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To: County Affairs; Fees and Salaries of Public Officers

HOUSE BILL NO. 1665

1 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN COUNTY OFFICIALS;  
 2 TO AMEND SECTIONS 25-3-3 AND 25-3-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
 3 INCREASE THE SALARIES OF COUNTY TAX COLLECTORS AND TAX ASSESSORS;  
 4 TO AMEND SECTION 25-3-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE  
 5 SALARIES OF THE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS IN CERTAIN COUNTIES;  
 6 TO AMEND SECTION 25-3-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE  
 7 THE SALARIES OF MEMBERS OF COUNTY BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS AND TO  
 8 DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS MUST ADOPT A  
 9 RESOLUTION IN ORDER FOR THEIR SALARY INCREASES TO TAKE EFFECT; TO  
 10 AMEND SECTION 25-3-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE  
 11 SALARIES OF SHERIFFS; TO AMEND SECTION 25-3-36, MISSISSIPPI CODE  
 12 OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE SALARIES OF JUSTICE COURT JUDGES; TO  
 13 AMEND SECTION 9-9-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE  
 14 SALARIES OF CERTAIN COUNTY COURT JUDGES; TO AMEND SECTION  
 15 41-61-59, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE SALARY  
 16 ALLOWABLE TO CHIEF COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND CHIEF COUNTY  
 17 MEDICAL EXAMINER INVESTIGATORS; TO AMEND SECTION 9-13-19,  
 18 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE SALARIES OF COURT  
 19 REPORTERS; TO AMEND SECTION 19-25-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
 20 INCREASE THE DAILY COMPENSATION AUTHORIZED FOR RIDING BAILIFFS; TO  
 21 AMEND SECTION 23-15-225, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE  
 22 SALARIES OF COUNTY REGISTRARS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

26 25-3-3. The term "total assessed valuation" as used in this  
 27 section only refers to the ad valorem assessment for the county  
 28 and, in addition, in counties where oil or gas is produced, the  
 29 actual value of oil at the point of production, as certified to  
 30 the counties by the State Tax Commission under the provisions of  
 31 Sections 27-25-501 through 27-25-525, and the actual value of gas  
 32 as certified by the State Tax Commission under the provisions of  
 33 Sections 27-25-701 through 27-25-723.

34 The salary of assessors of the various counties is \* \* \*  
 35 fixed as full compensation for their services as county assessors  
 36 and tax collectors. The annual salary of each assessor shall be  
 37 based upon the total assessed valuation of his respective county



38 for the preceding taxable year in the following categories and for  
39 the following amounts:

40 (a) For counties with a total assessed valuation of Two  
41 Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00) or more, a salary  
42 of Fifty-one Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-five Dollars  
43 (\$51,895.00);

44 (b) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
45 at least Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00) but less  
46 than Two Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00), a salary  
47 of Fifty Thousand Forty-four Dollars (\$50,044.00);

48 (c) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
49 at least Thirty-five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000.00) but less  
50 than Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00), a salary of  
51 Forty-six Thousand Six Hundred Eleven Dollars (\$46,611.00);

52 (d) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
53 at least Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) but less than  
54 Thirty-five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000.00), a salary of  
55 Forty-three Thousand One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$43,120.00);

56 (e) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
57 at least Twelve Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars  
58 (\$12,500,000.00) but less than Twenty Million Dollars  
59 (\$20,000,000.00), a salary of Thirty-nine Thousand Six Hundred  
60 Twenty-eight Dollars (\$39,628.00);

61 (f) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
62 less than Twelve Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars  
63 (\$12,500,000.00), a salary of Thirty-six Thousand One Hundred  
64 Thirty-seven Dollars (\$36,137.00).

65 The annual salary established for the assessor-tax collector  
66 shall not be reduced as a result of a reduction in total assessed  
67 valuation. The salaries may be increased as a result of an  
68 increase in total assessed valuation.

