

By: Representative Harness

To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 561

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-3-43, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REMOVE THE GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATION ON THE EXPENSE ALLOWANCE
3 RECEIVED BY EACH SUPREME COURT JUSTICE AND EACH JUDGE OF THE COURT
4 OF APPEALS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 25-3-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 25-3-43. (1) When any chancery judge, county judge or
9 circuit judge shall be required to travel in the performance of
10 his official duties, such judge shall receive as expenses of such
11 travel the mileage allowance and a reimbursement for other actual
12 and necessary expenses incurred in such travel as provided for
13 public officers and employees in Section 25-3-41, Mississippi Code
14 of 1972. This shall be the entire travel allowances or travel
15 expenses received by such judges.

16 (2) Chancery judges and circuit judges shall direct requests
17 for reimbursement for the travel expenses authorized pursuant to
18 this section to the Supreme Court and the Supreme Court shall



19 submit such requests to the Department of Finance and
20 Administration.

21 (3) The Supreme Court shall have the power to adopt rules
22 and regulations regarding the administration of travel expenses
23 authorized pursuant to this section.

24 (4) In any county in which is located a State Penitentiary,
25 the board of supervisors, in order to compensate the justice court
26 judges who are required to travel to the State Penitentiary, is
27 authorized to reimburse justice court judges' mileage in the
28 amount authorized by Section 25-3-41, but not to exceed One
29 Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per month, such monies to be paid from
30 the general county fund of such county.

31 (5) In addition to the regular salary provided by Section
32 25-3-35 and the mileage reimbursement provided by Section 25-3-41,
33 each Supreme Court Justice and each judge of the Court of Appeals
34 shall receive an expense allowance as specified in this
35 subsection. The expense allowance shall be equal to the maximum
36 daily expense rate allowable to employees of the federal
37 government for travel in the high rate geographical area of
38 Jackson, Mississippi, as may be established by federal
39 regulations, per day, for each day while actually attending to
40 judicial duties in * * * Mississippi, not to exceed twenty (20)
41 days per month.

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

