Senate Amendments to House Bill No. 874

TO THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE SENATE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

- 7 **SECTION 1.** Section 19-25-73, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 8 amended as follows:
- 9 19-25-73. (1) In respect to the feeding of prisoners by the
- 10 sheriff's office, the board of supervisors is authorized to choose
- 11 one (1) of the following methods:
- 12 (a) It shall only contract with a local caterer or
- 13 restaurant owner to bring in food for the prisoners, and the
- 14 contract shall be awarded after taking bids as provided by law for
- 15 other county contracts.
- 16 (b) The sheriff shall purchase, in the name of the
- 17 county, all necessary food and related supplies to be used for
- 18 feeding prisoners only in the county jail. All purchases of such
- 19 food and supplies shall be invoiced to the county and placed on
- 20 the claims docket of the board of supervisors for disposition in
- 21 the same manner as all other claims against the county. All wages
- 22 and other compensation for services rendered to the sheriff in
- 23 connection with the feeding of prisoners shall be submitted to and

- 24 approved by the board of supervisors as other wages or
- 25 compensation paid to employees of the sheriff. The total
- 26 expenditure for such purpose under this method shall not
- 27 exceed * * * Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) per day per prisoner, except
- 28 as provided in subsection (3) of this section. All payments and
- 29 reimbursements from any source for the keeping of prisoners shall
- 30 be received and paid into the general fund of the county.
- 31 (c) The board of supervisors may negotiate a contract
- 32 with the board of trustees of the local public community hospital
- 33 to bring in food for the prisoners.
- 34 (2) The board of supervisors may authorize the sheriff to
- 35 maintain a bank account entitled "jail food allowance account"
- 36 into which shall be deposited all receipts for feeding and keeping
- 37 prisoners in the county jail, including payments from the board of
- 38 supervisors at the rate \star \star not to exceed Fifteen Dollars
- 39 (\$15.00) per prisoner per day and all such receipts from
- 40 municipalities, the United States and any other jurisdictions
- 41 required to pay the cost of feeding or keeping prisoners contained
- 42 in the jail. He shall maintain a receipts journal and a
- 43 disbursements journal, in a form to be prescribed by the State
- 44 Department of Audit, which will provide the information necessary
- 45 to determine the actual cost of feeding the prisoners, which shall
- 46 not exceed * * * Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) per prisoner per day,
- 47 except as provided in subsection (3) of this section. All costs
- 48 and expenses for such feeding shall be paid from the jail food
- 49 allowance account and supported by properly itemized invoices.

- 50 Any funds accumulating in the jail food allowance account in
- 51 excess of the monthly average expenditures, plus ten percent (10%)
- 52 for contingencies, shall be paid into the county general fund at
- 163 least once each calendar quarter.
- 54 (3) In the event that prisoners are housed in the county
- 55 jail by any political subdivision of the state, the county may
- 56 charge the political subdivision for housing, feeding and
- 57 otherwise caring for such prisoners an amount not to exceed the
- 58 payments provided under * * * state law for the keeping in the
- 59 county jail of persons committed, sentenced or otherwise placed
- 60 under the custody of the Department of Corrections. Nothing in
- 61 this section shall be construed to affect payments by the
- 62 Department of Corrections set by * * * state law for the keeping
- 63 in the county jail of persons committed, sentenced or otherwise
- 64 placed under the custody of the Department of Corrections.
- 65 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 66 and after July 1, 2019.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 19-25-73, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE FROM \$6.00 TO \$15.00 PER DAY PER PRISONER THAT COUNTY SHERIFFS MAY EXPEND UPON FEEDING PRISONERS HOUSED WITHIN COUNTY JAILS WHENEVER SUCH SHERIFFS PURCHASE FOOD, IN THE NAME OF THE COUNTY, FOR THE PRISONERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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