MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

By: Representatives Currie, Tullos, Stamps To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1408 (As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-3-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO 2 INCREASE THE ANNUAL SALARIES OF THE COUNTY SHERIFFS; TO AUTHORIZE 3 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ANY COUNTY IN WHICH A JUVENILE 4 DETENTION CENTER IS LOCATED TO PAY AN ANNUAL SUPPLEMENT TO THE 5 SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY; TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-153, MISSISSIPPI 6 CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF PER DIEM FOR COUNTY 7 ELECTION COMMISSIONERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 SECTION 1. Section 25-3-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is

10 amended as follows:

11 25-3-25. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (2) through (9), the salaries of sheriffs of the various counties 12 13 are fixed as full compensation for their services.

14 The annual salary for each sheriff shall be based upon the total population of his county according to the latest federal 15 16 decennial census in the following categories and for the following 17 amounts; however, no sheriff shall be paid less than the salary 18 authorized under this section to be paid the sheriff based upon the population of the county according to the most recent federal 19 decennial census: 20

(a) For counties with a total population of more than
one hundred thousand (100,000), a salary of * * * <u>One Hundred Four</u>
<u>Thousand Dollars (\$104,000.00)</u>.

(b) For counties with a total population of more than * * <u>forty-four thousand (44,000)</u> and not more than one hundred thousand (100,000), a salary of * * <u>Ninety-five Thousand</u> Dollars (\$95,000.00).

(c) For counties with a total population of more than * * <u>thirty thousand (30,000)</u> and not more than * * * <u>forty-four thousand (44,000)</u>, a salary of * * <u>Ninety Thousand</u> Dollars (\$90,000.00).

32 (d) For counties with a total population of more
33 than * * <u>twelve thousand five hundred (12,500)</u> and not more
34 than * * <u>thirty thousand (30,000)</u>, a salary of * * <u>Eighty-five</u>
35 Thousand Dollars (\$85,000.00).

36 (e) For counties with a total population of not more 37 than * * twelve thousand five hundred (12,500), a salary 38 of * * Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00).

(2) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1) of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Leflore County, in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such county for the following reasons:

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46 The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates (a) 47 and maintains a restitution center within the county;

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The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates (b) and maintains a community work center within the county; 49

50 (C) There is a resident circuit court judge in the 51 county whose office is located at the Leflore County Courthouse;

52 There is a resident chancery court judge in the (d) 53 county whose office is located at the Leflore County Courthouse;

54 The Magistrate for the Fourth Circuit Court (e) 55 District is located in the county and maintains his office at the 56 Leflore County Courthouse;

57 The Region VI Mental Health-Mental Retardation (f) 58 Center, which serves a multicounty area, calls upon the sheriff to provide security for out-of-town mental patients, as well as 59 60 patients from within the county;

61 (q) The increased activity of the Child Support 62 Division of the Department of Human Services in enforcing in the courts parental obligations has imposed additional duties on the 63 64 sheriff; and

65 The dispatchers of the enhanced E-911 system in (h) 66 place in Leflore County have been placed under the direction and 67 control of the sheriff.

In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1) 68 (3) 69 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Rankin County, in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the 70

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71 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars

72 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual 73 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such 74 county for the following reasons:

(a) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates
and maintains the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility within
the county;

78 (b) The State Hospital is operated and maintained79 within the county at Whitfield;

80 (c) Hudspeth Regional Center, a facility maintained for 81 the care and treatment of persons with an intellectual disability, 82 is located within the county;

83 (d) The Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Training
84 Academy is operated and maintained within the county;

85 (e) The State Fire Academy is operated and maintained86 within the county;

87 (f) The Pearl River Valley Water Supply District,
88 ordinarily known as the "Reservoir District," is located within
89 the county;

90 (g) The Jackson<u>-Medgar Wiley Evers</u> International
91 Airport is located within the county;

92 (h) The patrolling of the state properties located
93 within the county has imposed additional duties on the sheriff;
94 and

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100 (4) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1) 101 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County shall 102 pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county an amount 103 equal to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

104 In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1) (5) 105 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Tunica County, in its 106 discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the 107 county an amount equal to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), 108 payable beginning April 1, 1997.

