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To: State Affairs;  
Appropriations A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1619

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 25-3-31 AND 5-1-43, MISSISSIPPI CODE  
2 OF 1972, TO MAKE NONSUBSTANTIVE CHANGES TO THE SALARY SCHEDULES OF  
3 CERTAIN STATEWIDE OFFICIALS; TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 5-1-51,  
4 5-1-41, 5-1-45, 5-1-46 AND 5-1-47, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH  
5 PROVIDES FOR THE COMPENSATION OF LEGISLATORS, FOR PURPOSES OF  
6 AMENDMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 25-3-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
9 amended as follows:

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11 25-3-31. (1) The annual salaries of the following elected  
12 state and district officers are fixed as follows:

|    |                                               |               |
|----|-----------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 13 | Governor.....                                 | \$ 160,000.00 |
| 14 | Attorney General.....                         | 150,000.00    |
| 15 | Secretary of State.....                       | 120,000.00    |
| 16 | Commissioner of Insurance.....                | 150,000.00    |
| 17 | State Treasurer.....                          | 120,000.00    |
| 18 | State Auditor of Public Accounts.....         | 150,000.00    |
| 19 | Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce..... | 120,000.00    |
| 20 | Transportation Commissioners.....             | 95,000.00     |



21 Public Service Commissioners..... 95,000.00

22 (2) To assist the elected state and district officers in  
23 subsection (1) of this section in efficiently performing the  
24 official duties imposed upon him or her by law, the officer may  
25 employ suitable and competent persons who possess the professional  
26 skill and expert knowledge needed to fulfill those duties. The  
27 State Personnel Board, based upon its findings of fact, shall  
28 exempt those persons from the provisions of Section 25-3-39 when  
29 the acquisition of such professional services is precluded based  
30 upon the prevailing wage in the relevant labor market. This  
31 subsection (2) shall stand repealed on July 1, 2024.

32 **SECTION 2.** Section 5-1-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
33 amended as follows:

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35 5-1-43. (1) The salary of the Lieutenant Governor and of  
36 the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be Eighty-five  
37 Thousand Dollars (\$85,000.00) annually, and they shall receive for  
38 attending each extraordinary or called session the same  
39 compensation and mileage as is provided for members of the  
40 Legislature.

41 (2) On the first day of each month, the Lieutenant Governor  
42 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall receive in  
43 twelve (12) equal monthly installments the compensation provided  
44 for pursuant to subsection (1) of this section.



45           **SECTION 3.** Section 5-1-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
46 brought forward as follows:

47           5-1-51. The mileage and one-third (1/3) of the salary for a  
48 regular session shall be paid at the beginning of the session.  
49 After thirty (30) days of the session have expired, another  
50 one-third (1/3) of the salary shall be paid. The remaining  
51 one-third (1/3) of the salary shall be paid (a) on the last Friday  
52 before the ninetieth day of a ninety-day session, or (b) on the  
53 earlier of the last day the Legislature is convened or the last  
54 Friday before the one-hundred-twenty-fifth day of a  
55 one-hundred-twenty-five-day session, as the case may be.

56           **SECTION 4.** Section 5-1-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
57 brought forward as follows:

58           5-1-41. Beginning with the 1986 Regular Session of the  
59 Legislature of the State of Mississippi, each Senator and  
60 Representative of the Legislature shall receive as compensation at  
61 each regular session the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)  
62 and the mileage allowance provided by Section 25-3-41, for each  
63 mile of the distance by the most direct route usually traveled in  
64 coming to and returning from the place where the Legislature sits.  
65 Beginning on April 16, 1997, each Senator and Representative shall  
66 receive for attending each extraordinary session or called session  
67 the sum of Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00) per day and mileage at  
68 the same rate as per regular session. In addition to the above,  
69 beginning on April 16, 1997, each Senator and Representative and



70 the Lieutenant Governor shall receive the sum of One Thousand Five  
71 Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) per month for expenses incidental to  
72 his office for every full month of his term, except any month or  
73 major fraction thereof when the Legislature is convened in regular  
74 or extraordinary session; and payments shall be made to each  
75 Senator and Representative and the Lieutenant Governor by the  
76 State Treasurer between the first and tenth day of each month  
77 following the month for which the payments are due.

