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To: Fees, Salaries and Administration

SENATE BILL NO. 2648

1 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN COUNTY OFFICIALS;  
2 TO AMEND SECTION 25-3-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE  
3 SALARY SCALE FOR TAX COLLECTORS AND TAX ASSESSORS; TO AMEND  
4 SECTION 25-3-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE  
5 SALARIES OF MEMBERS OF COUNTY BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS; TO AMEND  
6 SECTION 25-3-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE  
7 SALARIES OF SHERIFFS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF  
8 ANY COUNTY TO PAY AN ANNUAL SUPPLEMENT TO THE SHERIFF OF THE  
9 COUNTY UPON CERTAIN CONDITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 25-3-36,  
10 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE SALARIES OF JUSTICE  
11 COURT JUDGES; TO AMEND SECTION 9-9-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
12 TO INCREASE THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN COUNTY COURT JUDGES; TO AMEND  
13 SECTION 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 25-11-125, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE  
20 BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS TO PAY THE REQUIRED EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION TO  
21 THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR ALL CIRCUIT AND  
22 CHANCERY CLERKS OF THE COUNTY; TO REPEAL SECTION 25-3-5,  
23 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH ESTABLISHES THE SALARIES OF TAX  
24 ASSESSORS AND TAX COLLECTORS IN COUNTIES WHERE THE TWO OFFICES  
25 HAVE BEEN SEPARATED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

29 25-3-3. (1) The term "total assessed valuation" as used in  
30 this section only refers to the ad valorem assessment for the  
31 county and, in addition, in counties where oil or gas is produced,  
32 the actual value of oil at the point of production, as certified  
33 to the counties by the State Tax Commission under the provisions  
34 of Sections 27-25-501 through 27-25-525, and the actual value of  
35 gas as certified by the State Tax Commission under the provisions  
36 of Sections 27-25-701 through 27-25-723.

37 (2) The salary of assessors and collectors of the various  
38 counties is \* \* \* fixed as full compensation for their services as

39 county assessors or tax collectors, or both if the office of  
40 assessor has been combined with the office of tax collector. The  
41 annual salary of each assessor or tax collector, or both if the  
42 offices have been combined, shall be based upon the total assessed  
43 valuation of his respective county for the preceding taxable year  
44 in the following categories and for the following amounts:

45 (a) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
46 One Billion Dollars (\$1,000,000,000.00) or more, a salary of  
47 Sixty-five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00);

48 (b) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
49 at least Five Hundred Million Dollars (\$500,000,000.00) but less  
50 than One Billion Dollars (\$1,000,000,000.00), a salary of Sixty  
51 Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00);

52 (c) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
53 at least Two Hundred Million Dollars (\$200,000,000.00) but less  
54 than Five Hundred Million Dollars (\$500,000,000.00), a salary of  
55 Fifty-five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000.00);

56 (d) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
57 at least Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00) but less  
58 than Two Hundred Million Dollars (\$200,000,000.00), a salary of  
59 Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00);

60 (e) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
61 at least Thirty-five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000.00) but less  
62 than Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00), a salary of  
63 Forty-five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00);

64 (f) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
65 less than Thirty-five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000.00), a salary  
66 of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00).

67 (3) In addition to all other compensation paid pursuant to  
68 this section, the board of supervisors shall pay to a person  
69 -serving as both the tax assessor and tax collector in their county  
70 an additional Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) per year.

71       (4) The annual salary established for \* \* \* assessors and  
72 tax collectors shall not be reduced as a result of a reduction in  
73 total assessed valuation. The salaries shall be increased as a  
74 result of an increase in total assessed valuation.

75       (5) In addition to all other compensation paid to assessors  
76 and tax collectors in counties having two (2) judicial districts,  
77 the board of supervisors shall pay such assessors and tax  
78 collectors \* \* \* an additional Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars  
79 (\$3,500.00) per year. In addition to all other compensation paid  
80 to assessors or tax collectors, in counties maintaining two (2)  
81 full-time offices, the board of supervisors shall pay the assessor  
82 or tax collector \* \* \* an additional Three Thousand Five Hundred  
83 Dollars (\$3,500.00) per year.

