

By: Representative Wright

To: Judiciary B;
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 400

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 19-25-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO INCREASE THE SALARY OF RIDING BAILIFFS; TO AUTHORIZE RIDING
3 BAILIFFS TO CARRY A FIREARM IF THEY HAVE THE PROPER CERTIFICATION;
4 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 19-25-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 19-25-31. Each judge of a circuit, chancery or county court,
9 or a court of eminent domain may, in the judge's discretion, by
10 order entered on the minutes of the court, allow the sheriff
11 riding bailiffs to serve in the respective court of such judge,
12 not to exceed four (4) bailiffs. Any such person so employed
13 shall be paid by the county on allowances of the court on issuance
14 of a warrant therefor in an amount of * * * One Hundred Dollars
15 (\$100.00) for each day, or part thereof, for which he or she
16 serves as bailiff when the court is in session. Notwithstanding
17 the provisions of Section 45-9-53, each bailiff shall be
18 authorized to carry a firearm if he or she has the proper
19 certification for the firearm as otherwise provided by law. No



20 full-time deputy sheriff shall be paid as a riding bailiff of any
21 court. County court judges shall be limited to one (1) bailiff
22 per each court day.

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

