

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MADAM PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1730: Appropriation; Supreme Court Services.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

11 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
12 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
13 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of
14 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi State Supreme Court for
15 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2005.
16 \$ 4,873,284.00.

17 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
18 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in any special
19 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State
20 Supreme Court which is comprised of special source funds collected
21 by or otherwise available to the Mississippi State Supreme Court,
22 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi State
23 Supreme Court for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and
24 ending June 30, 2005 \$ 568,869.00.

25 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
26 this act for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the
27 Mississippi State Supreme Court, not more than the amounts set
28 forth below shall be expended for the respective major objects or
29 purposes of expenditure:

30 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

31 Personal Services:

32 Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits .. \$ 4,214,120.00

33	Travel and Subsistence.....	265,000.00
34	Contractual Services	570,858.00
35	Commodities.....	340,000.00
36	Capital Outlay:	
37	Other Than Equipment	0.00
38	Equipment	52,175.00
39	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>0.00</u>
40	Total.....	\$ 5,442,153.00

41 FUNDING:

42	General Funds	\$ 4,873,284.00
43	Special Funds	<u>568,869.00</u>
44	Total.....	\$ 5,442,153.00

45 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

46	Permanent: Full Time	72
47	Part Time	2
48	Time-Limited: Full Time	0
49	Part Time	0

50 **SECTION 4.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
51 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
52 General Fund not otherwise appropriated to the Mississippi State
53 Supreme Court for the purpose of defraying the expenses of special
54 judges, chancellors and circuit judges for the fiscal year
55 beginning July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2005

56	\$ 16,516,178.00.
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57 **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
58 this act for the purpose of defraying the expenses of special
59 judges, chancellors and circuit judges, not more than the amounts
60 set forth below shall be expended for the respective major objects
61 or purposes of expenditure:

62 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

63 Personal Services:

64	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits ..	\$ 15,562,526.00
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65	Travel and Subsistence.....	377,352.00
66	Contractual Services	92,300.00
67	Commodities.....	484,000.00
68	Capital Outlay:	
69	Other Than Equipment	0.00
70	Equipment	0.00
71	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>0.00</u>
72	Total.....	\$ 16,516,178.00
73	FUNDING:	
74	General Funds	\$ 16,516,178.00
75	Special Funds	<u>0.00</u>
76	Total.....	\$ 16,516,178.00

77 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

78	Permanent: Full Time	94
79	Part Time	0
80	Time-Limited: Full Time	0
81	Part Time	0

82 It is the intention of the Legislature that of the funds
83 allocated under the provisions of Section 4, the Mississippi
84 Supreme Court may authorize an increase in any major object of
85 expenditure, provided that there is a corresponding decrease in
86 the other major object of expenditure.

87 Of the funds appropriated in Section 4 and allocated in
88 Section 5, Three Million Seven Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars
89 (\$3,760,000.00) is provided for the purpose of employing support
90 staff in an amount not to exceed Forty Thousand Dollars
91 (\$40,000.00) per fiscal year per judge.

92 **SECTION 6.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
93 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
94 General Fund, not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of
95 funding the Administrative Office of Courts for the fiscal year
96 beginning July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2005.....

97 \$ 1,061,059.00.

98 **SECTION 7.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
99 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in any special
100 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Administrative
101 Office of Courts for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the
102 Administrative Office of Courts and the Board of Certified Court
103 Reporters for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and ending
104 June 30, 2005..... \$ 9,676,515.00.

105 **SECTION 8.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
106 this act for the purpose of funding the Administrative Office of
107 Courts, not more than the amounts set forth below shall be
108 expended for the respective major objects or purposes of
109 expenditure:

110 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

111 Personal Services:

112	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits ..	\$ 9,812,444.00
113	Travel and Subsistence.....	20,000.00
114	Contractual Services	343,500.00
115	Commodities.....	30,000.00
116	Capital Outlay:	
117	Other Than Equipment	0.00
118	Equipment	0.00
119	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>531,630.00</u>
120	Total.....	\$ 10,737,574.00

121 FUNDING:

122	General Funds	\$ 1,061,059.00
123	Special Funds	<u>9,676,515.00</u>
124	Total.....	\$ 10,737,574.00

125 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

126	Permanent: Full Time	15
127	Part Time	0
128	Time-Limited: Full Time	0

129 Part Time 0

130 Of the funds appropriated in this section, One Hundred Fifty
131 Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) shall be used for providing a Drug
132 Treatment Court Program in Hinds County.

133 The Drug Treatment Court Program funded above is established
134 in the Administrative Office of Courts to facilitate the creation
135 of drug treatment court programs in Hinds County. Funds shall be
136 spent based upon the general guidelines set forth by the Director
137 of the Administrative Office of Courts based on a program as
138 approved by the Hinds County Board of Supervisors.

139 **SECTION 9.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
140 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the
141 Continuing Legal Education Fund, a special fund hereby created in
142 the State Treasury, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of
143 providing continuing legal education programs to lawyers in
144 Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and
145 ending June 30, 2005 \$ 119,210.00.

146 It is the intention of the Legislature that interest earned
147 from any investment or deposit to the Continuing Legal Education
148 Fund made pursuant to Section 27-105-33, Mississippi Code of 1972,
149 shall be credited by the State Treasurer to the Continuing Legal
150 Education Fund and shall not be paid into the General Fund of
151 Mississippi.

