Security Commission:	
1640	Executive Director, not to exceed.....	70,000.00



1641	Executive Director, Department of Mental	
1642	Health, to be determined by the State	
1643	Board of Mental Health, not to exceed.....	85,000.00
1644	Director, Division of Medicaid, not to	
1645	exceed.....	85,000.00
1646	Director, State Department of	
1647	Transportation, not to exceed.....	85,000.00
1648	State Entomologist.....	65,000.00
1649	Clerk of the Supreme Court.....	60,000.00
1650	State Aid Engineer, Division of State Aid	
1651	Road Construction.....	70,000.00
1652	Executive Director, Judicial Performance	
1653	Commission.....	65,000.00
1654	Executive Director, Department of Finance	
1655	and Administration.....	85,000.00
1656	Superintendent, Mississippi School for the	
1657	Blind, to be determined by the State	
1658	Board of Education, not to exceed.....	65,000.00
1659	Superintendent, Mississippi School for the	
1660	Deaf, to be determined by the State	
1661	Board of Education, not to exceed.....	65,000.00
1662	Executive Director, State Fair Commission.....	65,000.00
1663	Executive Director, Department of Wildlife,	
1664	Fisheries and Parks.....	80,000.00
1665	Executive Director, Department of	
1666	Environmental Quality.....	85,000.00
1667	Executive Director, Pat Harrison Waterway	
1668	District.....	65,000.00
1669	Executive Director, Pearl River Basin	
1670	Development District.....	61,000.00
1671	Executive Director, Pearl River Valley	
1672	Water Supply District.....	71,000.00



1673	Executive Director, Tombigbee River Valley	
1674	Water Management District.....	61,000.00
1675	Director, Soil and Water Conservation	
1676	Commission.....	60,000.00
1677	Commissioner, Mississippi Department of	
1678	Corrections.....	85,000.00
1679	Executive Director, Mississippi Department	
1680	of Information Technology Services.....	85,000.00
1681	Director, Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics.....	60,000.00
1682	Executive Secretary, State Veterans Affairs	
1683	Board.....	55,000.00
1684	Executive Officer, Veterans' Home Purchase	
1685	Board.....	65,000.00
1686	Chief Administrative Officer, Motor Vehicle	
1687	Commission.....	55,000.00
1688	Stadium Manager, Mississippi Veterans	
1689	Memorial Stadium.....	55,000.00
1690	Executive Director, Mississippi Arts	
1691	Commission.....	55,000.00
1692	Director, Mississippi Board of Nursing.....	60,000.00
1693	Director, State Board of Pharmacy.....	60,000.00
1694	Director, State Board of Public Contractors.....	50,000.00
1695	Director, Real Estate Commission.....	55,000.00
1696	Director of Support Services, Department of	
1697	Rehabilitation Services.....	80,000.00
1698	Executive Director, State Fire Academy.....	55,000.00
1699	Executive Director, Law Enforcement	
1700	Officers Training Academy.....	50,000.00
1701	Executive Director, State Board of	
1702	Accountancy.....	60,000.00
1703	Executive Director, Mississippi Gaming	
1704	Commission.....	90,000.00



1705	Executive Director, Mississippi Department	
1706	of Marine Resources.....	70,000.00
1707	Executive Director, State Board of	
1708	Registration for Professional	
1709	Engineers and Land Surveyors.....	55,000.00
1710	Executive Director, Public Utilities Staff.....	85,000.00
1711	State Law Librarian.....	60,000.00
1712	State Personnel Director.....	75,000.00
1713	Manager, Farmers Central Market, Department	
1714	of Agriculture and Commerce.....	40,000.00
1715	State Veterinarian.....	70,000.00
1716	Executive Director, Mississippi Ethics	
1717	Commission.....	70,000.00

1718 **SECTION 18.** Section 25-3-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1719 brought forward as follows:

1720 25-3-35. (1) The annual salaries of the following judges
1721 are fixed as follows, to begin at the commencement of the next
1722 term of office immediately succeeding the existing term:

1723	Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.....	\$104,900.00
1724	Presiding Justice of the Supreme Court.....	102,900.00
1725	Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, each....	102,300.00

1726 However, in addition to their present official duties, there
1727 are imposed upon the Supreme Court Justices the extra duties of
1728 making a special study of existing laws and reporting to each
1729 regular session of the Legislature such constructive suggestions
1730 as they may deem necessary for the improvement of the
1731 administration of justice, and of advising and counseling with the
1732 State Librarian in the selection of law books for purchase and use
1733 in the State Law Library, advising with the librarian thereof upon
1734 the removal from the library of any books which may be the least
1735 frequently used, and for the placing of same in a convenient
1736 location so as to provide additional space for such books and
1737 other current publications which may be more frequently used or



