

**Adopted  
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

**House Bill No. 1423**

**BY: Committee**

**Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting  
in lieu thereof the following:**

6           **SECTION 1.** Section 25-3-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8           25-3-35. (1) The annual salaries of the following judges  
9 are fixed as follows:

10       \* \* \*

11           Chief Justice of the Supreme

12 Court.....\$ \* \* \* 174,000.00

13           Presiding Justices of the Supreme Court,

14 each..... \* \* \* 169,500.00

15           Associate Justices of the Supreme Court,



16 each..... \* \* \* 166,500.00

17       There are imposed upon the Supreme Court justices the extra  
18 duties of taking all necessary action to promote judicial  
19 education in schools, intervention courts, electronic filing and  
20 case management systems as developed by the Administrative Office  
21 of Courts, or such other additional duties as may be assigned by  
22 the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. For such extra services  
23 each justice \* \* \* shall receive a sum sufficient to aggregate,  
24 per annum, the salaries set forth in this subsection (1).

25       The fixed salaries in this subsection (1) shall be paid from  
26 the State General Fund and from the Judicial System Operation Fund  
27 created under Section 9-21-45. No less than: One Hundred Fifteen  
28 Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$115,390.00) of the Chief  
29 Justice's salary in this subsection (1), One Hundred Thirteen  
30 Thousand One Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$113,190.00) of the salary of  
31 a presiding justice in this subsection (1), and One Hundred Twelve  
32 Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$112,530.00) of the salary  
33 of an associate justice in this subsection (1) shall be paid from  
34 general fund monies; in addition, the Legislature shall  
35 appropriate annually from the Judicial System Operation Fund a sum  
36 sufficient to increase the salary of the Chief Justice, a  
37 presiding justice and an associate justice to the levels set forth  
38 in this subsection (1).

39       The fixed salaries as specified in this subsection (1) shall  
40 be the exclusive and total compensation which can be reported to



41 the Public Employees' Retirement System for retirement purposes;  
42 however, any judge in office on December 31, 2003, may continue to  
43 report his expense allowance as part of his compensation for  
44 retirement purposes.

45 (2) The annual salaries of the judges of the Court of  
46 Appeals of Mississippi are fixed as follows:

47 \* \* \*

48 Chief Judge of the Court of  
49 Appeals.....\$ \* \* \* 161,500.00

50 Associate Judges of the Court of Appeals,  
51 each..... \* \* \* 158,500.00

52 \* \* \* Each judge shall receive a sum sufficient to  
53 aggregate, per annum, the salaries set forth in this subsection  
54 (2).

55 The fixed salaries in this subsection (2) shall be paid from  
56 the State General Fund and from the Judicial System Operation Fund  
57 created under Section 9-21-45. No less than One Hundred Eight  
58 Thousand One Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$108,130.00) of the Chief  
59 Judge's salary in this subsection (2) shall be paid from general  
60 fund monies; in addition, the Legislature shall appropriate  
61 annually from the Judicial System Operation Fund a sum sufficient  
62 to increase the Chief Judge's salary to the level set forth in  
63 this subsection (2). No less than One Hundred Five Thousand Fifty  
64 Dollars (\$105,050.00) of the salary of an associate judge in this  
65 subsection (2) shall be paid from general fund monies; in



66 addition, the Legislature shall appropriate annually from the  
67 Judicial System Operation Fund a sum sufficient to increase the  
68 salary of an associate judge to the level set forth in this  
69 subsection (2).

70 The fixed salaries as specified in this subsection (2) shall  
71 be the exclusive and total compensation which can be reported to  
72 the Public Employees' Retirement System for retirement purposes;  
73 however, any judge in office on December 31, 2003, may continue to  
74 report his expense allowance as part of his compensation for  
75 retirement purposes.

76 (3) The annual salaries of the chancery and circuit court  
77 judges are fixed as follows:

78 \* \* \*

79	Chancery Judges, each.....	\$ * * *	<u>149,000.00</u>
80	Circuit Judges, each.....	* * *	<u>149,000.00</u>

81 In addition to their present official duties, the circuit and  
82 chancery judges shall take necessary action to promote judicial  
83 education in schools, intervention courts, electronic filing and  
84 case management systems as developed by the Administrative Office  
85 of Courts, or such other additional duties as may be assigned by  
86 the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. For such extra services  
87 each judge \* \* \* shall receive a sum sufficient to aggregate, per  
88 annum, the salaries set forth in this subsection (3).

89 The fixed salaries in this subsection (3) shall be paid from  
90 the State General Fund and from the Judicial System Operation Fund



91 created under Section 9-21-45. No less than One Hundred Four  
92 Thousand One Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$104,170.00) of the salary  
93 of a chancery or circuit judge in this subsection (3) shall be  
94 paid from general fund monies; in addition, the Legislature shall  
95 appropriate annually from the Judicial System Operation Fund a sum  
96 sufficient to increase the salary of a chancery or circuit judge  
97 to the levels set forth in this subsection (3).

98 (4) From and after January 1, 2019, and every four (4) years  
99 thereafter, the annual salaries of the judges in subsections (1),  
100 (2) and (3) shall be fixed at the level of compensation  
101 recommended by the State Personnel Board according to the board's  
102 most recent report on judicial salaries, as required under Section  
103 25-9-115, to the extent that sufficient funds are available. The  
104 annual salaries fixed in accordance with this subsection (4) shall  
105 not become effective until the commencement of the next  
106 immediately succeeding term of office.

107 (5) The Supreme Court shall prepare a payroll for chancery  
108 judges and circuit judges and submit such payroll to the  
109 Department of Finance and Administration.

110 (6) The annual salary of the full-time district attorneys  
111 shall be:

112 \* \* \*

113 **From and after January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2022:**

114 One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars  
115 (\$125,900.00).



116 **From and after January 1, 2023:**

117 **One Hundred Thirty-four Thousand Dollars (\$134,000.00).**

118 (7) The annual salary of the full-time legal assistants  
119 shall be not less than Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) nor  
120 more than eighty percent (80%) of the salary of the district  
121 attorney for legal assistants who have been licensed to practice  
122 law for five (5) years or less; eighty-five percent (85%) of the  
123 salary of the district attorney for legal assistants who have been  
124 licensed to practice law for at least five (5) years but less than  
125 fifteen (15) years; and ninety percent (90%) of the salary of the  
126 district attorney for legal assistants who have been licensed to  
127 practice law for at least fifteen (15) years or more.

128 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
129 and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-3-35, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 INCREASE THE ANNUAL SALARIES OF THE JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT,  
3 THE JUDGES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, THE CHANCERY AND CIRCUIT COURT  
4 JUDGES, AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