84       (6) In addition to all other compensation paid to assessors  
85 and tax collectors, the board of supervisors of a county shall  
86 allow for such assessor or tax collector, or both, to be paid  
87 additional compensation when there is a contract between the  
88 county and one or more municipalities providing that the assessor  
89 or tax collector, or both, shall assess \* \* \* or collect taxes, or  
90 both, for the municipality or municipalities; and such assessor or  
91 tax collector, or both, shall be authorized to receive such  
92 additional compensation from the county and/or the municipality or  
93 municipalities in any amount allowed by the county and/or the  
94 municipality or municipalities for performing those services.

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

104 Association of Assessing Officers as a Cadastral Mapping  
105 Specialist (CMS) or Personal Property Specialist (PPS) or  
106 Residential Evaluation Specialist (RES), he shall receive an  
107 additional Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500.00) annually  
108 beginning the next fiscal year after completion. When any tax  
109 assessor holds the valid designation of Certified Assessment  
110 Evaluator (CAE) from the International Association of Assessing  
111 Officers or is a state certified General Real Estate Appraiser  
112 (GA) under Section 73-34-1 et seq., he shall receive an additional  
113 Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500.00) annually beginning  
114 the next fiscal year after completion.

115       (8) The salaries provided for in this section shall be the  
116 total funds paid to the county assessors and tax collectors and  
117 shall be full compensation for their services, with any fees being  
118 paid to the county general fund.

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

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129       **SECTION 2.** Section 25-3-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
130 amended as follows:

131       25-3-13. The salaries of the members of the boards of  
132 supervisors of the various counties are \* \* \* fixed as full  
133 compensation for their services.

134       The annual salary of each member of the board of supervisors  
135 shall be based upon the total assessed valuation of his respective

136 county for the preceding taxable year in the following categories  
137 and for the following amounts:

138 (a) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
139 less than Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00), a salary of  
140 Twenty-five Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-two Dollars  
141 (\$25,882.00);

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

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

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

154 (e) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
155 at least Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00), but less than  
156 Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00), a salary of Thirty  
157 Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-one Dollars (\$30,891.00);

158 (f) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
159 at least Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00), but less  
160 than One Hundred Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$125,000,000.00), a  
161 salary of Thirty-one Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-three Dollars  
162 (\$31,893.00);

163 (g) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
164 One Hundred Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$125,000,000.00), but  
165 less than Three Hundred Million Dollars (\$300,000,000.00), a  
166 salary of Thirty-six Thousand Nine Hundred Three Dollars  
167 (\$36,903.00);

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

171 The salary of the members of the board of supervisors shall  
172 not be increased under this section until the board of supervisors  
173 shall have passed a resolution stating the amount of the increase  
174 and spread it on its minutes.

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

177 25-3-25. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections  
178 (2) through (9), the salaries of sheriffs of the various counties  
179 are \* \* \* fixed as full compensation for their services.

180 From and after October 1, 1998, the annual salary for each  
181 sheriff shall be based upon the total population of his county  
182 according to the latest federal decennial census in the following  
183 categories and for the following amounts; however, no sheriff  
184 shall be paid less than the salary authorized under this section  
185 to be paid the sheriff based upon the population of the county  
186 according to the 1980 federal decennial census:

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

190 (b) For counties with a total population of more than  
191 one hundred thousand (100,000) and not more than two hundred  
192 thousand (200,000), a salary of Seventy-seven Thousand Dollars  
193 (\$77,000.00).

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

198 (d) For counties with a total population of more than  
199 thirty-four thousand (34,000) and not more than forty-five

200 thousand (45,000), a salary of Sixty-six Thousand Dollars  
201 (\$66,000.00).

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

206 (f) For counties with a total population of more than  
207 fifteen thousand (15,000) and not more than twenty-five thousand  
208 (25,000), a salary of Fifty-five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000.00).

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

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

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

220 (2) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)  
221 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Leflore County \* \* \*,  
222 in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of  
223 the county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars  
224 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual  
225 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such  
226 county for the following reasons:

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

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

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

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

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

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

242 (g) The increased activity of the Child Support  
243 Division of the Department of Human Services in enforcing in the  
244 courts parental obligations has imposed additional duties on the  
245 sheriff; and

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

249 (3) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)  
250 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Rankin County \* \* \*,  
251 in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of  
252 the county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars  
253 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual  
254 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such  
255 county for the following reasons:

256 (a) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates  
257 and maintains the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility within  
258 the county;

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

261 (c) Hudspeth Regional Center, a facility maintained for  
262 the care and treatment of the mentally retarded, is located within  
263 the county;

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



266 (e) The State Fire Academy is operated and maintained  
267 within the county;

