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To: Appropriations A

## HOUSE BILL NO. 33

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING  
2 THE EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE OF CAPITAL POST-CONVICTION COUNSEL OF  
3 THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
6 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General  
7 Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the  
8 expenses of the Office of Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, for the  
9 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.....  
10 .....\$ 1,996,447.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
12 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State  
13 Treasury to the credit of the Office of Capital Post-Conviction  
14 Counsel, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Office  
15 of Capital Post-Conviction Counsel of the State of Mississippi for  
16 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026..  
17 .....\$ 206,000.00.



18           **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
19 this act, the following positions are authorized:

20       AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

21           Permanent:                       9

22           Time-Limited:                   0

23           Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
24 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law.

25           No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be  
26 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are  
27 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this  
28 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

29           **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
30 Office of Capital Post-Conviction Counsel shall maintain complete  
31 accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all  
32 funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be  
33 in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal  
34 Year 2025. It is further the intention of the Legislature that  
35 the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2027 shall be  
36 submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format  
37 and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail  
38 provided during the Fiscal Year 2026 budget request process.

39           **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
40 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with  
41 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency  
42 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their



43 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally  
44 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for  
45 actions contrary to this provision.

46       **SECTION 6.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
47 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
48 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
49 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
50 Officer shall issue warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
51 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

52       **SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
53 and after July 1, 2025.