69 In addition to all other compensation paid to assessor-tax  
70 collectors in counties having two (2) judicial districts, the



71 board of supervisors shall allow that \* \* \* assessor-tax collector  
72 to be paid an additional Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars  
73 (\$3,500.00) per year. In addition to all other compensation paid  
74 to assessors or tax collectors, in counties maintaining two (2)  
75 full-time offices, the board of supervisors may allow that \* \* \*  
76 assessor or tax collector to be paid an additional Three Thousand  
77 Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00) per year.

78 In addition to all other compensation paid to assessor-tax  
79 collectors, the board of supervisors of a county shall allow for  
80 such assessor-tax collector to be paid additional compensation  
81 when there is a contract between the county and one or more  
82 municipalities providing that the assessor-tax collector shall  
83 assess and/or collect taxes for the municipality or  
84 municipalities; and such assessor-tax collector shall be  
85 authorized to receive such additional compensation from the county  
86 and/or the municipality or municipalities in any amount allowed by  
87 the county and the municipality or municipalities for performing  
88 those services.

89 When any tax assessor holds a valid certificate of  
90 educational recognition from the International Association of  
91 Assessing Officers or is a licensed appraiser under Section  
92 73-34-1 et seq., he shall receive an additional One Thousand Five  
93 Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) annually beginning the next fiscal  
94 year after completion. When any tax assessor is a licensed state  
95 certified Residential Appraiser (RA) or licensed state certified  
96 Timberland Appraiser (TA) under Section 73-34-1 et seq., or when  
97 any tax assessor holds a valid designation from the International  
98 Association of Assessing Officers as a Cadastral Mapping  
99 Specialist (CMS) or Personal Property Specialist (PPS) or  
100 Residential Evaluation Specialist (RES), he shall receive an  
101 additional Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500.00) annually  
102 beginning the next fiscal year after completion. When any tax  
103 assessor holds the valid designation of Certified Assessment



104 Evaluator (CAE) from the International Association of Assessing  
105 Officers or is a state certified General Real Estate Appraiser  
106 (GA) under Section 73-34-1 et seq., he shall receive an additional  
107 Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500.00) annually beginning  
108 the next fiscal year after completion.

109 The salaries \* \* \* set out in this section shall be the total  
110 funds paid to the county assessors and tax collectors and shall be  
111 full compensation for their services, with any fees being paid to  
112 the county general fund.

113 The salaries \* \* \* provided in this section shall be payable  
114 monthly on the first day of each calendar month by chancery  
115 clerk's warrant drawn on the general fund of the county; however,  
116 the board of supervisors, by resolution duly adopted and entered  
117 on its minutes, may provide that such salaries shall be paid  
118 semimonthly on the first and fifteenth day of each month. If a  
119 pay date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, salary payments  
120 shall be made on the workday immediately preceding the weekend or  
121 legal holiday.

122 The salary scale in this section shall not apply in any  
123 county in which the office of assessor has been separated from  
124 that of tax collector. In the event of such separation, the  
125 salary scale set forth in Section 25-3-5 shall control.

126 **SECTION 2.** Section 25-3-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
127 amended as follows:

128 25-3-5. In any county where the office of tax collector has  
129 been separated from the office of tax assessor, the annual salary  
130 of the assessor or tax collector shall be based upon the assessed  
131 valuation of his respective county for the preceding taxable year  
132 in the following categories and for the following amounts:

133 (a) For counties with a total assessed valuation of Two  
134 Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00) or more, a salary  
135 of Fifty-seven Thousand Eighty-five Dollars (\$57,085.00);



136 (b) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
137 at least Two Hundred Million Dollars (\$200,000,000.00) but less  
138 than Two Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00), a salary  
139 of Fifty-three Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-four Dollars  
140 \$53,594.00);

141 (c) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
142 at least One Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$150,000,000.00) but  
143 less than Two Hundred Million Dollars (\$200,000,000.00), a salary  
144 of Fifty Thousand One Hundred Three Dollars (\$50,103.00));

145 (d) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
146 at least One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000.00) but less  
147 than One Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$150,000,000.00), a salary  
148 of Forty-six Thousand Six Hundred Eleven Dollars (\$46,611.00));

149 (e) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
150 at least Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00) but less  
151 than One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000.00), a salary of  
152 Forty-three Thousand One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$43,120.00));

153 (f) For counties with a total assessed valuation of  
154 less than Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00), a salary  
155 of Thirty-nine Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-eight Dollars  
156 (\$39,628.00).