268 (f) The Pearl River Valley Water Supply District,  
269 ordinarily known as the "Reservoir District," is located within  
270 the county;

271 (g) The Jackson International Airport is located within  
272 the county;

273 (h) The patrolling of the state properties located  
274 within the county has imposed additional duties on the sheriff;  
275 and

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

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

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

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

296 (a) Hinds County has the greatest population of any  
297 county, two hundred fifty-four thousand four hundred forty-one

298 (254,441) by the 1990 census, being almost one hundred thousand  
299 (100,000) more than the next most populous county;

300 (b) Hinds County is home to the State Capitol and the  
301 seat of all state government offices;

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

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

307 (e) There are four (4) resident circuit judges, four  
308 (4) resident chancery judges, and three (3) resident county judges  
309 in Hinds County, the most of any county, with the sheriff acting  
310 as chief executive officer and provider of bailiff services for  
311 all;

312 (f) The main offices for the clerk and most of the  
313 judges and magistrates for the United States District Court for  
314 the Southern District of Mississippi are located within the  
315 county;

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

318 (h) The University of Mississippi Medical Center,  
319 combining the medical school, dental school, nursing school and  
320 hospital, is located within the county;

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

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

325 (k) Hinds County has the largest criminal population in  
326 the state, such that the Hinds County Sheriff's Department  
327 operates the largest county jail system in the state, housing  
328 almost one thousand (1,000) inmates in three (3) separate  
329 detention facilities;

330           (1) The Hinds County Sheriff's Department handles more  
331 mental and drug and alcohol commitments cases than any other  
332 sheriff's department in the state;

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

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

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

342           (7) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)  
343 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Wilkinson County, in  
344 its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the  
345 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars  
346 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual  
347 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such  
348 county because the Mississippi Department of Corrections contracts  
349 for the private incarceration of state inmates at a private  
350 correctional facility within the county.

351           (8) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)  
352 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Marshall County, in  
353 its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the  
354 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars  
355 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual  
356 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such  
357 county because the Mississippi Department of Corrections contracts  
358 for the private incarceration of state inmates at a private  
359 correctional facility within the county.

360           (9) In addition to the salary provided in subsection (1) of  
361 this section, the Board of Supervisors of Greene County, in its  
362 discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the

363 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars  
364 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual  
365 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such  
366 county for the following reasons:

367 (a) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates  
368 and maintains the South Mississippi Correctional Facility within  
369 the county;

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

374 (c) The patrolling of the state properties located  
375 within the county has imposed additional duties on the sheriff  
376 justifying additional compensation.

377 (10) In addition to the salary provided in subsection (1) of  
378 this section, the board of supervisors of any county, in its  
379 discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the  
380 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars  
381 (\$10,000.00) if within the county there is located a facility or  
382 institution that has imposed additional duties on the sheriff.  
383 The board of supervisors shall not pay the annual supplement to  
384 the sheriff until it has passed a resolution stating the  
385 justifications for the supplement and has spread it on its  
386 minutes. The annual supplement authorized in this subsection  
387 shall not be in addition to the annual supplements authorized in  
388 subsections (2) through (9).

389 (11) The salaries \* \* \* provided in this section shall be  
390 payable monthly on the first day of each calendar month by  
391 chancery clerk's warrant drawn on the general fund of the county;  
392 however, the board of supervisors, by resolution duly adopted and  
393 entered on its minutes, may provide that such salaries shall be  
394 paid semimonthly on the first and fifteenth day of each month. If  
395 a pay date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, salary payments

396 shall be made on the workday immediately preceding the weekend or  
397 legal holiday.

398 **SECTION 4.** Section 25-3-36, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
399 amended as follows:

400 25-3-36. (1) From and after October 1, 1998, every justice  
401 court judge shall receive as full compensation for his or her  
402 services and in lieu of any and all other fees, costs or  
403 compensation heretofore authorized for such justice court judge,  
404 an annual salary based upon the population of his or her county  
405 according to the 1990 federal decennial census; however, no  
406 justice court judge shall be paid less than the salary authorized  
407 under this section to be paid the justice court judge based upon  
408 the population of the county according to the 1980 federal  
409 decennial census. The amount of which salary shall be determined  
410 as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

442 (i) In counties with a population of more than twelve  
443 thousand (12,000) but not more than sixteen thousand five hundred  
444 (16,500), a salary of Twenty Thousand Thirty-eight Dollars  
445 (\$20,038.00).

