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To: Accountability,
Efficiency, TransparencyHOUSE BILL NO. 598
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-7-65, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REVISE FEE SCHEDULES CHARGED FOR PUBLISHING DOCUMENTS IN A
3 NEWSPAPER ON BEHALF OF A PUBLIC BODY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 25-7-65, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 25-7-65. Printers and publishers shall be entitled to the
8 following fees:

9 (a) (i) For publishing in a newspaper any summons,
10 order, citation, advertisement or notice required by law to be
11 published in a newspaper on behalf of a public body, Twelve Cents
12 (12¢) for each word it contains for the first insertion, and Ten
13 Cents (10¢) for each of the words for each subsequent insertion
14 required by law; * * * for publishing in a newspaper any summons,
15 order, citation, advertisement or notice for any other party,
16 Twenty-five Cents (25¢) for each word it contains for the first
17 insertion, and Twenty-three Cents (23¢) for each of the words for
18 each subsequent insertion required by law, and shall increase each



19 year starting July 1, 2026, at a rate comparable to the Consumer
20 Price Index (CPI). When four (4) or more numerals appear
21 consecutively in any such legal publication, four (4) numerals
22 shall be considered as one (1) word, and if there remains a
23 fractional portion of such unit of four (4) numerals therein such
24 fraction shall also be counted as one (1) word. In the case of
25 numbers containing less than four (4) numerals which are isolated
26 from other numerals by words in such publication, the same shall
27 be counted as one (1) word. When tables or tabular matter are
28 included, each line of the standard newspaper column shall be
29 considered as containing at least six (6) words.

30 (ii) The fees authorized in this paragraph (a)
31 shall not be chargeable for any erroneous publication of a
32 summons, order, citation, advertisement or notice required by law
33 to be published in a newspaper, if such error is not attributable
34 to the person or entity requesting the publication.

35 (b) For making proof of publication, making a copy
36 thereof, and for deposing to the same, * * * Five Dollars (\$5.00);
37 but this section shall not apply to the publication of ordinances
38 of municipalities, proceedings of the board of supervisors and
39 school boards or audit reports.

40 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
41 and after July 1, 2025.

