

By: Representative Warren

To: Fees and Salaries of  
Public Officers;  
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 638  
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-3-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REMOVE THE DATE OF REPEAL ON THE PROVISION OF LAW THAT PROVIDES  
3 THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN ELECTED OFFICIALS; TO AMEND SECTION  
4 25-3-34, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY WHO MAY RECEIVE AN  
5 EDUCATION BENCHMARK; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 25-3-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 25-3-31. The annual salaries of the following elected state  
10 and district officers are fixed as follows:

11	Governor.....	\$122,160.00
12	Attorney General.....	108,960.00
13	Secretary of State.....	90,000.00
14	Commissioner of Insurance.....	90,000.00
15	State Treasurer.....	90,000.00
16	State Auditor of Public Accounts.....	90,000.00
17	Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce.....	90,000.00
18	Transportation Commissioners.....	78,000.00
19	Public Service Commissioners.....	78,000.00

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21 The above fixed salary of the Governor shall be the reference  
22 amount utilized in computing average compensation and earned  
23 compensation pursuant to Section 25-11-103(f) and Section  
24 25-11-103(k) and to related sections which require such  
25 computations.

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27 **SECTION 2.** Section 25-3-34, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
28 amended as follows:

29           25-3-34. (1) \* \* \* Any appointed or elected state or  
30 district official or employee eligible for an education benchmark,  
31 except state legislators, shall receive the award of an education  
32 benchmark as defined in State Personnel Board rules for the  
33 possession or attainment of any of the following:

34           (a) The Certified Public Manager designation;

35           (b) A job-related Ph.D (Doctor of Philosophy) degree  
36 which is not required as a minimum qualification of the position;

37           (c) A job-related certification, licensure or  
38 registration requiring the passage of an examination, which is not  
39 required as a minimum qualification of the position.

40           (2) No such official or employee may receive more than a  
41 total of three (3) eligible benchmarks, only one (1) of which may  
42 be for a job-related certification, licensure or registration.

43           (3) The State Personnel Board shall promulgate rules and  
44 regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.

45           **SECTION 3.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi  
46 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,  
47 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the  
48 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States  
49 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the  
50 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and  
51 extended.

52           **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
53 and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting  
54 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.