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

449 (k) In counties with a population of eight thousand  
450 (8,000) or less, a salary of Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred Dollars  
451 (\$13,200.00).

452 The board of supervisors of any county having two (2)  
453 judicial districts and two (2) justice court judges for the county  
454 shall pay each justice court judge an amount equal to that \* \* \*  
455 provided in this subsection for judges in the next higher  
456 population category per year, if the justice court judge maintains  
457 regular office hours and is personally present in the office they  
458 maintain for at least thirty (30) hours per week.

459 In any county having a population greater than eight thousand  
460 (8,000) but less than eight thousand five hundred (8,500)

461 according to the 1990 federal decennial census and in which U.S.  
462 Highway 61 and Mississippi Highway 4 intersect, the board of  
463 supervisors \* \* \*, in its discretion, may pay such justice court  
464 judges an additional amount not to exceed the sum of Eleven  
465 Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$11,550.00) per year, payable  
466 beginning April 1, 1997.

467 In any county having a population greater than ten thousand  
468 (10,000) but less than ten thousand five hundred (10,500)  
469 according to the 1990 federal decennial census and in which  
470 Mississippi Highway 3 and Mississippi Highway 6 intersect, the  
471 board of supervisors \* \* \*, in its discretion, may pay such  
472 justice court judges an additional amount not to exceed One  
473 Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,450.00) per year, payable  
474 beginning April 1, 1997.

475 In any county having a population greater than twenty-four  
476 thousand seven hundred (24,700) and less than twenty-four thousand  
477 nine hundred (24,900), according to the 1990 federal census,  
478 wherein Mississippi Highways 15 and 16 intersect, the board of  
479 supervisors shall pay such justice court judge an additional  
480 amount equal to Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) per  
481 year.

482 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this  
483 section, in the event that the number of justice court judges  
484 authorized pursuant to Section 9-11-2(1) is exceeded pursuant to  
485 the provisions of Section 9-11-2(4), the aggregate of the salaries  
486 paid to the justice court judges of such a county shall not exceed  
487 the amount sufficient to pay the number of justice court judges  
488 authorized pursuant to Section 9-11-2(1), and such amount shall be  
489 equally divided among those justice court judges continuing to  
490 hold office under the provisions of Section 9-11-2(4).

491 (3) From and after January 1, 1984, all fees, costs, fines  
492 and penalties charged and collected in the justice court shall be  
493 paid to the clerk of the justice court for deposit, along with

494 monies from cash bonds and other monies which have been forfeited  
495 in criminal cases, into the general fund of the county as provided  
496 in Section 9-11-19; and the clerk of the board of supervisors  
497 shall be authorized and empowered, upon approval by the board of  
498 supervisors, to make disbursements and withdrawals from the  
499 general fund of the county in order to pay any reasonable and  
500 necessary expenses incurred in complying with this section,  
501 including payment of the salaries of justice court judges as  
502 provided by subsection (1) of this section. The provisions of  
503 this subsection shall not, except as to cash bonds and other  
504 monies which have been forfeited in criminal cases, apply to  
505 monies required to be deposited in the justice court clerk  
506 clearing account as provided in Section 9-11-18, Mississippi Code  
507 of 1972.

508 (4) The salaries provided for in \* \* \* this section shall be  
509 payable monthly by warrant drawn by the clerk of the board of  
510 supervisors on the general fund of the county; however, the board  
511 of supervisors, by resolution duly adopted and entered on its  
512 minutes, may provide that such salaries shall be paid semimonthly  
513 on the first and fifteenth day of each month. If a pay date falls  
514 on a weekend or legal holiday, salary payments shall be made on  
515 the workday immediately preceding the weekend or legal holiday.

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

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

523 **SECTION 5.** Section 9-9-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
524 amended as follows:

525 9-9-11. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (2)  
526 and (3), the county court judge shall receive an annual salary



527 payable monthly out of the county treasury in an amount not to  
528 exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) less than the salary which  
529 is now or shall hereafter be provided for circuit and chancery  
530 judges of this state, in the discretion of the board of  
531 supervisors of that county; \* \* \* however, \* \* \* the salary of  
532 such judge shall not be reduced during his term of office. \* \* \*  
533 Further, \* \* \* the office of county court judge in any county  
534 receiving an annual salary of Thirty-six Thousand Dollars  
535 (\$36,000.00) or more shall be a full-time position, and the holder  
536 thereof shall not otherwise engage in the practice of law.