109 In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1) (6) 110 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Hinds County shall 111 pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county in an amount equal to Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00). The Legislature 112 113 finds and declares that the annual supplement authorized by this 114 subsection is justified in such county for the following reasons:

115 (a) Hinds County has the greatest population of any 116 county, two hundred fifty-four thousand four hundred forty-one (254,441) by the 1990 census, being almost one hundred thousand 117 118 (100,000) more than the next most populous county;

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(b) Hinds County is home to the State Capitol and the seat of all state government offices;

121 (c) Hinds County is the third largest county in 122 geographic area, containing eight hundred seventy-five (875) 123 square miles;

124 (d) Hinds County is comprised of two (2) judicial125 districts, each having a courthouse and county office buildings;

(e) There are four (4) resident circuit judges, four
(4) resident chancery judges, and three (3) resident county judges
in Hinds County, the most of any county, with the sheriff acting
as chief executive officer and provider of bailiff services for
all;

(f) The main offices for the clerk and most of the judges and magistrates for the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi are located within the county;

(g) The state's only urban university, Jackson StateUniversity, is located within the county;

(h) The University of Mississippi Medical Center,
combining the medical school, dental school, nursing school and
hospital, is located within the county;

140 (i) Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium, the state's141 largest sports arena, is located within the county;

(j) The Mississippi State Fairgrounds, including theColiseum and Trade Mart, are located within the county;

H. B. No. 1408 **~ OFFICIAL ~** 22/HR43/R1521SG PAGE 6 (RF\EW) (k) Hinds County has the largest criminal population in the state, such that the Hinds County Sheriff's Department operates the largest county jail system in the state, housing almost one thousand (1,000) inmates in three (3) separate detention facilities;

(1) The Hinds County Sheriff's Department handles more mental and drug and alcohol commitment cases than any other sheriff's department in the state;

(m) The Mississippi Department of Corrections maintainsa restitution center within the county;

(n) The Mississippi Department of Corrections regularly
houses as many as one hundred (100) state convicts within the
Hinds County jail system; and

(o) The Hinds County Sheriff's Department is regularly asked to provide security services not only at the Fairgrounds and Memorial Stadium, but also for events at the Mississippi Museum of Art and Jackson City Auditorium.

161 (7) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1) 162 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Wilkinson County, in 163 its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the 164 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars 165 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual 166 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such 167 county because the Mississippi Department of Corrections contracts

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168 for the private incarceration of state inmates at a private 169 correctional facility within the county.

170 In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1) (8) of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Marshall County, in 171 172 its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the 173 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual 174 175 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such 176 county because the Mississippi Department of Corrections contracts for the private incarceration of state inmates at a private 177 178 correctional facility within the county.

(9) In addition to the salary provided in subsection (1) of
this section, the Board of Supervisors of Greene County, in its
discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the
county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars
(\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual
supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such
county for the following reasons:

(a) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates
and maintains the South Mississippi Correctional Facility within
the county;

(b) In 1996, additional facilities to house another one thousand four hundred sixteen (1,416) male offenders were constructed at the South Mississippi Correctional Facility within the county; and

H. B. No. 1408 **~ OFFICIAL ~** 22/HR43/R1521SG PAGE 8 (RF\EW) 193 The patrolling of the state properties located (C) 194 within the county has imposed additional duties on the sheriff justifying additional compensation. 195

196 In addition to the salary provided in subsection (1) of (10)197 this section, the board of supervisors of any county, in its 198 discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the 199 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). The amount of the supplement shall be spread on the 200 201 minutes of the board. The annual supplement authorized in this 202 subsection shall not be in addition to the annual supplements 203 authorized in subsections (2) through (9).

204 In addition to the salary provided in subsection (1) (11)205 and the supplements authorized in subsections (2) through (10), 206 the board of supervisors of any county, in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand 207 208 Dollars (\$5,000.00) to the sheriff of any county in which a 209 juvenile detention center is located. The amount of the 210 supplement shall be spread on the minutes of the board.

