

By: Senator(s) Huggins

To: Fees, Salaries and Administration

SENATE BILL NO. 2937

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-3-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF TALLAHATCHIE COUNTY,
3 MISSISSIPPI TO PAY A SALARY SUPPLEMENT TO THE COUNTY PROSECUTING
4 ATTORNEY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 25-3-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 25-3-9. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2), (3) and
9 (4) of this section, the county prosecuting attorney may receive
10 for his services an annual salary to be paid by the board of
11 supervisors as follows:

12 (a) For counties with a total population of more than
13 two hundred thousand (200,000), a salary not to exceed
14 Twenty-eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$28,500.00).

15 (b) For counties with a total population of more than
16 one hundred thousand (100,000) and not more than two hundred
17 thousand (200,000), a salary not to exceed Twenty-six Thousand
18 Five Hundred Dollars (\$26,500.00).

19 (c) For counties with a total population of more than
20 fifty thousand (50,000) and not more than one hundred thousand
21 (100,000), a salary not to exceed Twenty-one Thousand Seven
22 Hundred Dollars (\$21,700.00).

23 (d) For counties with a total population of more than
24 thirty-five thousand (35,000) and not more than fifty thousand
25 (50,000), a salary not to exceed Twenty Thousand Four Hundred
26 Dollars (\$20,400.00).

27 (e) For counties with a total population of more than
28 twenty-five thousand (25,000) and not more than thirty-five

29 thousand (35,000), a salary not to exceed Nineteen Thousand Three
30 Hundred Dollars (\$19,300.00).

31 (f) For counties with a total population of more than
32 fifteen thousand (15,000) and not more than twenty-five thousand
33 (25,000), a salary not to exceed Seventeen Thousand Seven Hundred
34 Dollars (\$17,700.00).

35 (g) For counties with a total population of more than
36 ten thousand (10,000) and not more than fifteen thousand (15,000),
37 a salary not to exceed Sixteen Thousand One Hundred Dollars
38 (\$16,100.00).

39 (h) For counties with a total population of more than
40 six thousand (6,000) and not more than ten thousand (10,000), a
41 salary not to exceed Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
42 (\$14,500.00).

43 (i) For counties with a total population of six
44 thousand (6,000) or less, the board of supervisors, in its
45 discretion, may appoint a county prosecuting attorney, and it may
46 pay such county prosecuting attorney an annual salary not to
47 exceed Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$12,900.00).

48 In all cases of conviction there shall be taxed against the
49 convicted defendant, as an item of cost, the sum of Three Dollars
50 (\$3.00), which shall be turned in to the county treasury as a part
51 of the general county funds; however, the Three Dollars (\$3.00)
52 shall not be taxed in any case in which it is not the specific
53 duty of the county attorney to appear and prosecute.

54 From and after October 1, 1993, in addition to the salaries
55 provided for in this subsection, the board of supervisors of any
56 county, in its discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney
57 an additional amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the
58 maximum allowable salary prescribed herein.

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

62 (a) In any county bordering upon the Mississippi River
63 and having a population of not less than thirty thousand (30,000)
64 and not more than thirty-five thousand five hundred (35,500)
65 according to the federal census of 1990, and in counties having a
66 population of not more than thirty-seven thousand (37,000)
67 according to the federal census of 1990 in which Interstate
68 Highway 55 and U.S. Highway 98 intersect, the county prosecuting
69 attorney shall receive a salary equal to the justice court judge
70 of such county; and in any county wherein is located the state's
71 oldest state-supported institution of higher learning and wherein
72 Mississippi State Highways 7 and 6 intersect, the county
73 prosecuting attorney shall receive an annual salary equal to that
74 of a member of the board of supervisors of such county.

75 (b) In counties having a population in excess of fifty
76 thousand (50,000) in the 1960 federal census, wherein is located a
77 state-supported university and in which U.S. Highways 49 and 11
78 intersect, the salary of the county prosecuting attorney shall be
79 not less than Seventeen Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$17,400.00)
80 per year. The Board of Supervisors of Forrest County,
81 Mississippi, may, in its discretion, and by agreement with the
82 county prosecuting attorney, employ the county prosecuting
83 attorney as a full-time elected official during his/her term of
84 office, designate additional duties and responsibilities of the
85 office and pay additional compensation up to, but not in excess
86 of, ninety percent (90%) of the annual compensation and salary of
87 the county court judge and the youth court judge of Forrest County
88 as authorized by law and provide a reasonable office and
89 reasonable office expenses to the county prosecuting attorney.
90 The salary authorized by this paragraph (b) for the county
91 prosecuting attorney shall be the sole and complete salary for
92 such prosecuting attorney in each county to which this paragraph
93 applies, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
94 contrary.