537 (2) In the event of the establishment of a county court by  
538 agreement between two (2) or more counties as provided in Section  
539 9-9-3, the county judge of the court so established shall be paid  
540 a salary equal to one and one-half (1-1/2) times that salary that  
541 he would be paid if he were the judge of the smallest of such two  
542 (2) or more counties, such salary to be paid in monthly  
543 installments as provided by law; provided that such salary shall  
544 not exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) less than the salary  
545 of the circuit and chancery judges of this state.

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

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

554 (b) In any county having a population of sixty thousand  
555 (60,000) or more but less than seventy thousand (70,000) according  
556 to the 1980 federal census, the county judge shall receive an  
557 annual salary of Forty-four Thousand Dollars (\$44,000.00). The  
558 office of county judge shall be a full-time position, and the  
559 holder thereof shall not otherwise engage in the practice of law.

560 The county judge shall not be eligible for any additional salary  
561 except as may be authorized in subsection (4).

562 (c) In any county having a population of twenty-seven  
563 thousand (27,000) or more but less than sixty thousand (60,000)  
564 according to the 1980 federal census, the county judge shall  
565 receive an annual salary of not less than Thirteen Thousand Two  
566 Hundred Dollars (\$13,200.00) but not more than Forty-four Thousand  
567 Dollars (\$44,000.00), in the discretion of the board of  
568 supervisors of that county. The county judge shall not be  
569 eligible for any additional salary except as may be authorized in  
570 subsection (4). In the event that the board of supervisors of said  
571 county elects to pay such county judge an annual salary of Thirty  
572 Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) or more, the office of county judge  
573 shall be a full-time position, and the holder thereof shall not  
574 otherwise engage in the practice of law.

575 (d) In any county having a population of less than  
576 twenty-seven thousand (27,000) according to the 1980 federal  
577 census, the county judge shall receive an annual salary of not  
578 less than Four Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$4,620.00) and  
579 not more than Nine Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Dollars  
580 (\$9,350.00), in the discretion of the board of supervisors of said  
581 county. The county judge shall not be eligible for any additional  
582 salary except as may be authorized in subsection (4).

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

586 (a) The county judge of any such Class 1 county with  
587 population according to the latest federal decennial census of  
588 forty-five thousand (45,000) or more and lying wholly within a  
589 levee district and having two (2) judicial districts shall, in the  
590 discretion of the board of supervisors of such county, shall  
591 receive an annual salary not exceeding Forty Thousand Dollars  
592 (\$40,000.00), or a sum which is One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)

593 less than the salary which is now or shall hereafter be provided  
594 for circuit and chancery judges of the state, whichever is  
595 greater.

596 (b) The county judge of any Class 1 county having an  
597 area in excess of nine hundred twenty-five (925) square miles  
598 shall receive an annual salary of not less than Thirty Thousand  
599 Dollars (\$30,000.00) but, in the discretion of the board of  
600 supervisors of such county, such salary may be not more than Five  
601 Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) less than the annual salary of a circuit  
602 judge, payable monthly out of the county treasury, and the county  
603 judge shall not practice law.

604 (c) The office of county judge in any such Class 1  
605 county with a population according to the 1970 federal decennial  
606 census of greater than thirty-nine thousand (39,000), and where  
607 U.S. Highway 61 and Mississippi Highway 6 intersect, shall receive  
608 an annual salary to be paid in monthly installments of not less  
609 than an amount equal to ninety percent (90%) of the annual salary  
610 which is now or shall hereafter be provided for circuit and  
611 chancery judges of the state, as follows: The salary of the  
612 county judge shall be increased by ten percent (10%) annually  
613 above the base salary of the preceding year until such time as the  
614 judge's salary is equal to the amount that is provided by this  
615 subsection. The office of county judge shall be a full-time  
616 position and the holder thereof shall not otherwise engage in the  
617 practice of law.

618 (d) In any Class 1 county bordering on the Mississippi  
619 River and which has situated therein a national military park and  
620 national military cemetery, the office of county judge shall be a  
621 full-time position and the holder thereof shall not otherwise  
622 engage in the practice of law. The salary for the county judge in  
623 said county shall be fixed at a sum which is One Thousand Dollars  
624 (\$1,000.00) less than the salary which is now or shall hereafter  
625 be provided for circuit and chancery judges of this state.

