

By: Representative Ishee

To: Fees and Salaries of  
Public Officers; County  
Affairs

HOUSE BILL NO. 193

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-3-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 INCREASE THE SALARIES OF SHERIFFS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

6 25-3-25. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections  
7 (2) through (9), the salaries of sheriffs of the various counties  
8 are \* \* \* fixed as full compensation for their services.

9 \* \* \* The annual salary for each sheriff shall be based upon  
10 the total population of his county according to the latest federal  
11 decennial census in the following categories and for the following  
12 amounts; however, no sheriff shall be paid less than the salary  
13 authorized under this section to be paid the sheriff based upon  
14 the population of the county according to the 1980 federal  
15 decennial census:

16 (a) For counties with a total population of more than  
17 two hundred thousand (200,000), a salary of Ninety Thousand  
18 Dollars (\$90,000.00).

19 (b) For counties with a total population of more than  
20 one hundred thousand (100,000) and not more than two hundred  
21 thousand (200,000), a salary of Eighty-five Thousand Dollars  
22 (\$85,000.00).

23 (c) For counties with a total population of more than  
24 forty-five thousand (45,000) and not more than one hundred  
25 thousand (100,000), a salary of Eighty Thousand Dollars  
26 (\$80,000.00).



27 (d) For counties with a total population of more than  
28 thirty-four thousand (34,000) and not more than forty-five  
29 thousand (45,000), a salary of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars  
30 (\$75,000.00).

31 (e) For counties with a total population of more than  
32 twenty-five thousand (25,000) and not more than thirty-four  
33 thousand (34,000), a salary of Sixty-seven Thousand Dollars  
34 (\$67,000.00).

35 (f) For counties with a total population of more than  
36 fifteen thousand (15,000) and not more than twenty-five thousand  
37 (25,000), a salary of Sixty-five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00).

38 (g) For counties with a total population of more than  
39 nine thousand five hundred (9,500) and not more than fifteen  
40 thousand (15,000), a salary of Sixty-two Thousand Dollars  
41 (\$62,000.00).

42 (h) For counties with a total population of more than  
43 seven thousand five hundred (7,500) and not more than nine  
44 thousand five hundred (9,500), a salary of Sixty Thousand Dollars  
45 (\$60,000.00).

46 (i) For counties with a total population of not more  
47 than seven thousand five hundred (7,500), a salary of Fifty-seven  
48 Thousand Dollars (\$57,000.00).

49 (2) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)  
50 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Leflore County \* \* \*,  
51 in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of  
52 the county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars  
53 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual  
54 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in that  
55 county for the following reasons:

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

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



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

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

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

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

71 (g) The increased activity of the Child Support  
72 Division of the Department of Human Services in enforcing in the  
73 courts parental obligations has imposed additional duties on the  
74 sheriff; and

75 (h) The dispatchers of the enhanced E-911 system in  
76 place in Leflore County are under the direction and control of the  
77 sheriff.

78 (3) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)  
79 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Rankin County \* \* \*,  
80 in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of  
81 the county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars  
82 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual  
83 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in that  
84 county for the following reasons:

85 (a) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates  
86 and maintains the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility within  
87 the county;

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

90 (c) Hudspeth Regional Center, a facility maintained for  
91 the care and treatment of the mentally retarded, is located within  
92 the county;



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

95           (e) The State Fire Academy is operated and maintained  
96 within the county;

97           (f) The Pearl River Valley Water Supply District,  
98 ordinarily known as the "Reservoir District," is located within  
99 the county;

100           (g) The Jackson International Airport is located within  
101 the county;

102           (h) The patrolling of the state properties located  
103 within the county \* \* \* imposes additional duties on the sheriff;  
104 and

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

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

114           (5) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)  
115 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Tunica County \* \* \*,  
116 in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of  
117 the county in an amount equal to Ten Thousand Dollars  
118 (\$10,000.00) \* \* \*.

119           (6) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)  
120 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Hinds County shall  
121 pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county in an amount  
122 equal to Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00). The Legislature  
123 finds and declares that the annual supplement authorized by this  
124 subsection is justified in that county for the following reasons:



125           (a) Hinds County has the greatest population of any  
126 county, two hundred fifty-four thousand four hundred forty-one  
127 (254,441) by the 1990 census, being almost one hundred thousand  
128 (100,000) more than the next most populous county;

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

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

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

136           (e) There are four (4) resident circuit judges, four  
137 (4) resident chancery judges, and three (3) resident county judges  
138 in Hinds County, the most of any county, with the sheriff acting  
139 as chief executive officer and provider of bailiff services for  
140 all;

141           (f) The main offices for the clerk and most of the  
142 judges and magistrates for the United States District Court for  
143 the Southern District of Mississippi are located within the  
144 county;

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

147           (h) The University of Mississippi Medical Center,  
148 combining the medical school, dental school, nursing school and  
149 hospital, is located within the county;

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

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

154           (k) Hinds County has the largest criminal population in  
155 the state, such that the Hinds County Sheriff's Department  
156 operates the largest county jail system in the state, housing



157 almost one thousand (1,000) inmates in three (3) separate  
158 detention facilities;

159 (l) The Hinds County Sheriff's Department handles more  
160 mental and drug and alcohol commitment cases than any other  
161 sheriff's department in the state;

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

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

167 (o) The Hinds County Sheriff's Department is \* \* \*  
168 asked regularly to provide security services not only at the  
169 Fairgrounds and Memorial Stadium, but also for events at the  
170 Mississippi Museum of Art and Jackson City Auditorium.

171 (7) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)  
172 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Wilkinson County, in  
173 its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the  
174 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars  
175 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual  
176 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in that  
177 county because the Mississippi Department of Corrections contracts  
178 for the private incarceration of state inmates at a private  
179 correctional facility within the county.

180 (8) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)  
181 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Marshall County, in  
182 its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the  
183 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars  
184 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual  
185 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in that  
186 county because the Mississippi Department of Corrections contracts  
187 for the private incarceration of state inmates at a private  
188 correctional facility within the county.



189           (9) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)  
190 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Greene County, in its  
191 discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the  
192 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars  
193 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual  
194 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in that  
195 county for the following reasons:

196           (a) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates  
197 and maintains the South Mississippi Correctional Facility within  
198 the county;

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

203           (c) The patrolling of the state properties located  
204 within the county \* \* \* imposes additional duties on the sheriff  
205 justifying additional compensation.

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

215           **SECTION 2.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi  
216 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,  
217 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the  
218 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States  
219 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the  
220 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and  
221 extended.



222           **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
223 and after October 1, 2003, if it is effectuated on or before that  
224 date under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended  
225 and extended. If it effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting  
226 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended, after October 1,  
227 2003, this act shall take effect and be in force from and after  
228 the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting Rights  
229 Act of 1965, as amended and extended.

