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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 2803

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-3-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 INCREASE THE ANNUAL SALARIES OF THE COUNTY SHERIFFS; AND FOR
3 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

7 25-3-25. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections
8 (2) through (9), the salaries of sheriffs of the various counties
9 are fixed as full compensation for their services.

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



17 (a) For counties with a total population of more than
18 one hundred thousand (100,000), a salary of * * * One Hundred Five
19 Thousand Dollars (\$105,000.00).

20 (b) For counties with a total population of more than
21 forty-five thousand (45,000) and not more than one hundred
22 thousand (100,000), a salary of * * * Ninety-six Thousand Dollars
23 (\$96,000.00).

24 (c) For counties with a total population of more than
25 thirty-four thousand (34,000) and not more than forty-five
26 thousand (45,000), a salary of * * * Ninety-one Thousand Dollars
27 (\$91,000.00).

28 (d) For counties with a total population of more than
29 fifteen thousand (15,000) and not more than thirty-four thousand
30 (34,000), a salary of * * * Eighty-six Thousand Dollars
31 (\$86,000.00).

32 (e) For counties with a total population of not more
33 than fifteen thousand (15,000), a salary of * * * Eighty-one
34 Thousand Dollars (\$81,000.00).

35 (2) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)
36 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Leflore County, in
37 its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the
38 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars
39 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual
40 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such
41 county for the following reasons:



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

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

46 (c) There is a resident circuit court judge in the
47 county whose office is located at the Leflore County Courthouse;

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

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

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

57 (g) The increased activity of the Child Support
58 Division of the Department of Human Services in enforcing in the
59 courts parental obligations has imposed additional duties on the
60 sheriff; and

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

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



67 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars
68 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual
69 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such
70 county for the following reasons:

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

74 (b) The State Hospital is operated and maintained
75 within the county at Whitfield;

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

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

81 (e) The State Fire Academy is operated and maintained
82 within the county;

83 (f) The Pearl River Valley Water Supply District,
84 ordinarily known as the "Reservoir District," is located within
85 the county;

86 (g) The Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International
87 Airport is located within the county;

88 (h) The patrolling of the state properties located
89 within the county has imposed additional duties on the sheriff;
90 and



91 (i) The sheriff, in addition to providing security to
92 the nearly one hundred thousand (100,000) residents of the county,
93 has the duty to investigate, solve and assist in the prosecution
94 of any misdemeanor or felony committed upon any state property
95 located in Rankin County.

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

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

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

111 (a) Hinds County has the greatest population of any
112 county, two hundred fifty-four thousand four hundred forty-one
113 (254,441) by the 1990 census, being almost one hundred thousand
114 (100,000) more than the next most populous county;



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

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

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

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

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

131 (g) The state's only urban university, Jackson State
132 University, is located within the county;

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

136 (i) Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium, the state's
137 largest sports arena, is located within the county;

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



140 (k) Hinds County has the largest criminal population in
141 the state, such that the Hinds County Sheriff's Department
142 operates the largest county jail system in the state, housing
143 almost one thousand (1,000) inmates in three (3) separate
144 detention facilities;

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

148 (m) The Mississippi Department of Corrections maintains
149 a restitution center within the county;

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

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

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



164 for the private incarceration of state inmates at a private
165 correctional facility within the county.

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

175 (9) In addition to the salary provided in subsection (1) of
176 this section, the Board of Supervisors of Greene County, in its
177 discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the
178 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars
179 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual
180 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such
181 county for the following reasons:

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

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



189 (c) The patrolling of the state properties located
190 within the county has imposed additional duties on the sheriff
191 justifying additional compensation.

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

200 (11) (a) The salaries provided in this section shall be
201 payable monthly on the first day of each calendar month by
202 chancery clerk's warrant drawn on the general fund of the county;
203 however, the board of supervisors, by resolution duly adopted and
204 entered on its minutes, may provide that such salaries shall be
205 paid semimonthly on the first and fifteenth day of each month. If
206 a pay date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, salary payments
207 shall be made on the workday immediately preceding the weekend or
208 legal holiday.

209 (b) At least Ten Dollars (\$10.00) from each fee
210 collected and deposited into the county's general fund under the
211 provisions of paragraphs (a), (c) and (g) of subsection (1) of
212 Section 25-7-19 shall be used for the sheriffs' salaries
213 authorized in Section 25-3-25; as such Ten Dollar (\$10.00) amount



214 was authorized during the 2007 Regular Session in Chapter 331,
215 Laws of 2007, for the purpose of providing additional monies to
216 the counties for sheriffs' salaries.

217 (12) (a) All sheriffs, each year, shall attend twenty (20)
218 hours of continuing education courses in law enforcement. Such
219 courses shall be approved by the Mississippi Board on Law
220 Enforcement Officers Standards and Training. Such education
221 courses may be provided by an accredited law enforcement academy
222 or by the Mississippi Sheriffs' Association.

223 (b) The Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement Officers
224 Standards and Training shall reimburse each county for the
225 expenses incurred by sheriffs and deputy sheriffs for attendance
226 at any approved training programs as required by this subsection.

227 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
228 and after October 1, 2022.