211 (* * *12) (a) The salaries provided in this section shall 212 be payable monthly on the first day of each calendar month by 213 chancery clerk's warrant drawn on the general fund of the county; 214 however, the board of supervisors, by resolution duly adopted and 215 entered on its minutes, may provide that such salaries shall be 216 paid semimonthly on the first and fifteenth day of each month. If a pay date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, salary payments 217

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218 shall be made on the workday immediately preceding the weekend or 219 legal holiday.

220 At least Ten Dollars (\$10.00) from each fee (b) 221 collected and deposited into the county's general fund under the 222 provisions of paragraphs (a), (c) and (g) of subsection (1) of 223 Section 25-7-19 shall be used for the sheriffs' salaries 224 authorized in Section 25-3-25; as such Ten Dollar (\$10.00) amount 225 was authorized during the 2007 Regular Session in Chapter 331, 226 Laws of 2007, for the purpose of providing additional monies to 227 the counties for sheriffs' salaries.

(***<u>13</u>) (a) All sheriffs, each year, shall attend twenty
(20) hours of continuing education courses in law enforcement.
Such courses shall be approved by the Mississippi Board on Law
Enforcement Officers Standards and Training. Such education
courses may be provided by an accredited law enforcement academy
or by the Mississippi Sheriffs' Association.

(b) The Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement Officers
Standards and Training shall reimburse each county for the
expenses incurred by sheriffs and deputy sheriffs for attendance
at any approved training programs as required by this subsection.
SECTION 2. Section 23-15-153, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
amended as follows:

240 23-15-153. (1) At least during the following times, the 241 election commissioners shall meet at the office of the registrar 242 or the office of the election commissioners to carefully revise

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(a) On the Tuesday after the second Monday in January252 1987 and every following year;

(b) On the first Tuesday in the month immediately preceding the first primary election for members of Congress in the years when members of Congress are elected;

(c) On the first Monday in the month immediately preceding the first primary election for state, state district legislative, county and county district offices in the years in which those offices are elected; and

(d) On the second Monday of September preceding the
general election or regular special election day in years in which
a general election is not conducted.

Except for the names of those voters who are duly qualified to vote in the election, no name shall be permitted to remain in the Statewide Elections Management System; however, no name shall be purged from the Statewide Elections Management System based on a change in the residence of an elector except in accordance with

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273 (2)Except as provided in this section, and subject to the 274 following annual limitations, the election commissioners shall be entitled to receive a per diem in the amount of * * * One Hundred 275 276 Ten Dollars (\$110.00), to be paid from the county general fund, for every day or period of no less than five (5) hours accumulated 277 278 over two (2) or more days actually employed in the performance of 279 their duties in the conduct of an election or actually employed in 280 the performance of their duties for the necessary time spent in 281 the revision of the county voter roll as electronically maintained 282 by the Statewide Elections Management System as required in 283 subsection (1) of this section:

(a) In counties having less than fifteen thousand
(15,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial
census, not more than fifty (50) days per year, with no more than
fifteen (15) additional days allowed for the conduct of each
election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

(b) In counties having fifteen thousand (15,000)
residents according to the latest federal decennial census but
less than thirty thousand (30,000) residents according to the
latest federal decennial census, not more than seventy-five (75)

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(c) In counties having thirty thousand (30,000)
residents according to the latest federal decennial census but
less than seventy thousand (70,000) residents according to the
latest federal decennial census, not more than one hundred (100)
days per year, with no more than thirty-five (35) additional days
allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1)
occurring in any calendar year;

(d) In counties having seventy thousand (70,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census but less than ninety thousand (90,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than one hundred twenty-five (125) days per year, with no more than forty-five (45) additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

(e) In counties having ninety thousand (90,000)
residents according to the latest federal decennial census but
less than one hundred seventy thousand (170,000) residents
according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than
one hundred fifty (150) days per year, with no more than
fifty-five (55) additional days allowed for the conduct of each
election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

