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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 2193

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-13-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 INCREASE THE ANNUAL SALARY OF COURT REPORTERS FOR CIRCUIT AND  
3 CHANCERY COURTS; 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-five  
10 Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$45,500.00) for court reporters  
11 with five (5) years' experience or less; not to exceed \* \* \*  
12 Fifty-three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$53,500.00) for court  
13 reporters who have more than five (5) years' experience but less  
14 than ten (10) years; and not to exceed \* \* \* Sixty-one Thousand  
15 Dollars (\$61,000.00) for court reporters who have ten (10) years  
16 or more experience. No amount of the increase in the maximum  
17 annual salary authorized by this act shall be paid from the State  
18 General Fund. In addition, any court reporter performing the



19 duties of a court administrator in the same judicial district in  
20 which the person is employed as a court reporter may be paid  
21 additional compensation for performing the court administrator  
22 duties. The annual amount of the additional compensation shall be  
23 set by vote of the judges and chancellors for whom the court  
24 administrator duties are performed, with consideration given to  
25 the number of hours per month devoted by the court reporter to  
26 performing the duties of a court administrator. The additional  
27 compensation shall be submitted to the Administrative Office of  
28 Courts for approval.

29 (2) The several counties in each respective court district  
30 shall transfer from the general funds of those county treasuries  
31 to the Administrative Office of Courts a proportionate amount to  
32 be paid toward the annual compensation of the court reporter,  
33 including any additional compensation paid for the performance of  
34 court administrator duties. The amount to be paid by each county  
35 shall be determined by the number of weeks in which court is held  
36 in each county in proportion to the total number of weeks court is  
37 held in the district. For purposes of this section, the term  
38 "compensation" means the gross salary plus all amounts paid for  
39 benefits, or otherwise, as a result of employment or as required  
40 by employment, but does not include transcript fees otherwise  
41 authorized to be paid by or through the counties. However, only  
42 salary earned for services rendered shall be reported and credited  
43 for retirement purposes. Amounts paid for transcript fees,



44 benefits or otherwise, including reimbursement for travel  
45 expenses, shall not be reported or credited for retirement  
46 purposes.

47 For example, if there are thirty-eight (38) scheduled court  
48 weeks in a particular district, a county in which court is  
49 scheduled five (5) weeks out of the year would have to pay  
50 five-thirty-eighths (5/38) of the total annual compensation.

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

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



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

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

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

81 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
82 and after July 1, 2015.