152 **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
153 of this act for the purpose of providing continuing legal
154 education programs, not more than the amounts set forth below
155 shall be expended for the respective major objects or purposes of
156 expenditure:

157 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

158 Personal Services:

159	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits .. \$	53,892.00
160	Travel and Subsistence.....	10,318.00

161	Contractual Services	31,350.00
162	Commodities.....	4,750.00
163	Capital Outlay:	
164	Other Than Equipment	0.00
165	Equipment	3,900.00
166	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>15,000.00</u>
167	Total..... \$	119,210.00

168 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

169	Permanent: Full Time	1
170	Part Time	0
171	Time-Limited: Full Time	0
172	Part Time	0

173 **SECTION 11.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
174 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
175 General Fund not otherwise appropriated to the Mississippi State
176 Supreme Court for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the
177 Court of Appeals for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and
178 ending June 30, 2005 \$3,863,874.00.

179 **SECTION 12.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
180 of this act for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Court
181 of Appeals, not more than the amounts set forth below shall be
182 expended for the respective major objects or purposes of
183 expenditure:

184 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

185 Personal Services:

186	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits .. \$	3,336,246.00
187	Travel and Subsistence.....	200,000.00
188	Contractual Services	298,628.00
189	Commodities.....	29,000.00
190	Capital Outlay:	
191	Other Than Equipment	0.00
192	Equipment	0.00

193	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....		<u>0.00</u>
194	Total.....	\$	3,863,874.00
195	FUNDING:		
196	General Funds.....	\$	3,863,874.00
197	Special Funds.....		<u>0.00</u>
198	Total.....	\$	3,863,874.00

199 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

200	Permanent: Full Time	60
201	Part Time	0
202	Time-Limited: Full Time	0
203	Part Time	0

204 **SECTION 13.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
205 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special
206 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Board of Bar
207 Admissions, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the board
208 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and ending
209 June 30, 2005.....\$ 302,358.00.

210 It is the intention of the Legislature that interest earned
211 from any investment or deposit to the Board of Bar Admissions Fund
212 made pursuant to Section 27-105-33, Mississippi Code of 1972,
213 shall be credited by the State Treasurer to the Board of Bar
214 Admissions Fund and shall not be paid into the General Fund of
215 Mississippi.

216 **SECTION 14.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
217 of this act for the purpose of funding the Board of Bar
218 Admissions, not more than the amounts set forth below shall be
219 expended for the respective major objects or purposes of
220 expenditure:

221 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

222	Personal Services:		
223	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits ..	\$	116,270.00
224	Travel and Subsistence.....		17,500.00

225	Contractual Services	149,588.00
226	Commodities	13,600.00
227	Capital Outlay:	
228	Other Than Equipment	0.00
229	Equipment	5,400.00
230	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....	<u>0.00</u>
231	Total..... \$	302,358.00

232 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

233	Permanent: Full Time	3
234	Part Time	0
235	Time-Limited: Full Time	0
236	Part Time	0

237 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
238 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

239 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be
240 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are
241 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this
242 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

243 **SECTION 15.** No part of the funds herein appropriated shall
244 be used in the payment of attorney's fees, nor shall any of such
245 funds be used, either directly or indirectly, for the purpose of
246 paying any clerk, stenographer, assistant, deputy or other person
247 who may be related by blood or marriage within the third degree,
248 computed by the rules of civil law, to the official employing or
249 having the right of employment or selection thereof; and in the
250 event of any such payment, then the official or person approving
251 and making or receiving such payment shall be jointly and
252 severally liable to return to the State of Mississippi and to pay
253 into the State Treasury three (3) times any such amount so paid or
254 received, to be recovered at suit of the Attorney General;
255 however, when the relationship is by affinity and the person

256 through whom the relationship was established is dead, this
257 provision shall not apply.

258 **SECTION 16.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the
259 Mississippi State Supreme Court shall charge the maximum amount
260 allowable by law for services rendered where charges for such
261 services are provided for by statute, and for any other services
262 rendered, shall charge an amount consistent with the cost of
263 providing such services. The funds derived from these charges
264 shall be deposited into a special fund account in the State
265 Treasury to the credit of the Office of the Mississippi State
266 Supreme Court.

267 **SECTION 17.** It is the intent of the Legislature that no part
268 of the funds herein appropriated shall be required to be used for
269 the payment of rent for the public space in the Law Library.

270 **SECTION 18.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions
271 of Section 2, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) shall be
272 derived from the Budget Contingency Fund created in Section
273 27-103-301, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose of defraying
274 the expenses of the Mississippi State Supreme Court.

275 **SECTION 19.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
276 Administrative Office of Courts shall have the authority to
277 accept, budget and expend any source funds, not to exceed Six
278 Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00), that become available to the
279 office to carry out the provisions of those funds in a manner
280 consistent with the rules and regulations of the Department of
281 Finance and Administration.

282 **SECTION 20.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
283 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
284 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
285 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
286 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
287 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

288 **SECTION 21.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
289 and after July 1, 2004.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

X (SIGNED)
Johnny W. Stringer

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