

By: Representative Ladner

To: Local and Private  
Legislation

HOUSE BILL NO. 35

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 19-5-171, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
2 1972, TO DELETE THE PROVISION OF LAW PROVIDING FOR THE  
3 COMPENSATION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE STANDARD DEDEAUX WATER  
4 DISTRICT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 19-5-171, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 19-5-171. (1) Every resident citizen of the county in which  
9 is located any district created under Sections 19-5-151 through  
10 19-5-207, of good reputation, being the owner of land or the  
11 conductor of a business situated within the district and being  
12 over twenty-five (25) years of age and of sound mind and judgment,  
13 shall be eligible to hold the office of commissioner.

14 (2) Except as provided in Section 19-5-164(3), each person  
15 appointed or elected as a commissioner, before entering upon the  
16 discharge of the duties of the person's office, shall be required  
17 to execute a bond payable to the State of Mississippi in the penal  
18 sum of not less than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00)  
19 conditioned that the person will faithfully discharge the duties



20 of the office. Each bond shall be approved by the clerk of the  
21 board of supervisors and filed with the clerk.

22 (3) Each commissioner shall take and subscribe to an oath of  
23 office prescribed in Section 268, Mississippi Constitution of  
24 1890, before the clerk of the board of supervisors that the person  
25 will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of  
26 commissioner, which oath shall also be filed with the clerk and  
27 preserved with the official bond.

28 (4) Except as provided in subsection (5), the commissioners  
29 so appointed or elected and qualified shall be compensated for  
30 their services for each meeting of the board of commissioners  
31 attended, either regular or special, at a rate to be fixed by the  
32 board of supervisors, not to exceed the rate established in  
33 Section 25-3-69 for officers of state boards, commissions and  
34 agencies, and shall be reimbursed for all expenses necessarily  
35 incurred in the discharge of their official duties in accordance  
36 with Section 25-3-41. However, in no one (1) calendar year shall  
37 any commissioner be compensated for more than twenty-four (24)  
38 meetings.

39 (5) (a) The commissioners of the Hancock County Water and  
40 Sewer District shall be compensated for their services at a rate  
41 up to Eighty-four Dollars (\$84.00) per day for each meeting of the  
42 board of commissioners attended, either regular or special, and  
43 shall be reimbursed for all expenses necessarily incurred in the



44 discharge of their official duties in accordance with Section  
45 25-3-41.

46 (b) The commissioners of the Kiln Utility and Fire  
47 District of Hancock County shall be compensated for their services  
48 at a rate up to Eighty-four Dollars (\$84.00) per day for each  
49 meeting of the board of commissioners attended, either regular or  
50 special, and shall be reimbursed for all expenses necessarily  
51 incurred in the discharge of their official duties in accordance  
52 with Section 25-3-41.

53 (c) The commissioners of the Pearlinton Water and  
54 Sewer District of Hancock County shall be compensated for their  
55 services at a rate up to Eighty-four Dollars (\$84.00) per day for  
56 each meeting of the board of commissioners attended, either  
57 regular or special, and shall be reimbursed for all expenses  
58 necessarily incurred in the discharge of their official duties in  
59 accordance with Section 25-3-41.

60 (d) The commissioners of the Diamondhead Water and  
61 Sewer District of Hancock County shall be compensated for their  
62 services at a rate up to the Eighty-four Dollars (\$84.00) per day  
63 for each meeting of the board of commissioners attended, either  
64 regular or special, and shall be reimbursed for all expenses  
65 necessarily incurred in the discharge of their official duties in  
66 accordance with Section 25-3-41.

67 (e) The commissioners of the Hancock County Solid Waste  
68 Authority shall be compensated for their services at a rate up to



69 the Eighty-four Dollars (\$84.00) per day for each meeting of the  
70 board of commissioners attended, either regular or special, and  
71 shall be reimbursed for all expenses necessarily incurred in the  
72 discharge of their official duties in accordance with Section  
73 25-3-41.

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75 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
76 and after July 1, 2022.

