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To: Fees, Salaries and
Administration;
County Affairs

SENATE BILL NO. 2837
(As Passed the Senate)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-3-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY,
3 MISSISSIPPI, TO PAY AN ANNUAL SUPPLEMENT TO THE SHERIFF OF THE
4 COUNTY; TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ALCORN COUNTY,
5 MISSISSIPPI, TO PAY AN ANNUAL SUPPLEMENT TO THE SHERIFF OF THE
6 COUNTY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

10 25-3-25. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections
11 (2) through (9), the salaries of sheriffs of the various counties
12 are hereby fixed as full compensation for their services.

13 From and after October 1, 1998, the annual salary for each
14 sheriff shall be based upon the total population of his county
15 according to the latest federal decennial census in the following
16 categories and for the following amounts; however, no sheriff
17 shall be paid less than the salary authorized under this section
18 to be paid the sheriff based upon the population of the county
19 according to the 1980 federal decennial census:

20 (a) For counties with a total population of more than
21 two hundred thousand (200,000), a salary of Seventy-five Thousand
22 Dollars (\$75,000.00).

23 (b) For counties with a total population of more than

24 one hundred thousand (100,000) and not more than two hundred
25 thousand (200,000), a salary of Seventy Thousand Dollars
26 (\$70,000.00).

27 (c) For counties with a total population of more than
28 forty-five thousand (45,000) and not more than one hundred
29 thousand (100,000), a salary of Sixty-five Thousand Dollars
30 (\$65,000.00).

31 (d) For counties with a total population of more than
32 thirty-four thousand (34,000) and not more than forty-five
33 thousand (45,000), a salary of Sixty Thousand Dollars
34 (\$60,000.00).

35 (e) For counties with a total population of more than
36 twenty-five thousand (25,000) and not more than thirty-four
37 thousand (34,000), a salary of Fifty-two Thousand Dollars
38 (\$52,000.00).

39 (f) For counties with a total population of more than
40 fifteen thousand (15,000) and not more than twenty-five thousand
41 (25,000), a salary of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).

42 (g) For counties with a total population of more than
43 nine thousand five hundred (9,500) and not more than fifteen
44 thousand (15,000), a salary of Forty-seven Thousand Dollars
45 (\$47,000.00).

46 (h) For counties with a total population of more than
47 seven thousand five hundred (7,500) and not more than nine
48 thousand five hundred (9,500), a salary of Forty-five Thousand
49 Dollars (\$45,000.00).

50 (i) For counties with a total population of not more
51 than seven thousand five hundred (7,500), a salary of Forty-two
52 Thousand Dollars (\$42,000.00).

53 (2) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)
54 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Leflore County may,
55 in its discretion, pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the

56 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars
57 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual
58 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such
59 county for the following reasons:

60 (a) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates
61 and maintains a restitution center within the county;

62 (b) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates
63 and maintains a community work center within the county;

64 (c) There is a resident circuit court judge in the
65 county whose office is located at the Leflore County Courthouse;

66 (d) There is a resident chancery court judge in the
67 county whose office is located at the Leflore County Courthouse;

68 (e) The Magistrate for the Fourth Circuit Court
69 District is located in the county and maintains his office at the
70 Leflore County Courthouse;

71 (f) The Region VI Mental Health-Mental Retardation
72 Center, which serves a multicounty area, calls upon the sheriff to
73 provide security for out-of-town mental patients, as well as
74 patients from within the county;

75 (g) The increased activity of the Child Support
76 Division of the Department of Human Services in enforcing in the
77 courts parental obligations has imposed additional duties on the
78 sheriff; and

79 (h) The dispatchers of the enhanced E-911 system in
80 place in Leflore County has been placed under the direction and
81 control of the sheriff.

82 (3) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)
83 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Rankin County may, in
84 its discretion, pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the

85 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars
86 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual
87 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such
88 county for the following reasons:

89 (a) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates
90 and maintains the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility within
91 the county;

92 (b) The State Hospital is operated and maintained
93 within the county at Whitfield;

94 (c) Hudspeth Regional Center, a facility maintained for
95 the care and treatment of the mentally retarded, is located within
96 the county;

97 (d) The Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Training
98 Academy is operated and maintained within the county;

99 (e) The State Fire Academy is operated and maintained
100 within the county;

101 (f) The Pearl River Valley Water Supply District,
102 ordinarily known as the "Reservoir District," is located within
103 the county;

104 (g) The Jackson International Airport is located within
105 the county;

106 (h) The patrolling of the state properties located
107 within the county has imposed additional duties on the sheriff;
108 and

109 (i) The sheriff, in addition to providing security to
110 the nearly one hundred thousand (100,000) residents of the county,
111 has the duty to investigate, solve and assist in the prosecution
112 of any misdemeanor or felony committed upon any state property
113 located in Rankin County.

