By: Senator(s) Thames, Harvey, Pickering

To: Fees, Salaries and Administration

SENATE BILL NO. 2732

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-3-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE SALARY SCALE FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN ANY COUNTY WHEREIN 15,000 ACRES OR MORE OF THE REAL PROPERTY OF THE COUNTY IS OWNED BY AN AGENCY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND CONSEQUENTLY EXEMPTED FROM AD VALOREM TAXES; AND FOR RELATED

6 PURPOSES.

- 7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
- 8 **SECTION 1.** Section 25-3-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 9 amended as follows:
- 10 25-3-15. * * * In any county of the state having producing
- 11 oil or gas wells, the total valuation of such oil or gas produced,
- 12 as reported by the State Tax Commission for the last preceding
- 13 calendar year, may be combined with the total assessed valuation
- 14 of the county in computing its category for the purpose of fixing
- 15 the salary of the members of the board of supervisors of the
- 16 county. * * * In any county wherein fifteen thousand (15,000)
- 17 acres or more of the real property of the county is owned by an
- 18 agency of the federal government, and consequently exempt from ad
- 19 valorem taxes, the salary of the members of the board of
- 20 supervisors in each such county shall be that established by the
- 21 next highest rate from that determined by the total assessed value
- 22 of the property of the county.
- 23 **SECTION 2.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
- 24 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
- 25 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the
- 26 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
- 27 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
- 28 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
- 29 extended.

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- 30 **SECTION 3**. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended, or October 1, 2004,
- 33 whichever occurs later.