78       **SECTION 5.** Section 5-1-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
79 brought forward as follows:

80       5-1-45. Beginning on June 4, 1997, the President Pro Tempore  
81 of the Senate shall receive an annual salary in an amount equal to  
82 Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00). The salary provided for  
83 the President Pro Tempore under this section shall be in addition  
84 to the compensation and expense allowance established for members  
85 of the Legislature under Section 5-1-41.

86       **SECTION 6.** Section 5-1-46, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
87 brought forward as follows:

88       5-1-46. Beginning on June 4, 1997, the Speaker Pro Tempore  
89 of the House of Representatives shall receive an annual salary in  
90 an amount equal to Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00). The  
91 salary provided for the Speaker Pro Tempore under this section  
92 shall be in addition to the compensation and expense allowance  
93 established for members of the Legislature under Section 5-1-41.



94           **SECTION 7.** Section 5-1-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
95 brought forward as follows:

96           5-1-47. (1) In addition to the regular salary and mileage  
97 provided by law, an expense allowance equal to the maximum daily  
98 expense rate allowable to employees of the federal government for  
99 travel in the high rate geographical area of Jackson, Mississippi,  
100 as may be established by federal regulations for each legislative  
101 day in actual attendance at a session shall be paid to the  
102 Lieutenant Governor and members of the Senate and House of  
103 Representatives, together with an additional mileage allowance as  
104 provided by Section 25-3-41, for each mile of the distance by the  
105 most direct route usually traveled in coming to and returning from  
106 the place where the Legislature is in session, which expense  
107 allowance and additional mileage allowance shall be paid at the  
108 end of each seven-day period while the Legislature is in session.

109           (2) In addition to the mileage allowance provided for in  
110 subsection (1) of this section, an expense allowance equal to the  
111 maximum daily expense rate allowable to employees of the federal  
112 government for travel in the high rate geographical area of  
113 Jackson, Mississippi, as may be established by federal  
114 regulations, per day, shall be paid to:

115           (a) The Lieutenant Governor and members of the Senate,  
116 upon the approval of the Senate Rules Committee, for attending to  
117 legislative duties on any of the following days that the Senate  
118 does not convene in session on that day: (i) any day between



119 legislative regular or extraordinary sessions, or (ii) any day of  
120 a legislative regular session that has been extended beyond the  
121 number of calendar days specified in Section 36, Mississippi  
122 Constitution of 1890, when that day falls after the ninetieth or  
123 one-hundred-twenty-fifth day of the session, as the case may be,  
124 or (iii) any day during a legislative extraordinary session; and

125           (b) Members of the House of Representatives, upon the  
126 approval of the House Management Committee, for attending to  
127 legislative duties on any of the following days that the House  
128 does not convene in session on that day: (i) any day between  
129 legislative regular or extraordinary sessions, or (ii) any day of  
130 a legislative regular session that has been extended beyond the  
131 number of calendar days specified in Section 36, Mississippi  
132 Constitution of 1890, when that day falls after the ninetieth or  
133 one-hundred-twenty-fifth day of the session, as the case may be,  
134 or (iii) any day during a legislative extraordinary session.

135           (3) The expense allowance and additional mileage allowance  
136 provided by this section for the Lieutenant Governor and members  
137 of the Senate shall be paid from the appropriate legislative fund  
138 of the Senate as provided by law, and the expense allowance and  
139 additional mileage allowance for members of the House of  
140 Representatives shall be paid from the appropriate legislative  
141 fund of the House of Representatives as provided by law, upon  
142 warrants drawn for such purpose in the manner provided by law.



143           **SECTION 8.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
144 and after July 1, 2024.

