

By: Representative Coleman (29th)

To: Fees and Salaries of
Public Officers; County
Affairs

HOUSE BILL NO. 1509

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-225, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO INCREASE THE COMPENSATION PAID TO CIRCUIT CLERKS IN PERFORMANCE
3 OF DUTIES IN REGARD TO THE CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

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

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

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

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

16 (b) For counties with a total population of more than
17 one hundred thousand (100,000) and not more than two hundred
18 thousand (200,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-five Thousand
19 Three Hundred Dollars (\$25,300.00), but not less than Nine
20 Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$9,200.00).

21 (c) For counties with a total population of more than
22 fifty thousand (50,000) and not more than one hundred thousand
23 (100,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-three Thousand Dollars
24 (\$23,000.00), but not less than Nine Thousand Two Hundred Dollars
25 (\$9,200.00).

26 (d) For counties with a total population of more than
27 thirty-five thousand (35,000) and not more than fifty thousand
28 (50,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty Thousand Seven Hundred

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

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

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

41 (g) For counties with a total population of more than
42 ten thousand (10,000) and not more than fifteen thousand (15,000),
43 an amount not to exceed Thirteen Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars
44 (\$13,800.00), but not less than Eight Thousand Fifty Dollars
45 (\$8,050.00).

46 (h) For counties with a total population of more than
47 six thousand (6,000) and not more than ten thousand (10,000), an
48 amount not to exceed Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
49 (\$11,500.00), but not less than Eight Thousand Fifty Dollars
50 (\$8,050.00).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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