SENATE BILL NO. 2681

1   AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 21-8-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 DELETE CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS ON SALARIES FOR THE MAYOR OR
3 COUNCILMEN IN CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5   **SECTION 1.** Section 21-8-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is

6 amended as follows:

7   21-8-21. (1) The mayor and the members of the council shall

8 be qualified electors of the municipality. The compensation for

9 the mayor and the members of the council shall be set by the

10 council. After the salaries of the first mayor and first council

11 have been determined by the council of any municipality electing

12 to come under the provision of this chapter, such salaries shall

13 be effective immediately. Thereafter, any increases or decreases

14 in the salary for the mayor or councilmen may be authorized by the

15 council at any time. *** * ***

16   (2) The salary of the mayor, councilmen and all employees of

17 such municipality shall be paid at such periods as may be fixed by

18 the council, but not less frequently than once a month; however,

19 no salaries or wages shall be paid to any officer or employee of

20 such municipality until after the same shall have been earned.

21 Every officer or employee of the municipality shall receive such a

22 salary of compensation as the council shall by ordinance provide,

23 and the salary compensation of all employees of such municipality

24 shall be fixed by the council from time to time, as occasion may

25 demand.

26   (3) The city council shall have the power and authority to

27 provide for and pay to any member of the police department or fire

28 department of such municipality additional compensation for

29 services and duties performed by any such member over and above

30 the usual and regular number of days and hours per week or month

31 ordinarily worked by such member. Nothing herein contained shall

32 be construed to relieve any such member of the police department

33 or fire department from being subject to call for duty on a

34 twenty-four-hour basis whether or not additional compensation is

35 paid. Provided, however, that no policeman or fireman shall

36 perform any duties or other work during regular working hours for

37 any person or association, group or drive, or during hours for

38 which he is being paid for the performance of official duties as

39 policeman or fireman.

40   **SECTION 2.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi

41 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,

42 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the

43 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States

44 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the

45 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and

46 extended.

47   **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from

48 and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting

49 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.

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PAGE 2   certain municipalities; delete certain
                          restrictions.