95 (c) In any county wherein is housed the seat of state
96 government, wherein U.S. Highways 80 and 49 intersect, and having
97 two (2) judicial districts, the board of supervisors, in its
98 discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual
99 salary equal to the annual salary of members of the board of
100 supervisors in the county.

101 (d) In any county which has two (2) judicial districts
102 and wherein Highway 8 and Highway 15 intersect, having a
103 population of greater than seventeen thousand (17,000), according
104 to the 1980 federal decennial census, the board of supervisors
105 shall pay the county prosecuting attorney a salary equal to that
106 of a member of the board of supervisors of such county; provided
107 that if such county prosecuting attorney is paid a sum for the
108 purpose of defraying office or secretarial expenses, then the
109 salary prescribed herein shall be reduced by that amount.

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

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

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

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

126 (h) In any Class 1 county bordering on the Mississippi
127 River, lying in whole or in part within a levee district, wherein

128 U.S. Highways 82 and 61 intersect, bounded by the Sunflower River
129 and Stales Bayou, the board of supervisors, in its discretion, may
130 pay an annual salary equal to the annual salary of members of the
131 board of supervisors in the county. In addition, such county
132 prosecuting attorney shall receive the sum of One Thousand Dollars
133 (\$1,000.00) per month for the purpose of defraying secretarial
134 expenses.

135 (i) In any county bordering on the Gulf of Mexico
136 having two (2) judicial districts, and wherein U.S. Highways 90
137 and 49 intersect, the salary of the county prosecuting attorney
138 shall be not less than Nineteen Thousand Dollars (\$19,000.00) per
139 year. The Board of Supervisors of Harrison County, Mississippi,
140 may, in its discretion, and by agreement with the county
141 prosecuting attorney, employ the county prosecuting attorney and
142 his/her assistant during his/her term of office, and designate
143 additional duties and responsibilities of the office and pay
144 additional compensation up to, but not in excess of, ninety
145 percent (90%) of the annual compensation and salary of the county
146 court judges of Harrison County as authorized by law and provide
147 adequate office space and reasonable office expenses to the county
148 prosecuting attorney and his/her assistant. The salary authorized
149 by this paragraph (i) for the county prosecuting attorney and
150 his/her assistant shall be the sole and complete salary paid by
151 the county for such prosecuting attorney and his/her assistant in
152 each county to which this paragraph applies, notwithstanding any
153 other provision of law to the contrary.

154 (j) In any county bordering on the State of Alabama,
155 having a population in excess of seventy-five thousand (75,000)
156 according to the 1980 decennial census in which is located an
157 institution of higher learning and a United States military
158 installation and which is traversed by an interstate highway, the
159 salary of the county prosecuting attorney shall not be less than
160 Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) nor more than the amount of

161 the annual salary received by a member of the board of supervisors
162 of that county.

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

167 (l) In any Class 2 county wherein Mississippi Highways
168 6 and 3 intersect, the salary of the county prosecuting attorney
169 shall be not less than Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) per
170 year nor more than the amount of the annual salary received by a
171 member of the board of supervisors of that county.

172 (m) In any county wherein Interstate Highway 55 and
173 State Highway 8 intersect, the salary of the county prosecuting
174 attorney shall be not less than Twelve Thousand Dollars
175 (\$12,000.00) per year.

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

180 (o) In any county bordering on the Alabama state line,
181 having a population of greater than fifteen thousand (15,000)
182 according to the 1970 federal decennial census, wherein U.S.
183 Highway 45 and Mississippi Highway 18 intersect, the salary of the
184 county prosecuting attorney shall be not less than Three Thousand
185 Six Hundred Dollars (\$3,600.00) nor greater than that of a member
186 of the board of supervisors of such county. All prior acts,
187 orders and resolutions of the board of supervisors of such county
188 which authorized the payment of the salary in conformity with the
189 provisions of this paragraph, whether or not heretofore
190 specifically authorized by law are hereby ratified, approved and
191 confirmed.

192 (p) In any county wherein is located a state-supported
193 institution of higher learning and wherein U.S. Highway 82 and

194 Mississippi Highway 389 intersect, the board of supervisors, in
195 its discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual
196 salary equal to the annual salary of members of the board of
197 supervisors in the county.

198 (q) In any county having two (2) judicial districts
199 wherein Mississippi Highway 32 intersects U.S. Highway 49E, the
200 salary of the county prosecuting attorney shall be not less than
201 Twelve Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$12,700.00). In addition
202 to the salary provided in this paragraph, the board of
203 supervisors, in its discretion, may pay an additional amount not
204 to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per month for the
205 salary of the Tallahatchie County prosecuting attorney.