626 (e) The county judge in any county having a population  
627 of at least forty-two thousand one hundred eleven (42,111),  
628 according to the 1970 census, and where U.S. Highway 49E and U.S.  
629 Highway 82 intersect, shall receive an annual salary to be paid in  
630 monthly installments of not less than Thirty Thousand Dollars  
631 (\$30,000.00) but not more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars  
632 (\$2,500.00) less than the annual salary of the circuit judge, in  
633 the discretion of the board of supervisors of that county.

634 (f) The county judge in any Class 1 county bordering on  
635 the Mississippi River and having an area of less than four hundred  
636 fifty (450) square miles wherein U.S. Highways 84 and 61 intersect  
637 shall receive an annual salary of Four Thousand Dollars  
638 (\$4,000.00) less than the annual salary of a circuit judge, and  
639 such county judge shall not practice law in any manner. The  
640 county judge in such county shall not be eligible to receive any  
641 additional salary authorized by this section or from any other  
642 source other than that set out and authorized by this paragraph.

643 (g) The county judge of any Class 1 county bordering on  
644 the Mississippi River on the west and the State of Tennessee on  
645 the north, and traversed north to south by Interstate Highway 55,  
646 shall receive an annual salary of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)  
647 less than that paid to a circuit court judge \* \* \*. The office of  
648 county judge shall be a full-time position, and the holder thereof  
649 shall not otherwise engage in the practice of law.

650 (h) The county judge of any Class 1 county with a  
651 population of greater than sixty-nine thousand (69,000) according  
652 to the 1980 federal decennial census, and wherein U.S. Highway 80  
653 and Mississippi Highway 43 intersect, shall receive an annual  
654 salary in an amount not greater than the sum of Five Hundred  
655 Dollars (\$500.00) less than the salary which is now or shall  
656 hereafter be provided for circuit and chancery judges of this  
657 state, in the discretion of the board of supervisors of said  
658 county.

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

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

677           (k) The office of county judge of any Class I county  
678 wherein U.S. Highway 51 and U.S. Highway 98 intersect shall be a  
679 full-time position and the holder thereof shall not otherwise  
680 engage in the practice of law. The annual salary for the office  
681 of county judge in that county may be fixed, in the discretion of  
682 the board of supervisors of the county, at a sum not to exceed Two  
683 Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) less than the salary which is now or  
684 shall hereafter be provided for circuit and chancery judges of  
685 this state.

686           (l) The county judge of any county having a population  
687 of more than forty-one thousand six hundred (41,600) but less than  
688 forty-one thousand six hundred fifty (41,650) according to the  
689 1980 federal census, and wherein U.S. Highway 49 intersects with  
690 Mississippi Highway 22, shall receive an annual salary in an  
691 amount established by the board of supervisors, but in no event to

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

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

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

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

714 \* \* \*

715 (6) From and after October 1, 1993, \* \* \* in addition to the  
716 salaries set forth in this section, the board of supervisors of  
717 any county, in its discretion, may pay any county court judge  
718 whose salary is not established herein in relation to the salary  
719 paid to chancery and circuit court judges, an additional amount  
720 not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the maximum allowable salary  
721 for that judge.

722 **SECTION 6.** Section 41-61-59, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
723 amended as follows:

724           41-61-59. (1) A person's death which affects the public  
725 interest as specified in subsection (2) of this section shall be  
726 promptly reported to the medical examiner by the physician in  
727 attendance, any hospital employee, any law enforcement officer  
728 having knowledge of the death, the embalmer or other funeral home  
729 employee, any emergency medical technician, any relative or any  
730 other person present. The appropriate medical examiner shall  
731 notify the municipal or state law enforcement agency or sheriff  
732 and take charge of the body. The appropriate medical examiner  
733 shall notify the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics within  
734 twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of the body in cases of death as  
735 described in subsection (2)(m) or (n) of this section.

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

738                   (a) Violent death, including homicidal, suicidal or  
739 accidental death.

740                   (b) Death caused by thermal, chemical, electrical or  
741 radiation injury.

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

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

746                   (e) Death that has occurred unexpectedly or from an  
747 unexplained cause.

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

750                   (g) Death of a person where a physician was not in  
751 attendance within thirty-six (36) hours preceding death, or in  
752 prediagnosed terminal or bedfast cases, within thirty (30) days  
753 preceding death.

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

756 (i) Death of a person where the identity of the  
757 deceased is unknown.

758 (j) Death of a child under the age of two (2) years  
759 where death results from an unknown cause or where the  
760 circumstances surrounding the death indicate that sudden infant  
761 death syndrome may be the cause of death.

