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To: Judiciary B; Fees and
Salaries of Public Officers

HOUSE BILL NO. 1049
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-13-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO REVISE THE ANNUAL
3 SALARY OF COURT REPORTERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 9-13-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 9-13-19. (1) Court reporters for circuit and chancery
8 courts shall be paid an annual salary payable by the
9 Administrative Office of Courts not to exceed Forty Thousand Five
10 Hundred Dollars (\$40,500.00) for court reporters with five (5)
11 years' experience or less; not to exceed Forty-three Thousand Five
12 Hundred Dollars (\$43,500.00) for court reporters who have more
13 than five (5) years' experience but less than ten (10) years; and
14 not to exceed Forty-six Thousand Dollars (\$46,000.00) for court
15 reporters who have ten (10) years or more experience. In
16 addition, any court reporter performing the duties of a court
17 administrator in the same judicial district in which the person is
18 employed as a court reporter may be paid additional compensation



19 for performing the court administrator duties. The annual amount
20 of the additional compensation shall be set by vote of the judges
21 and chancellors for whom the court administrator duties are
22 performed, with consideration given to the number of hours per
23 month devoted by the court reporter to performing the duties of a
24 court administrator. The additional compensation shall be
25 submitted to the Administrative Office of Courts for approval.

26 (2) The several counties in each respective court district
27 shall transfer from the general funds of those county treasuries
28 to the Administrative Office of Courts a proportionate amount to
29 be paid toward the annual compensation of the court reporter,
30 including any additional compensation paid for the performance of
31 court administrator duties. The amount to be paid by each county
32 shall be determined by the number of weeks in which court is held
33 in each county in proportion to the total number of weeks court is
34 held in the district. For purposes of this section, the term
35 "compensation" means the gross salary plus all amounts paid for
36 benefits, or otherwise, as a result of employment or as required
37 by employment, but does not include transcript fees otherwise
38 authorized to be paid by or through the counties. However, only
39 salary earned for services rendered shall be reported and credited
40 for retirement purposes. Amounts paid for transcript fees,
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42 expenses, shall not be reported or credited for retirement
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44 For example, if there are thirty-eight (38) scheduled court
45 weeks in a particular district, a county in which court is
46 scheduled five (5) weeks out of the year would have to pay
47 five-thirty-eighths (5/38) of the total annual compensation.

48 (3) The salary and any additional compensation for the
49 performance of court administrator duties shall be paid in twelve
50 (12) installments on the last working day of each month after it
51 has been duly authorized by the appointing judge or chancellor and
52 an order duly placed on the minutes of the court. Each county
53 shall transfer to the Administrative Office of Courts one-twelfth
54 (1/12) of the amount required to be paid pursuant to subsection
55 (2) of this section by the twentieth day of each month for the
56 salary that is to be paid on the last working day of the month.
57 The Administrative Office of Courts shall pay to the court
58 reporter the total amount of salary due for that month. Any
59 county may pay, in the discretion of the board of supervisors, by
60 the twentieth day of January of any year, the amount due for a
61 full twelve (12) months.

62 (4) From and after October 1, 1996, all circuit and chancery
63 court reporters will be employees of the Administrative Office of
64 Courts.

65 (5) No circuit or chancery court reporter shall be entitled
66 to any compensation for any special or extended term of court
67 after passage of this section.



68 (6) No chancery or circuit court reporter shall practice law
69 in the court within which he or she is the court reporter.

70 (7) For all travel required in the performance of official
71 duties, the circuit or chancery court reporter shall be paid
72 mileage by the county in which the duties were performed at the
73 same rate as provided for state employees in Section 25-3-41. The
74 court reporter shall file in the office of the clerk of the court
75 which he serves a certificate of mileage expense incurred during
76 that term and payment of such expense to the court reporter shall
77 be paid on allowance by the judge of such court.

78 **[From and after October 1, 2015, through September 30, 2016,**
79 **this section shall read as follows:]**

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83 Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$43,500.00) for court reporters
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85 Forty-eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$48,500.00) for court
86 reporters who have more than five (5) years' experience but less
87 than ten (10) years; and not to exceed * * * Fifty-two Thousand
88 Dollars (\$52,000.00) for court reporters who have ten (10) years
89 or more experience. No amount of the increase in the maximum
90 salary authorized by this act shall be paid from the State General
91 Fund. The board of supervisors of any county is authorized to pay
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156 **[From and after October 1, 2016, through September 30, 2017,**
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234 **[From and after October 1, 2017, this section shall read as**
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312 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
313 and after July 1, 2015.

