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To: Fees, Salaries and  
Administration;  
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2298

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-7-47, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REVISE THE WITNESS APPEARANCE FEE IN STATE COURT; TO REVISE  
3 MILEAGE PAID TO WITNESSES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 25-7-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 25-7-47. Witnesses in the county, circuit and chancery  
8 courts shall receive a witness fee in the amount allowable to  
9 witnesses in the federal courts and the mileage reimbursement rate  
10 allowable to federal employees for the use of a privately-owned  
11 vehicle while on official travel for each mile going to and  
12 returning from the courthouse to their homes by the nearest route,  
13 and such tolls and ferriages as they may actually be obliged to  
14 pay; but mileage, toll and ferriage shall be charged but once at  
15 each term of court, and a charge shall not be made for mileage  
16 except that traveled in this state. Witnesses before a justice  
17 court judge shall be allowed the federal witness appearance fee  
18 per day and no more. Witnesses in all other cases shall receive  
19 the same compensation as they receive before the circuit court.  
20 It shall not be necessary to issue subpoenas for police officers  
21 as witnesses in city cases of cities having a population of more  
22 than ten thousand (10,000) according to the federal census of  
23 1930; and such officers, when used as witnesses in such cases, are  
24 not to be allowed witness fees.

25 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
26 and after July 1, 2004.