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HOUSE BILL NO. 209

1 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL COMPENSATION OF STATE 2 EMPLOYEES, EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING 3 AND EMPLOYEES OF THE PUBLIC COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES, IN THE 4 AMOUNT OF \$1,000.00; TO DIRECT THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS 5 NECESSARY TO PROVIDE THE SALARY INCREASES; AND FOR RELATED 6 PURPOSES.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: 8 **SECTION 1.** (1) The annual compensation of each state employee, each employee of the state institutions of higher 9 10 learning, and each employee of public community and junior colleges that has been employed for twelve (12) months or longer 11 by the state, the state institutions of higher learning or the 12 public community and junior colleges as of June 30, 2006, shall be 13 increased by an amount equal to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), 14 effective July 1, 2006. 15

(2) If the increase in compensation provided for in this 16 17 section would cause any state employee's compensation to be in excess of the compensation of the executive head of the state 18 agency or department in which he is employed, then that employee's 19 20 compensation shall be increased only to the extent that the employee's salary will be equal in amount to the compensation of 21 22 the executive head. If any increase in compensation provided for in this section would cause the compensation of any employee of 23 24 the state institutions of higher learning or the public community and junior colleges to be in excess of the head of the institution 25 or community or junior college, then that employee's compensation 26 27 shall be increased only to the extent that the employee's salary will be equal in amount to the compensation of the head of the 28 institution or community or junior college. 29

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SECTION 2. If any employee is unable to receive the full 30 amount of the salary increase provided for in Section 1 of this 31 act because to award the entire allowable increase would cause 32 33 that employee's base salary to exceed the end step of his or her 34 particular job classification, the end step of that particular job classification shall be increased. The increase shall be in an 35 amount necessary to enable all employees in that particular job 36 classification to be eligible to receive the full salary increase 37 to which they are entitled under this act. 38

39 <u>SECTION 3.</u> The Legislature shall appropriate the funds 40 necessary to provide for the increases in compensation provided 41 for in this act.

42 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from 43 and after July 1, 2006.