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

211 (s) In any county having a population of more than
212 fourteen thousand (14,000) according to the 1970 census and which
213 county is bordered on the north by the State of Tennessee and on
214 the east by the State of Alabama and in which U.S. Highway No. 72
215 and Highway No. 25 intersect, the board of supervisors, in its
216 discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual
217 salary equal to the annual salary of justice court judges in the
218 county.

219 (t) (i) In any county wherein Interstate Highway 55
220 and State Highway 22 intersect, and which is also traversed in
221 whole or part by U.S. Highways 49 and 51, and State Highways 16,
222 17, 43 and the Natchez Trace Parkway, and also containing a part
223 of a public lake or reservoir, in excess of thirty thousand
224 (30,000) acres, the board of supervisors, in its discretion, may
225 pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual salary in the amount
226 of Twenty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$28,000.00).

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

232 (u) In any county having a population in the 1970
233 census in excess of thirty-five thousand (35,000) and in which
234 U.S. Highways 49W and 82 intersect, and in which is located a
235 state penitentiary, the annual salary of a county prosecuting
236 attorney shall be Thirty Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Dollars
237 (\$30,420.00).

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

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

252 (x) In any county bordering on the Mississippi River
253 having a population greater than fifty thousand (50,000) according
254 to the 1980 federal decennial census and also having a national
255 military park and national cemetery, an annual salary of
256 Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) or a salary equal to
257 that of a member of the board of supervisors in such county,
258 whichever is greater. In addition, such county prosecuting

259 attorney shall receive the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)
260 per month for the purpose of defraying secretarial expenses.

261 (y) In any county bordering on the Alabama state line,
262 traversed by the Chickasawhay River, and wherein U.S. Highway 45
263 and U.S. Highway 84 intersect, a salary that shall be equal to the
264 annual salary of a member of the board of supervisors of such
265 county. All prior acts, orders and resolutions of the board of
266 supervisors of such county which authorize the payment of the
267 salary of the county prosecuting attorney in conformity with the
268 provisions of this section as it existed immediately prior to the
269 effective date of Chapter 506, Laws of 1985, are hereby ratified,
270 approved, confirmed and validated.

271 (z) In any county having a population greater than
272 sixty-five thousand five hundred eighty (65,580) but less than
273 sixty-five thousand five hundred ninety (65,590) according to the
274 1990 federal decennial census, wherein U.S. Highway 45 intersects
275 with Mississippi Highway 6, an annual salary equal to Thirty
276 Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00).

277 (aa) In any county where an institution of higher
278 learning is located and wherein U.S. Highway 82 and U.S. Highway
279 45 intersect, the salary of the county prosecuting attorney shall
280 be not less than that of a member of the board of supervisors in
281 such county, and the board of supervisors may, in its discretion,
282 pay such county prosecuting attorney a salary in an amount not to
283 exceed the amount of the salary of the District Attorney for the
284 Sixteenth Judicial District of Mississippi.

285 (bb) In any county having a population greater than six
286 thousand (6,000) according to the federal decennial census and
287 wherein U.S. Highway 61 and Highway 24 intersect, the board of
288 supervisors, in its discretion, may pay the county prosecuting
289 attorney an annual salary equal to the annual salary of members of
290 the board of supervisors in the county.

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

296 (dd) (i) The Rankin County prosecuting attorney, if
297 such person is not employed on a full-time basis, shall receive an
298 annual salary of Twenty-nine Thousand Dollars (\$29,000.00).

299 (ii) The Board of Supervisors of Rankin County, in
300 its discretion, may employ the elected county prosecuting attorney
301 and an assistant on a full-time basis during his or her term of
302 office and may pay compensation to such full-time prosecuting
303 attorney in an amount of not more than ninety percent (90%) of the
304 annual compensation and salary of the county court judges of the
305 county as authorized by law, and may provide adequate office space
306 and reasonable office expenses to the county prosecuting attorney
307 and his/her assistant. The Board of Supervisors of Rankin County,
308 in its discretion, may also employ a full-time assistant county
309 prosecuting attorney and may pay such person an annual salary in
310 such amount as determined by the board of supervisors. The salary
311 authorized by this subparagraph (dd)(ii) for the elected county
312 prosecuting attorney and an assistant shall be the sole and
313 complete salary paid by the county for the elected prosecuting
314 attorney and assistant in Rankin County, notwithstanding any other
315 provisions of law to the contrary.

