

By: Representative Coleman (29th)

To: Fees and Salaries of
Public Officers; County
Affairs

HOUSE BILL NO. 1138

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-225, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE THE ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION TO THE CLERK AS REGISTRAR;
3 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 23-15-225, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 23-15-225. (1) The registrar shall be entitled to such
8 compensation, payable monthly out of the county treasury, which
9 the board of supervisors of the county shall allow on an annual
10 basis in the following amounts:

11 (a) For counties with a total population of more than
12 two hundred thousand (200,000), an amount not to exceed
13 Twenty-nine Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$29,900.00), but not
14 less than Nine Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$9,200.00).

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), an amount not to exceed Twenty-five Thousand
18 Three Hundred Dollars (\$25,300.00), but not less than Nine
19 Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$9,200.00).

20 (c) For counties with a total population of more than
21 fifty thousand (50,000) and not more than one hundred thousand
22 (100,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-three Thousand Dollars
23 (\$23,000.00), but not less than Nine Thousand Two Hundred Dollars
24 (\$9,200.00).

25 (d) For counties with a total population of more than
26 thirty-five thousand (35,000) and not more than fifty thousand
27 (50,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty Thousand Seven Hundred

28 Dollars (\$20,700.00), but not less than Nine Thousand Two Hundred
29 Dollars (\$9,200.00).

30 (e) For counties with a total population of more than
31 twenty-five thousand (25,000) and not more than thirty-five
32 thousand (35,000), an amount not to exceed Eighteen Thousand Four
33 Hundred Dollars (\$18,400.00), but not less than Nine Thousand Two
34 Hundred Dollars (\$9,200.00).

35 (f) For counties with a total population of more than
36 fifteen thousand (15,000) and not more than twenty-five thousand
37 (25,000), an amount not to exceed Sixteen Thousand One Hundred
38 Dollars (\$16,100.00), but not less than Nine Thousand Two Hundred
39 Dollars (\$9,200.00).

40 (g) For counties with a total population of more than
41 ten thousand (10,000) and not more than fifteen thousand (15,000),
42 an amount not to exceed Thirteen Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars
43 (\$13,800.00), but not less than Eight Thousand Fifty Dollars
44 (\$8,050.00).

45 (h) For counties with a total population of more than
46 six thousand (6,000) and not more than ten thousand (10,000), an
47 amount not to exceed Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
48 (\$11,500.00), but not less than Eight Thousand Fifty Dollars
49 (\$8,050.00).

50 (i) For counties with a total population of not more
51 than six thousand (6,000), an amount not to exceed Nine Thousand
52 Two Hundred Dollars (\$9,200.00) but not less than Six Thousand
53 Three Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$6,325.00).

54 (j) For counties having two (2) judicial districts, the
55 board of supervisors of the county may allow, in addition to the
56 sums prescribed herein, in its discretion, an amount not to exceed
57 Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$11,500.00).

58 (2) In the event of a reregistration within such county, or
59 a redistricting which necessitates the hiring of additional deputy
60 registrars, the board of supervisors may by contract compensate

61 the county registrar amounts in addition to the sums prescribed
62 herein, in its discretion.

63 (3) As compensation for their services in assisting the
64 county election commissioners in performance of their duties in
65 the revision of the registration books and the pollbooks of the
66 several voting precincts of the several counties and in assisting
67 the election commissioners, executive committees or boards of
68 supervisors in connection with any election, the registrar shall
69 receive the same daily per diem and limitation on meeting days as
70 provided for the board of election commissioners as set out in
71 Sections 23-15-153 and 23-15-227 to be paid from the general fund
72 of the county.

73 (4) In any case where an amount has been allowed by the
74 board of supervisors pursuant to this section, such amount shall
75 not be reduced or terminated during the term for which the
76 registrar was elected.

77 (5) The circuit clerk shall, in addition to any other
78 compensation provided for by law, be entitled to receive as
79 compensation from the board of supervisors the amount of Five
80 Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) per year. This payment shall be for
81 the performance of his duties in regard to the conduct of
82 elections and the performance of his other duties.

83 (6) The municipal clerk shall, in addition to any other
84 compensation for performance of duties, be eligible to receive as
85 compensation from the municipality's governing authorities a
86 reasonable amount of additional compensation for reimbursement of
87 costs and for additional duties associated with mail-in
88 registration of voters.

89 (7) The board of supervisors shall not allow any additional
90 compensation authorized under this section for services as county
91 registrar to any circuit clerk who is receiving fees as
92 compensation for his services equal to the limitation on
93 compensation prescribed in Section 9-1-43.

94 **SECTION 2.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
95 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
96 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the
97 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
98 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
99 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
100 extended.

101 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
102 and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting
103 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.