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SENATE BILL NO. 2803
(As Passed the Senate)

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 TO PAY AN ANNUAL SUPPLEMENT TO THE
4 SHERIFF OF ANY COUNTY IN WHICH A JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER IS
5 LOCATED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

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



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

22 (b) For counties with a total population of more
23 than * * * forty-four thousand (44,000) and not more than one
24 hundred thousand (100,000), a salary of * * * Ninety-six Thousand
25 Dollars (\$96,000.00).

26 (c) For counties with a total population of more
27 than * * * thirty thousand (30,000) and not more than * * *
28 forty-four thousand (44,000), a salary of * * * Ninety-one
29 Thousand Dollars (\$91,000.00).

30 (d) For counties with a total population of more
31 than * * * twelve thousand five hundred (12,500) and not more
32 than * * * thirty thousand (30,000), a salary of * * * Eighty-six
33 Thousand Dollars (\$86,000.00).

34 (e) For counties with a total population of not more
35 than * * * twelve thousand five hundred (12,500), a salary
36 of * * * Eighty-one Thousand Dollars (\$81,000.00).

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

83 (e) The State Fire Academy is operated and maintained
84 within the county;

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



166 for the private incarceration of state inmates at a private
167 correctional facility within the county.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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



216 shall be made on the workday immediately preceding the weekend or
217 legal holiday.

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

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

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

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