316 (ee) In any county having a population greater than
317 eight thousand (8,000) but less than eight thousand two hundred
318 (8,200) according to the 1990 federal census, and in which U.S.
319 Highway 61 and Mississippi Highway 4 intersect, the board of
320 supervisors may, in its discretion, pay the county prosecuting
321 attorney an amount not to exceed Fourteen Thousand Dollars
322 (\$14,000.00), in addition to the maximum allowable salary for that
323 attorney under subsection (1), beginning on April 1, 1997.

324 (ff) In any county having a population greater than
325 thirty thousand three hundred (30,300) but less than thirty
326 thousand four hundred (30,400) according to the 1990 federal
327 census, and in which U.S. Highway 78 and Mississippi Highway 7
328 intersect, a salary of not less than the annual salary of a member
329 of the board of supervisors in such county.

330 (gg) In any county having a population greater than
331 thirteen thousand three hundred (13,300) but less than thirteen
332 thousand four hundred (13,400) according to the 1990 federal
333 census, and in which Mississippi Highway 24 and Mississippi
334 Highway 48 intersect, the board of supervisors may, in its
335 discretion, pay the county prosecuting attorney an additional
336 amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the maximum allowable
337 salary for that attorney under subsection (1).

338 (hh) In any county having a population greater than
339 eight thousand three hundred (8,300) but less than eight thousand
340 four hundred (8,400) according to the 1990 federal census, and in
341 which U.S. Highway 84 and U.S. Highway 98 intersect, the board of
342 supervisors may, in its discretion, pay the county prosecuting
343 attorney an additional amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of
344 the maximum allowable salary for that attorney under subsection
345 (1).

346 (ii) In any county having a population of more than
347 thirty thousand four hundred (30,400) and which is traversed in
348 whole or part by I-59, U.S. Highways 98 and 11 and State Highway
349 13, the annual salary of the county prosecuting attorney shall be
350 Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00).

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

357 (kk) In any county having a population greater than
358 twelve thousand four hundred (12,400) but less than twelve
359 thousand five hundred (12,500) according to the 1990 federal
360 census, and in which U.S. Highway 84 and Mississippi Highway 27
361 intersect, the board of supervisors may, in its discretion, pay
362 the county prosecuting attorney an additional amount not to exceed
363 ten percent (10%) of the maximum allowable salary for that
364 attorney under subsection (1).

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

373 (mm) In any county on the Mississippi River levee,
374 having a population greater than forty-one thousand eight hundred
375 (41,800) but less than forty-one thousand nine hundred (41,900)
376 according to the 1990 federal census wherein U.S. Highway 61 and
377 Mississippi Highway 8 intersect, the board of supervisors, in its
378 discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual
379 salary equal to the annual salary of members of the board of
380 supervisors in the county. In addition, the board of supervisors,
381 in its discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney the sum
382 of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per month for the purpose of
383 defraying secretarial expenses.

384 (nn) In any county having a population greater than
385 twenty-four thousand seven hundred (24,700) and less than
386 twenty-four thousand nine hundred (24,900) according to the 1990
387 federal census, wherein Mississippi Highways 15 and 16 intersect,
388 the board of supervisors, in its discretion, may pay the county

389 prosecuting attorney an annual salary equal to the annual salary
390 of members of the board of supervisors in the county.

391 (oo) In any county having a population greater than
392 thirty-seven thousand (37,000) but less than thirty-eight thousand
393 (38,000) according to the 1990 federal census, in which is located
394 a state supported institution of higher learning, and in which
395 U.S. Highway 82 and Mississippi Highway 7 intersect, the board of
396 supervisors may, in its discretion, pay the county prosecuting
397 attorney a salary in an amount not to exceed the amount of the
398 salary of the District Attorney for the Fourth Judicial District
399 of Mississippi.

400 (pp) In any county in which U.S. Highway 78 and
401 Mississippi Highway 15 intersect and which is traversed by the
402 Tallahatchie River, a salary equal to that of members of the board
403 of supervisors of the county, which salary shall be in addition to
404 any sums received for the purpose of defraying office or
405 secretarial expenses and sums received as youth court prosecutor
406 fees.

407 (qq) In any county bordering on the State of Tennessee
408 and the State of Arkansas, wherein Interstate Highway 55 and
409 Mississippi Highway 302 intersect, the board of supervisors, in
410 its discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual
411 salary equal to the annual salary of justice court judges in the
412 county.

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

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

422 (tt) In any county in which Interstate Highway 59 and
423 U.S. Highway 84 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 members of the board of
426 supervisors in the county.

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

432 **SECTION 2.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
433 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
434 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the
435 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
436 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
437 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
438 extended.

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