

By: Senator(s) Albritton

To: Fees, Salaries and Administration

SENATE BILL NO. 2930

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-11-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REVISE THE SALARY TO BE PAID BY THE COUNTY TO THE JUSTICE COURT  
3 CLERK OR CLERKS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 9-11-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 9-11-27. The board of supervisors of each county shall, at  
8 its own expense, appoint one (1) person to serve as clerk of the  
9 justice court system of the county, and may appoint such other  
10 employees for the justice court of the county as it deems  
11 necessary, including a person or persons to serve as deputy clerk  
12 or deputy clerks. The board of supervisors of each county with  
13 two (2) judicial districts may, at its own expense, appoint two  
14 (2) persons to serve as clerks of the justice court system of the  
15 county, one (1) for each judicial district, and may appoint such  
16 other employees for the justice court system of the county as it  
17 deems necessary including persons to serve as deputy clerks. The  
18 salary of the justice court clerk or clerks shall be not less than  
19 the salary of the justice court judge or judges for that county,  
20 as set forth in Section 25-3-35. The clerk and deputy clerks  
21 shall be empowered to file and record actions and pleadings, to  
22 receive and receipt for monies, to acknowledge affidavits, to  
23 issue warrants in criminal cases upon direction by a justice court  
24 judge in the county, to approve the sufficiency of bonds in civil  
25 and criminal cases, to certify and issue copies of all records,  
26 documents and pleadings filed in the justice court and to issue  
27 all process necessary for the operation of the justice court. The

28 clerk or deputy clerks may refuse to accept a personal check in  
29 payment of any fine or cost or to satisfy any other payment  
30 required to be made to the justice court. All orders from the  
31 justice court judge to the clerk of the justice court shall be  
32 written. All cases, civil and criminal, shall be assigned by the  
33 clerk to the justice court judges of the county in the manner  
34 provided in Section 11-9-105 and Section 99-33-2. A deputy clerk  
35 who works in an office separate from the clerk and who is the head  
36 deputy clerk of the separate office may be designated to be  
37 trained as a clerk as provided in Section 9-11-29.

38       **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
39 and after July 1, 2006.