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(f) In counties having one hundred seventy thousand (170,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census but less than two hundred thousand (200,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than one hundred seventy-five (175) days per year, with no more than sixty-five (65) additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

(g) In counties having two hundred thousand (200,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census but less than two hundred twenty-five thousand (225,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than one hundred ninety (190) days per year, with no more than seventy-five (75) additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

331 In counties having two hundred twenty-five thousand (h) 332 (225,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial 333 census but less than two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) 334 residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not 335 more than two hundred fifteen (215) days per year, with no more 336 than eighty-five (85) additional days allowed for the conduct of 337 each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year; 338 In counties having two hundred fifty thousand (i)

339 (250,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial 340 census but less than two hundred seventy-five thousand (275,000) 341 residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not

H. B. No. 1408 **~ OFFICIAL ~** 22/HR43/R1521SG PAGE 14 (RF\EW) 342 more than two hundred thirty (230) days per year, with no more 343 than ninety-five (95) additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year; 344 345 In counties having two hundred seventy-five (i) 346 thousand (275,000) residents according to the latest federal 347 decennial census or more, not more than two hundred forty (240) days per year, with no more than one hundred five (105) additional 348 days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1) 349 350 occurring in any calendar year.

351 (3) In addition to the number of days authorized in 352 subsection (2) of this section, the board of supervisors of a 353 county may authorize, in its discretion, the election 354 commissioners to receive a per diem in the amount provided for in 355 subsection (2) of this section, to be paid from the county general 356 fund, for every day or period of no less than five (5) hours 357 accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed in the 358 performance of their duties in the conduct of an election or 359 actually employed in the performance of their duties for the 360 necessary time spent in the revision of the county voter roll as 361 electronically maintained by the Statewide Elections Management System as required in subsection (1) of this section, not to 362 363 exceed five (5) days.

364 (4) (a) The election commissioners shall be entitled to
365 receive a per diem in the amount of * * * <u>One Hundred Ten Dollars</u>
366 (\$110.00), to be paid from the county general fund, not to exceed

H. B. No. 1408 **~ OFFICIAL ~** 22/HR43/R1521SG PAGE 15 (RF\EW) 367 ten (10) days for every day or period of no less than five (5) 368 hours accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed in 369 the performance of their duties for the necessary time spent in 370 the revision of the county voter roll as electronically maintained 371 by the Statewide Elections Management System before any special 372 election. For purposes of this paragraph, the regular special 373 election day shall not be considered a special election. The 374 annual limitations set forth in subsection (2) of this section 375 shall not apply to this paragraph.

(b) The election commissioners shall be entitled to
receive a per diem in the amount of * * * <u>One Hundred Sixty-five</u>
<u>Dollars (\$165.00)</u>, to be paid from the county general fund, for
the performance of their duties on the day of any primary, runoff,
general or special election. The annual limitations set forth in
subsection (2) of this section shall apply to this paragraph.

382 (C) The board of supervisors may, in its discretion, pay the election commissioners an additional amount not to exceed 383 384 Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for the performance of their duties at any 385 election occurring from July 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020, 386 which shall be considered additional pandemic pay. Such 387 compensation shall be payable out of the county general fund, and 388 may be payable from federal funds available for such purpose, or a 389 combination of both funding sources.

390 (5) The election commissioners shall be entitled to receive
391 a per diem in the amount of * * * One Hundred Ten Dollars

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401 commissioners discharge more than one (1) duty or responsibility 402 on the same day.

403 In preparation for a municipal primary, runoff, general (7)404 or special election, the county registrar shall generate and 405 distribute the master voter roll and pollbooks from the Statewide 406 Elections Management System for the municipality located within 407 the county. The municipality shall pay the county registrar for 408 the actual cost of preparing and printing the municipal master 409 voter roll pollbooks. A municipality may secure "read only" 410 access to the Statewide Elections Management System and print its 411 own pollbooks using this information.

