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To: Fees and Salaries of
Public Officers

HOUSE BILL NO. 1389

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-3-39, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 CLARIFY WHICH STATE OFFICIALS' SALARIES ARE SUBJECT TO THE CEILING
3 ESTABLISHED FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS' SALARIES; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 25-3-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:[BD1]

8 25-3-39. (1) No public officer, public employee,
9 administrator, or executive head of any arm or agency of the state
10 designated in Sections 25-3-31 and 25-3-33 shall be paid a salary
11 or compensation, directly or indirectly, in excess of the salary
12 fixed in Section 25-3-31 for the Governor. All academic
13 officials, members of the teaching staffs and employees of the
14 state institutions of higher learning, the State Board for
15 Community and Junior Colleges, and community and junior colleges,
16 and licensed physicians who are public employees, shall be exempt
17 from this subsection.

18 (2) No public officer, employee or administrator shall be
19 paid a salary or compensation, directly or indirectly, in excess
20 of the salary of the executive head of the state agency or
21 department in which he is employed. The State Personnel Board,
22 based upon its findings of fact, may exempt physicians and
23 actuaries from this subsection when the acquisition of such
24 professional services is precluded based on the prevailing wage in
25 the relevant labor market.

26 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
27 and after its passage.