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

766 (l) Where a person is presented to a hospital emergency  
767 room unconscious and/or unresponsive, with cardiopulmonary  
768 resuscitative measures being performed, and dies within  
769 twenty-four (24) hours of admission without regaining  
770 consciousness or responsiveness, unless a physician was in  
771 attendance within thirty-six (36) hours preceding presentation to  
772 the hospital, or in cases in which the decedent had a prediagnosed  
773 terminal or bedfast condition, unless a physician was in  
774 attendance within thirty (30) days preceding presentation to the  
775 hospital.

776 (m) Death which is caused by drug overdose or which is  
777 believed to be caused by drug overdose.

778 (n) When a stillborn fetus is delivered and the cause  
779 of the demise is medically believed to be from the use by the  
780 mother of any controlled substance as defined in Section  
781 41-29-105.

782 (3) The State Medical Examiner is empowered to investigate  
783 deaths, under the authority hereinafter conferred, in any and all  
784 political subdivisions of the state. The county medical examiners  
785 and county medical examiner investigators, while appointed for a  
786 specific county, may serve other counties on a regular basis with  
787 written authorization by the State Medical Examiner, or may serve  
788 other counties on an as-needed basis upon the request of the



789 ranking officer of the investigating law enforcement agency. The  
790 county medical examiner or county medical examiner investigator of  
791 any county which has established a regional medical examiner  
792 district under subsection (4) of Section 41-61-77 may serve other  
793 counties which are parties to the agreement establishing the  
794 district, in accordance with the terms of the agreement, and may  
795 contract with counties which are not part of the district to  
796 provide medical examiner services for such counties. If a death  
797 affecting the public interest takes place in a county other than  
798 the one where injuries or other substantial causal factors leading  
799 to the death have occurred, jurisdiction for investigation of the  
800 death may be transferred, by mutual agreement of the respective  
801 medical examiners of the counties involved, to the county where  
802 such injuries or other substantial causal factors occurred, and  
803 the costs of autopsy or other studies necessary to the further  
804 investigation of the death shall be borne by the county assuming  
805 jurisdiction.

806 (4) The chief county medical examiner or chief county  
807 medical examiner investigator may receive from the county in which  
808 he serves a salary of Eight Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$825.00)  
809 per month, in addition to the fees specified in Sections 41-61-69  
810 and 41-61-75, provided that no county shall pay the chief county  
811 medical examiner or chief county medical examiner investigator  
812 less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per month as a salary, in  
813 addition to other compensation provided by law. In any county  
814 having one or more deputy medical examiners or deputy medical  
815 examiner investigators, each deputy may receive from the county in  
816 which he serves, in the discretion of the board of supervisors, a  
817 salary of not more than Eight Hundred Twenty-five Dollars  
818 (\$825.00) per month, in addition to the fees specified in Sections  
819 41-61-69 and 41-61-75. For this salary the chief shall assure  
820 twenty-four-hour daily and readily available death investigators  
821 for the county, and shall maintain copies of all medical examiner

822 death investigations for the county for at least the previous five  
823 (5) years. He shall coordinate his office and duties and  
824 cooperate with the State Medical Examiner, and the State Medical  
825 Examiner shall cooperate with him.

826 (5) A body composed of the State Medical Examiner, whether  
827 appointed on a permanent or interim basis, the Director of the  
828 State Board of Health, or his designee, the Attorney General, or  
829 his designee, the President of the Mississippi Coroners'  
830 Association (or successor organization), or his designee, and a  
831 certified pathologist appointed by the Mississippi State Medical  
832 Association shall adopt, promulgate, amend and repeal rules and  
833 regulations as may be deemed necessary by them from time to time  
834 for the proper enforcement, interpretation and administration of  
835 Sections 41-61-51 through 41-61-79, in accordance with the  
836 provisions of the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law, being  
837 Section 25-43-1 et seq.

838 **SECTION 7.** Section 9-13-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
839 amended as follows:

840 9-13-19. (1) Court reporters for circuit and chancery  
841 courts shall be paid an annual salary of Forty-one Thousand Eight  
842 Hundred Dollars (\$41,800.00) payable by the Administrative Office  
843 of Courts. In addition, any court reporter performing the duties  
844 of a court administrator in the same judicial district in which  
845 the person is employed as a court reporter may be paid additional  
846 compensation for performing the court administrator duties. The  
847 annual amount of the additional compensation shall be set by vote  
848 of the judges and chancellors for whom the court administrator  
849 duties are performed, with consideration given to the number of  
850 hours per month devoted by the court reporter to performing the  
851 duties of a court administrator. The additional compensation  
852 shall be submitted to the Administrative Office of Courts for  
853 approval.