(8) County election commissioners who perform the duties of an executive committee with regard to the conduct of a primary election under a written agreement authorized by law to be entered into with an executive committee shall receive per diem as provided for in subsection (2) of this section. The days that

417 county election commissioners are employed in the conduct of a 418 primary election shall be treated the same as days county election 419 commissioners are employed in the conduct of other elections.

(9) In addition to any per diem authorized by this section,
any election commissioner shall be entitled to the mileage
reimbursement rate allowable to federal employees for the use of a
privately owned vehicle while on official travel on election day.

(10) Every election commissioner shall sign personally a certification setting forth the number of hours actually worked in the performance of the commissioner's official duties and for which the commissioner seeks compensation. The certification must be on a form as prescribed in this subsection. The commissioner's signature is, as a matter of law, made under the commissioner's oath of office and under penalties of perjury.

431 The certification form shall be as follows:

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COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONER

433	PER DIEM CLAIM FORM						
434	NAME :				COUNTY:		
435	ADDRESS:				DISTRICT:		
436	CITY:		_ ZIP:				
437				PURPOSE	APPLICABLE	ACTUAL	PER DIEM
438	DATE	BEGINNING	ENDING	OF	MS CODE	HOURS	DAYS
439	WORKED	TIME	TIME	WORK	SECTION	WORKED	EARNED
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442 443 TOTAL NUMBER OF PER DIEM DAYS EARNED EXCLUDING ELECTION DAYS 444 PER DIEM RATE PER DAY EARNED 445 X \$ * * *110.00 446 TOTAL NUMBER PER DIEM DAYS EARNED 447 FOR ELECTION DAYS 448 PER DIEM RATE PER DAY EARNED X \$ * * *165.00 449 TOTAL AMOUNT OF PER DIEM CLAIMED \$ 450 I understand that I am signing this document under my oath as 451 an election commissioner and under penalties of perjury. 452 I understand that I am requesting payment from taxpayer funds 453 and that I have an obligation to be specific and truthful as to 454 the amount of hours worked and the compensation I am requesting. 455 Signed this the day of , . 456 457 Commissioner's Signature 458 When properly completed and signed, the certification must be filed with the clerk of the county board of supervisors before any 459 460 payment may be made. The certification will be a public record 461 available for inspection and reproduction immediately upon the 462 oral or written request of any person. 463 Any person may contest the accuracy of the certification in 464 any respect by notifying the chair of the commission, any member of the board of supervisors or the clerk of the board of 465 466 supervisors of the contest at any time before or after payment is

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467 made. If the contest is made before payment is made, no payment 468 shall be made as to the contested certificate until the contest is 469 finally disposed of. The person filing the contest shall be 470 entitled to a full hearing, and the clerk of the board of 471 supervisors shall issue subpoenas upon request of the contestor 472 compelling the attendance of witnesses and production of documents 473 and things. The contestor shall have the right to appeal de novo 474 to the circuit court of the involved county, which appeal must be 475 perfected within thirty (30) days from a final decision of the 476 commission, the clerk of the board of supervisors or the board of 477 supervisors, as the case may be.

478 Any contestor who successfully contests any certification 479 will be awarded all expenses incident to his or her contest, 480 together with reasonable attorney's fees, which will be awarded 481 upon petition to the chancery court of the involved county upon 482 final disposition of the contest before the election commission, 483 board of supervisors, clerk of the board of supervisors, or, in 484 case of an appeal, final disposition by the court. The 485 commissioner against whom the contest is decided shall be liable 486 for the payment of the expenses and attorney's fees, and the county shall be jointly and severally liable for same. 487

(11) Any election commissioner who has not received a certificate issued by the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 23-15-211 indicating that the election commissioner has received the required elections seminar instruction and that the election

H. B. No. 1408 ~ OFFICIAL ~ 22/HR43/R1521SG PAGE 20 (RF\EW) 492 commissioner is fully qualified to conduct an election, shall not 493 receive any compensation authorized by this section or Section 494 23-15-239.

495 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from 496 and after October 1, 2022.

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