

By: Representative Blackmon

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1645

1 AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION TO THE MISSISSIPPI  
2 SUPREME COURT FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING SUPPORT STAFF POSITIONS  
3 FOR THE SUPREME COURT AND THE COURT OF APPEALS, FUNDING THE  
4 SALARIES AND OTHER EXPENSES OF SPECIAL JUDGES APPOINTED IN THE  
5 GULF COAST COUNTIES, AND PROVIDING APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY TO FUND  
6 TRIAL COURT SUPPORT STAFF, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2007.

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

8 SECTION 1. In addition to all other sums previously  
9 appropriated, the following sum, or so much of it as may be  
10 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General  
11 Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi Supreme Court  
12 for the purpose of funding support staff positions for the Supreme  
13 Court and the Court of Appeals and funding the salaries and other  
14 expenses of special judges appointed in the Gulf Coast counties,  
15 as provided in Section 2, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007  
16 ..... \$ 727,443.00.

17 SECTION 2. The money appropriated in Section 1 shall be  
18 allocated as follows:

- 19 (a) Supreme Court - judicial assistant and two (2) law  
20 clerks..... \$ 164,143.00
- 21 (b) Court of Appeals - judicial assistant and two (2)  
22 law clerks..... \$ 164,143.00
- 23 (c) Special judges appointed in Gulf Coast counties -  
24 salaries and other expenses..... \$ 399,157.00
- 25 TOTAL..... \$ 727,443.00

26 SECTION 3. In addition to all other sums previously  
27 appropriated, the following sum, or so much of it as may be  
28 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury  
29 to the credit of the Mississippi Supreme Court that is comprised

30 of special source funds collected by, or otherwise available to,  
31 the court, for the purpose of providing appropriation authority to  
32 fund trial court support staff for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
33 2007..... \$ 200,000.00.

34 **SECTION 4.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid  
35 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the proper fund or  
36 funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State  
37 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his  
38 warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or  
39 officers in the manner provided by law.

40 **SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
41 and after its passage.