

By: Representative Ladner

To: Local and Private
Legislation

HOUSE BILL NO. 37

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 19-5-171, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, TO DELETE THE PROVISION OF LAW PROVIDING FOR THE
3 COMPENSATION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE STANDARD DEDEAUX WATER
4 DISTRICT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 19-5-171, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 19-5-171. (1) Every resident citizen of the county in which
9 is located any district created under Sections 19-5-151 through
10 19-5-207, of good reputation, being the owner of land or the
11 conductor of a business situated within the district and being
12 over twenty-five (25) years of age and of sound mind and judgment,
13 shall be eligible to hold the office of commissioner.

14 (2) Except as provided in Section 19-5-164(3), each person
15 appointed or elected as a commissioner, before entering upon the
16 discharge of the duties of the person's office, shall be required
17 to execute a bond payable to the State of Mississippi in the penal
18 sum of not less than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00)
19 conditioned that the person will faithfully discharge the duties



20 of the office. Each bond shall be approved by the clerk of the
21 board of supervisors and filed with the clerk.

22 (3) Each commissioner shall take and subscribe to an oath of
23 office prescribed in Section 268, Mississippi Constitution of
24 1890, before the clerk of the board of supervisors that the person
25 will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of
26 commissioner, which oath shall also be filed with the clerk and
27 preserved with the official bond.

28 (4) Except as provided in subsection (5), the commissioners
29 so appointed or elected and qualified shall be compensated for
30 their services for each meeting of the board of commissioners
31 attended, either regular or special, at a rate to be fixed by the
32 board of supervisors, not to exceed the rate established in
33 Section 25-3-69 for officers of state boards, commissions and
34 agencies, and shall be reimbursed for all expenses necessarily
35 incurred in the discharge of their official duties in accordance
36 with Section 25-3-41. However, in no one (1) calendar year shall
37 any commissioner be compensated for more than twenty-four (24)
38 meetings.

39 (5) (a) The commissioners of the Hancock County Water and
40 Sewer District shall be compensated for their services at a rate
41 up to Eighty-four Dollars (\$84.00) per day for each meeting of the
42 board of commissioners attended, either regular or special, and
43 shall be reimbursed for all expenses necessarily incurred in the



44 discharge of their official duties in accordance with Section
45 25-3-41.

46 (b) The commissioners of the Kiln Utility and Fire
47 District of Hancock County shall be compensated for their services
48 at a rate up to Eighty-four Dollars (\$84.00) per day for each
49 meeting of the board of commissioners attended, either regular or
50 special, and shall be reimbursed for all expenses necessarily
51 incurred in the discharge of their official duties in accordance
52 with Section 25-3-41.

53 (c) The commissioners of the Pearlington Water and
54 Sewer District of Hancock County shall be compensated for their
55 services at a rate up to Eighty-four Dollars (\$84.00) per day for
56 each meeting of the board of commissioners attended, either
57 regular or special, and shall be reimbursed for all expenses
58 necessarily incurred in the discharge of their official duties in
59 accordance with Section 25-3-41.

60 (d) The commissioners of the Diamondhead Water and
61 Sewer District of Hancock County shall be compensated for their
62 services at a rate up to the Eighty-four Dollars (\$84.00) per day
63 for each meeting of the board of commissioners attended, either
64 regular or special, and shall be reimbursed for all expenses
65 necessarily incurred in the discharge of their official duties in
66 accordance with Section 25-3-41.

67 (e) The commissioners of the Hancock County Solid Waste
68 Authority shall be compensated for their services at a rate up to



69 the Eighty-four Dollars (\$84.00) per day for each meeting of the
70 board of commissioners attended, either regular or special, and
71 shall be reimbursed for all expenses necessarily incurred in the
72 discharge of their official duties in accordance with Section
73 25-3-41.

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75 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
76 and after July 1, 2023.

