

By: Representative Hood

To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1451

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-21-205, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REMOVE THE PROHIBITION AGAINST CLERKS RECEIVING COMPENSATION
3 FOR ATTENDING YOUTH COURT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 43-21-205, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 43-21-205. In proceedings under this chapter, no court costs
8 shall be charged against any party to a petition, and no salaried
9 officer of the state, county or any municipality, nor any youth
10 court counselor, nor any witness other than an expert witness
11 shall be entitled to receive any fee for any service rendered to
12 the youth court or for attendance in the youth court in any
13 proceedings under this chapter; but the fees of the circuit and
14 chancery clerks in youth court cases originating by petition or
15 any other youth court matter acted upon by the court shall be paid
16 as is provided by law for like services in other cases and shall
17 be paid by the county on allowance of the board of supervisors on



18 an itemized cost bill approved by the judge. These costs shall be
19 paid out of the general fund. * * *

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

