

By: Senator(s) Hopson

To: Judiciary, Division A

SENATE BILL NO. 2676

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-7-47, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT A WITNESS IN COURT WILL RECEIVE THE SAME PAY AS A
3 JUROR IN THAT COUNTY WOULD BE PAID, PLUS MILEAGE; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 25-7-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 25-7-47. Witnesses in the county, circuit * * *, chancery
9 and justice courts shall receive * * * the same pay per day as is
10 set by the board of supervisors under Section 25-7-61 for service
11 as a juror plus mileage as authorized under Section 25-3-41 for
12 each mile going to and returning from the courthouse to their
13 homes by the nearest route, and such tolls and ferriages as they
14 may actually be obliged to pay; but * * * a charge shall not be
15 made for mileage except that traveled in this state. * * *
16 Witnesses in all other cases shall receive the same compensation
17 as they receive before the circuit court. It shall not be
18 necessary to issue subpoenas for police officers as witnesses in
19 city cases of cities having a population of more than ten thousand



20 (10,000) according to the federal census of 1930; and * * *
21 officers, when used as witnesses in * * * cases, are not to be
22 allowed witness fees. A law enforcement officer who has retired
23 or otherwise ceased employment as a law enforcement officer but
24 who is required to testify in any case based on matters that arose
25 during the course of the officer's employment shall be entitled to
26 the same compensation and expenses from the former employing law
27 enforcement agency as an officer on active duty under the same
28 circumstances.

29 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
30 and after July 1, 2014.