1738 called for. For such extra services each justice, from and after
1739 June 17, 1999, shall receive a sum sufficient when added to the
1740 present salaries of the justices to aggregate One Hundred Four
1741 Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$104,900.00) for the Chief Justice,
1742 One Hundred Two Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$102,900.00) for
1743 the Presiding Justice, and One Hundred Two Thousand Three Hundred
1744 Dollars (\$102,300.00) for Associate Justices, per annum. As each
1745 existing term expires and the above-captioned salaries become
1746 effective in due course, the extra duties and compensation
1747 provided for shall cease.

1748 (2) The annual salaries of the judges of the Court of
1749 Appeals of Mississippi are fixed as follows:

1750 Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals..... \$ 98,300.00
1751 Associate Judges of the Court of Appeals, each... 95,500.00

1752 (3) The annual salaries of the chancery and circuit court
1753 judges are fixed as follows:

1754 Chancery Judges, each..... \$ 94,700.00
1755 Circuit Judges, each..... 94,700.00

1756 In addition to their present official duties, there are
1757 imposed upon the chancery and circuit court judges the extra
1758 duties of making a special study of existing laws relating to
1759 trial courts and reporting to the Supreme Court of the State of
1760 Mississippi such constructive suggestions as they may deem
1761 necessary for the improvement of the administration of justice,
1762 which shall be recommended to the Legislature by the Supreme Court
1763 in the manner provided by law. The judges shall advise and
1764 supervise in the purchase of law books for the libraries of each
1765 district, and shall study and evaluate the inventory of books and
1766 facilities now existing in the libraries of each district to
1767 effect the removal and relocation of obsolete publications so as
1768 to provide additional space for those books and current
1769 publications more frequently used. The judges shall study the
1770 existing rules promulgated by the circuit and chancery court



1771 judicial associations governing the operation of chancery and
1772 circuit courts, and revise the same pursuant to existing laws.
1773 For such extra services each judge, from and after June 17, 1999,
1774 shall receive a sum sufficient when added to the present salaries
1775 of the judges to aggregate Ninety-four Thousand Seven Hundred
1776 Dollars (\$94,700.00) per annum for each judge. Upon the
1777 expiration of the existing term, the above-captioned salaries
1778 become effective in due course, and the extra duties and
1779 compensation provided for shall cease.

1780 (4) The Supreme Court shall prepare a payroll for chancery
1781 judges and circuit judges and submit such payroll to the
1782 Department of Finance and Administration.

1783 (5) The annual salary of the full-time district attorneys
1784 shall be Seventy-nine Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Dollars
1785 (\$79,830.00).

1786 (6) The annual salary of the full-time legal assistants
1787 shall be not less than Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) nor
1788 more than Sixty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$67,500.00),
1789 as established by the district attorney.

1790 **SECTION 19.** Section 25-3-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1791 brought forward as follows:

1792 25-3-39. (1) No public officer, public employee,
1793 administrator, or executive head of any arm or agency of the
1794 state, in the executive branch of government, shall be paid a
1795 salary or compensation, directly or indirectly, in excess of the
1796 salary fixed in Section 25-3-31 for the Governor. All academic
1797 officials, members of the teaching staffs and employees of the
1798 state institutions of higher learning, the State Board for
1799 Community and Junior Colleges, and community and junior colleges,
1800 and licensed physicians who are public employees, shall be exempt
1801 from this subsection. In addition, the Executive Director of the
1802 Department of Economic and Community Development and the Chief of
1803 Staff of the Governor's Office shall be exempt from this



1804 subsection. The Governor shall fix the annual salary of the
1805 Executive Director of the Department of Economic and Community
1806 Development and the annual salary of the Chief of Staff of the
1807 Governor's Office, which salaries shall be completely paid by the
1808 state and may not be supplemented with any funds from any source,
1809 including federal or private funds. Provided, however, that the
1810 salary of the Executive Director of the Department of Economic and
1811 Community Development and the Governor's Chief of Staff shall not
1812 be greater than fifty percent (50%) in excess of the salary of the
1813 Governor.

1814 (2) No public officer, employee or administrator shall be
1815 paid a salary or compensation, directly or indirectly, in excess
1816 of the salary of the executive head of the state agency or
1817 department in which he is employed. The State Personnel Board,
1818 based upon its findings of fact, may exempt physicians and
1819 actuaries from this subsection when the acquisition of such
1820 professional services is precluded based on the prevailing wage in
1821 the relevant labor market.

