

Senate Amendments to House Bill No. 623

TO THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE SENATE 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:

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 99-15-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 99-15-17. (1) The compensation for counsel for indigents
8 appointed as provided in Section 99-15-15, shall be approved and
9 allowed by the appropriate judge and in any one (1) case may not
10 exceed * * * Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) for representation
11 in circuit court whether on appeal or originating in said court.
12 Provided, however, if said case is not appealed to or does not
13 originate in a court of record, the maximum compensation shall not
14 exceed * * * Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) for any one (1) case,
15 the amount of such compensation to be approved by a judge of the
16 chancery court, county court or circuit court in the county where
17 the case arises. Provided, however, in a capital case two (2)
18 attorneys may be appointed, and the compensation may not
19 exceed * * * Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) per case. If the
20 case is appealed to the State Supreme Court by counsel appointed
21 by the judge, the allowable fee for services on appeal shall not

22 exceed * * * Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) per case. In
23 addition, the judge shall allow reimbursement of actual expenses.
24 The attorney or attorneys so appointed shall itemize the time
25 spent in defending said indigents together with an itemized
26 statement of expenses of such defense, and shall present same to
27 the appropriate judge. The fees and expenses as allowed by the
28 appropriate judge shall be paid by the county treasurer out of the
29 general fund of the county in which the prosecution was commenced.

30 (2) The provisions of this section shall stand repealed on
31 July 1, 2028.

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

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

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 99-15-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO INCREASE COMPENSATION FOR COUNSEL APPOINTED TO INDIGENTS; AND
3 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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