114 (4) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)
115 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County shall
116 pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county an amount
117 equal to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

118 (5) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)
119 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Tunica County may, in
120 their discretion, pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the
121 county an amount equal to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00),
122 payable beginning April 1, 1997.

123 (6) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)
124 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Hinds County shall
125 pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county in an amount
126 equal to Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00). The Legislature
127 finds and declares that the annual supplement authorized by this
128 subsection is justified in such county for the following reasons:

129 (a) Hinds County has the greatest population of any
130 county, two hundred fifty-four thousand four hundred forty-one
131 (254,441) by the 1990 census, being almost one hundred thousand
132 (100,000) more than the next most populous county;

133 (b) Hinds County is home to the state capitol and the
134 seat of all state government offices;

135 (c) Hinds County is the third largest county in
136 geographic area, containing eight hundred seventy-five (875)
137 square miles;

138 (d) Hinds County is comprised of two (2) judicial
139 districts, each having a courthouse and county office buildings;

140 (e) There are four (4) resident circuit judges, four
141 (4) resident chancery judges, and three (3) resident county judges
142 in Hinds County, the most of any county, with the sheriff acting

143 as chief executive officer and provider of bailiff services for
144 all;

145 (f) The main offices for the clerk and most of the
146 judges and magistrates for the United States District Court for
147 the Southern District of Mississippi are located within the
148 county;

149 (g) The state's only urban university, Jackson State
150 University, is located within the county;

151 (h) The University of Mississippi Medical Center,
152 combining the medical school, dental school, nursing school and
153 hospital, is located within the county;

154 (i) Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium, the state's
155 largest sports arena, is located within the county;

156 (j) The Mississippi State Fairgrounds, including the
157 Coliseum and Trade Mart, are located within the county;

158 (k) Hinds County has the largest criminal population in
159 the state, such that the Hinds County Sheriff's Department
160 operates the largest county jail system in the state, housing
161 almost one thousand (1,000) inmates in three (3) separate
162 detention facilities;

163 (l) The Hinds County Sheriff's Department handles more
164 mental and drug and alcohol commitments cases than any other
165 sheriff's department in the state;

166 (m) The Mississippi Department of Corrections maintains
167 a restitution center within the county;

168 (n) The Mississippi Department of Corrections regularly
169 houses as many as one hundred (100) state convicts within the
170 Hinds County jail system; and

171 (o) The Hinds County Sheriff's Department is regularly

asked to provide security services not only at the Fairgrounds and Memorial Stadium, but also for events at the Mississippi Museum of Art and Jackson City Auditorium.

(7) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1) of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Wilkinson County, in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such county because the Mississippi Department of Corrections contracts for the private incarceration of state inmates at a private correctional facility within the county.

(8) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1) of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Marshall County, in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such county because the Mississippi Department of Corrections contracts for the private incarceration of state inmates at a private correctional facility within the county.

(9) In addition to the salary provided in subsection (1) of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Greene County, in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such county for the following reasons:

(a) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates

and maintains the South Mississippi Correctional Facility within the county;

(b) In 1996, additional facilities to house another one thousand four hundred sixteen (1,416) male offenders were constructed at the South Mississippi Correctional Facility within the county; and

(c) The patrolling of the state properties located within the county has imposed additional duties on the sheriff justifying additional compensation.

(10) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1) of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Franklin County, in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such county because the sheriff has certain contractual duties regarding a regional correctional facility within Jefferson County used for the private incarceration of state inmates.

(11) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1) of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Alcorn County, in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such county because a regional correctional facility used for the incarceration of state inmates is located within Alcorn County.

(12) The salaries herein provided shall be payable monthly on the first day of each calendar month by chancery clerk's warrant drawn on the general fund of the county; however, the

230 board of supervisors, by resolution duly adopted and entered on
231 its minutes, may provide that such salaries shall be paid
232 semimonthly on the first and fifteenth day of each month. If a
233 pay date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, salary payments
234 shall be made on the workday immediately preceding the weekend or
235 legal holiday.

236 SECTION 2. The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
237 is directed to submit this act, immediately upon approval by the
238 Governor, or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a
239 veto, to the Attorney General of the United States or to the
240 United States District Court for the District of Columbia in
241 accordance with the provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965,
242 as amended and extended.

243 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from
244 and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting
245 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended, or October 1, 1999,
246 whichever occurs later.