

## **House Amendments to Senate Bill No. 2489**

**TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE:**

**THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE HOUSE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:**

### **AMENDMENT NO. 1**

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

9           **SECTION 1.** Section 25-3-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
10 amended as follows:

11           25-3-43. (1) When any chancery judge, county judge or  
12 circuit judge shall be required to travel in the performance of  
13 his official duties, such judge shall receive as expenses of such  
14 travel the mileage allowance and a reimbursement for other actual  
15 and necessary expenses incurred in such travel as provided for  
16 public officers and employees in Section 25-3-41, Mississippi Code  
17 of 1972. This shall be the entire travel allowances or travel  
18 expenses received by such judges.

19           (2) Chancery judges and circuit judges shall direct requests  
20 for reimbursement for the travel expenses authorized pursuant to  
21 this section to the Supreme Court, and the Supreme Court shall  
22 submit such requests to the Department of Finance and  
23 Administration.

24           (3) The Supreme Court shall have the power to adopt rules  
25 and regulations regarding the administration of travel expenses  
26 authorized pursuant to this section.

27           (4) In any county in which is located a State Penitentiary,  
28 the board of supervisors, in order to compensate the justice court  
29 judges who are required to travel to the State Penitentiary, is  
30 authorized to reimburse justice court judges' mileage in the  
31 amount authorized by Section 25-3-41, but not to exceed One  
32 Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per month, such monies to be paid from  
33 the general county fund of such county.

34           (5) (a) In addition to the regular salary provided by  
35 Section 25-3-35 and the mileage reimbursement provided by Section  
36 25-3-41, each Supreme Court Justice and each judge of the Court of  
37 Appeals shall receive an expense allowance as specified in this  
38 subsection. The expense allowance shall be equal to the maximum  
39 daily expense rate allowable to employees of the federal  
40 government for travel in the high-rate geographical area of  
41 Jackson, Mississippi, as may be established by federal  
42 regulations, per day, for each day:

43                   (i) While actually attending to judicial duties in  
44 Jackson, Mississippi, not to exceed twenty (20) days per month;  
45 and

46                   (ii) While actually attending to judicial duties  
47 in any area of the state, not to exceed twelve (12) days per  
48 month.

49                   (b) In no case, shall a justice or judge receive more  
50 than twenty (20) days in total of an expense allowance authorized  
51 under this subsection.

52           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
53 and after July 1, 2025, and shall stand repealed June 30, 2025.

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

1           AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-3-43, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 AUTHORIZE EACH SUPREME COURT JUSTICE AND EACH JUDGE OF THE COURT  
3 OF APPEALS TO RECEIVE AN EXPENSE ALLOWANCE WHILE ACTUALLY  
4 ATTENDING JUDICIAL DUTIES IN ANY AREA OF THE STATE FOR A CERTAIN  
5 AMOUNT OF DAYS; TO PROVIDE THAT NO JUSTICE OR JUDGE SHALL RECEIVE  
6 AN EXPENSE ALLOWANCE FOR MORE THAN THE CERTAIN AMOUNT OF DAYS  
7 PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED BY LAW; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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