1822 **SECTION 20.** Section 25-31-8, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1823 brought forward as follows:

1824 25-31-8. From and after July 1, 1979, in all circuit court
1825 districts in this state existing now or hereafter created, the
1826 district attorney shall receive from sums appropriated for such
1827 purpose from the General Fund or any special fund of the State of
1828 Mississippi, an office operating allowance for the necessary
1829 expenses of operating the office of the district attorney,
1830 including stenographic help, and other items and expenditures
1831 necessary and incident to the investigation of criminal cases, the
1832 general expenses of the office of the investigation of criminal
1833 cases, the general expenses of the office of the district attorney
1834 for preparing and/or trying felony cases and all other cases
1835 requiring the services of the district attorney, the sum of
1836 Twenty-six Thousand Dollars (\$26,000.00) for each district, and an



1837 additional Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00) for
1838 each assistant authorized by Section 25-31-5(1) as of January 1,
1839 1996. All expenditures made from said office operating allowances
1840 shall be upon written requisition of the duly elected district
1841 attorney to the State Auditor, as otherwise provided by law. The
1842 district attorney may delegate to the board of supervisors of any
1843 county in his district the responsibility and authority to employ
1844 and set the salary of not more than one (1) employee for the
1845 office of such district attorney, such salary to be paid as other
1846 expenditures are paid from the funds provided by this section.
1847 Such employee shall be deemed to be appointed and employed by the
1848 board of supervisors and the salary shall not be deemed to be a
1849 pecuniary benefit provided by the district attorney's office.

1850 **SECTION 21.** Section 25-31-10, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1851 brought forward as follows:

1852 25-31-10. (1) Any district attorney may appoint a full-time
1853 criminal investigator.

1854 (2) The district attorneys of the Third, Fifth, Ninth,
1855 Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth and
1856 Twentieth Circuit Court Districts may appoint one (1) additional
1857 full-time criminal investigator for a total of two (2) full-time
1858 criminal investigators.

1859 (3) The district attorneys of the First, Second, Fourth and
1860 Seventh and Nineteenth Circuit Court Districts may appoint two (2)
1861 additional full-time criminal investigators for a total of three
1862 (3) full-time criminal investigators.

1863 (4) No district attorney or assistant district attorney
1864 shall accept any private employment, civil or criminal, in any
1865 matter investigated by such criminal investigators.

1866 (5) The full and complete compensation for all public duties
1867 rendered by said criminal investigators shall be not more than
1868 Forty-five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00) per annum, to be
1869 determined at the discretion of the district attorney based upon



1870 the qualifications, education and experience of the criminal
1871 investigator, plus necessary travel and other expenses, to be paid
1872 in accordance with Section 25-31-8. However, the maximum salary
1873 under this subsection for a criminal investigator who has a law
1874 degree may be supplemented by the district attorney from other
1875 available funds, but not to exceed the maximum salary for a legal
1876 assistant to a district attorney.

1877 (6) Any criminal investigator may be designated by the
1878 district attorney to attend the Law Enforcement Officers Training
1879 Program set forth in Section 45-6-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of
1880 1972. The total expenses associated with attendance by criminal
1881 investigators at the Law Enforcement Officers Training Program
1882 shall be paid out of the funds of the appropriate district
1883 attorney.

1884 **SECTION 22.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
1885 shall submit Sections 1 through 16 and Sections 18 and 20 of this
1886 act, immediately upon approval by the Governor, or upon approval
1887 by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the Attorney General
1888 of the United States or to the United States District Court for
1889 the District of Columbia in accordance with the provisions of the
1890 Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.

1891 **SECTION 23.** Sections 1 through 11 of this act shall take
1892 effect and be in force from and after October 1, 2002, if
1893 effectuated on or before that date under Section 5 of the Voting
1894 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended. If effectuated under
1895 Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
1896 extended, after October 1, 2002, Sections 1 through 11 shall take
1897 effect and be in force from and after the date effectuated under
1898 Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
1899 extended.

1900 **SECTION 24.** Sections 12 through 16 and Sections 18 and 20 of
1901 this act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1,
1902 2002, if effectuated on or before that date under Section 5 of the



1903 Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended. If
1904 effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as
1905 amended and extended, after July 1, 2002, Sections 12 through 16
1906 and Sections 18 and 20 shall take effect and be in force from and
1907 after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting
1908 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.

1909 **SECTION 25.** Sections 17, 19 and 21 of this act shall take
1910 effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2002.