854           (2) The several counties in each respective court district  
855 shall transfer from the general funds of those county treasuries  
856 to the Administrative Office of Courts a proportionate amount to  
857 be paid toward the annual compensation of the court reporter,  
858 including any additional compensation paid for the performance of  
859 court administrator duties. The amount to be paid by each county  
860 shall be determined by the number of weeks in which court is held  
861 in each county in proportion to the total number of weeks court is  
862 held in the district. For purposes of this section, the term  
863 "compensation" means the gross salary plus all amounts paid for  
864 benefits, or otherwise, as a result of employment or as required  
865 by employment, but does not include transcript fees otherwise  
866 authorized to be paid by or through the counties. However, only  
867 salary earned for services rendered shall be reported and credited  
868 for retirement purposes. Amounts paid for transcript fees,  
869 benefits or otherwise, including reimbursement for travel  
870 expenses, shall not be reported or credited for retirement  
871 purposes.

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

876           (3) The salary and any additional compensation for the  
877 performance of court administrator duties shall be paid in twelve  
878 (12) installments on the last working day of each month after it  
879 has been duly authorized by the appointing judge or chancellor and  
880 an order duly placed on the minutes of the court. Each county  
881 shall transfer to the Administrative Office of Courts one-twelfth  
882 (1/12) of the amount required to be paid pursuant to subsection  
883 (2) of this section by the twentieth day of each month for the  
884 salary that is to be paid on the last working day of the month.  
885 The Administrative Office of Courts shall pay to the court  
886 reporter the total amount of salary due for that month. Any

887 county may pay, in the discretion of the board of supervisors, by  
888 the twentieth day of January of any year, the amount due for a  
889 full twelve (12) months.

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

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

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

898 (7) For all travel required in the performance of official  
899 duties, the circuit or chancery court reporter shall be paid  
900 mileage by the county in which the duties were performed at the  
901 same rate as provided for state employees in Section 25-3-41. The  
902 court reporter shall file in the office of the clerk of the court  
903 which he serves a certificate of mileage expense incurred during  
904 that term and payment of such expense to the court reporter shall  
905 be paid on allowance by the judge of such court.

906 **SECTION 8.** Section 19-25-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
907 amended as follows:

908 19-25-31. Each judge of a circuit, chancery or county court,  
909 or a court of eminent domain may, in the judge's discretion, by  
910 order entered on the minutes of the court, allow the sheriff  
911 riding bailiffs to serve in the respective court of such judge,  
912 not to exceed four (4) bailiffs. Any such person so employed  
913 shall be paid by the county on allowances of the court on issuance  
914 of a warrant therefor in an amount of Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) for  
915 each day, or part thereof, for which he serves as bailiff when the  
916 court is in session. No full-time deputy sheriff shall be paid as  
917 a riding bailiff of any court. County court judges shall be  
918 limited to one (1) bailiff per each court day.

919           **SECTION 9.** Section 25-11-125, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
920 amended as follows:

921           25-11-125. The board of supervisors, in their discretion,  
922 may appropriate and include in its budget for public purposes a  
923 sufficient sum to pay the required employer contribution to the  
924 Public Employees' Retirement System for all fee-paid elected  
925 officials in judicial capacities of the county and supervisors  
926 districts, and for all circuit and chancery clerks of the county.  
927 Such contributions shall be included by the clerk of the board in  
928 his regular reports and remittals to the Executive Secretary of  
929 the Public Employees' Retirement System for other county officers  
930 and regular county employees whose employer contributions are not  
931 included in and paid from the annual county budget.

932           **SECTION 10.** Section 25-3-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, which  
933 establishes the salaries of tax assessors and tax collectors in  
934 counties where the two offices have been separated, is repealed.

935           **SECTION 11.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi  
936 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,  
937 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the  
938 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States  
939 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the  
940 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and  
941 extended.

942           **SECTION 12.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
943 and after October 1, 2004, if effectuated on or before that date  
944 under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and  
945 extended. If effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act  
946 of 1965, as amended and extended, after October 1, 2004, this act  
947 shall take effect and be in force from and after the date  
948 effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as  
949 amended and extended.