157 The annual salary established for the tax assessor or tax  
158 collector shall not be reduced as a result of a reduction in total  
159 assessed valuation. The salaries may be increased as a result of  
160 an increase in total assessed valuation.

161 In addition to all other compensation paid to assessors or  
162 tax collectors, in counties having two (2) judicial districts, the  
163 board of supervisors shall allow that \* \* \* assessor or tax  
164 collector to be paid an additional Three Thousand Five Hundred  
165 Dollars (\$3,500.00) per year. In addition to all other  
166 compensation paid to assessors or tax collectors, in counties  
167 maintaining two (2) full-time offices, the board of supervisors  
168 may allow that \* \* \* assessor or tax collector to be paid an



169 additional Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00) per  
170 year.

171 In addition to all other compensation paid to tax assessors  
172 and tax collectors, the board of supervisors of a county shall  
173 allow for such tax assessor and/or tax collector to be paid  
174 additional compensation when there is a contract between the  
175 county and one or more municipalities providing that the tax  
176 assessor shall assess taxes and/or tax collector shall collect  
177 taxes for the municipality or municipalities; and such tax  
178 assessor and/or tax collector shall be authorized to receive such  
179 additional compensation from the county and/or the municipality or  
180 municipalities in any amount allowed by the county and the  
181 municipality or municipalities for performing those services.  
182 When any tax assessor holds a valid certificate of educational  
183 recognition from the International Association of Assessing  
184 Officers or is a licensed appraiser under Section 73-34-1 et seq.,  
185 he shall receive an additional One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars  
186 (\$1,500.00) annually beginning the next fiscal year after  
187 completion. When any tax assessor is a licensed state certified  
188 Residential Appraiser (RA) or licensed state certified Timberland  
189 Appraiser (TA) under Section 73-34-1 et seq., or when any tax  
190 assessor holds a valid designation from the International  
191 Association of Assessing Officers as a Cadastral Mapping  
192 Specialist (CMS) or Personal Property Specialist (PPS) or  
193 Residential Evaluation Specialist (RES), he shall receive an  
194 additional Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500.00) annually  
195 beginning the next fiscal year after completion. When any tax  
196 assessor holds the valid designation of Certified Assessment  
197 Evaluator (CAE) from the International Association of Assessing  
198 Officers or is a state certified General Real Estate Appraiser  
199 (GA) under Section 73-34-1 et seq., he shall receive an additional  
200 Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500.00) annually beginning  
201 the next fiscal year after completion.



202           The salaries \* \* \* set out in this section shall be the total  
203 funds paid to the county assessors or tax collectors and shall be  
204 full compensation for their services, with any fees being paid to  
205 the county general fund.

206           The salaries \* \* \* provided in this section shall be payable  
207 monthly on the first day of each calendar month by chancery  
208 clerk's warrant drawn on the general fund of the county; however,  
209 the board of supervisors, by resolution duly adopted and entered  
210 on its minutes, may provide that such salaries shall be paid  
211 semimonthly on the first and fifteenth day of each month. If a  
212 pay date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, salary payments  
213 shall be made on the workday immediately preceding the weekend or  
214 legal holiday.

215           **SECTION 3.** Section 25-3-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
216 amended as follows:

217           25-3-9. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3)  
218 of this section, the county prosecuting attorney may receive for  
219 his services an annual salary to be paid by the board of  
220 supervisors as follows:

221           (a) For counties with a total population of more than  
222 two hundred thousand (200,000), a salary not to exceed Thirty-two  
223 Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$32,775.00).

224           (b) For counties with a total population of more than  
225 one hundred thousand (100,000) and not more than two hundred  
226 thousand (200,000), a salary not to exceed Thirty Thousand Four  
227 Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$30,475.00).

228           (c) For counties with a total population of more than  
229 fifty thousand (50,000) and not more than one hundred thousand  
230 (100,000), a salary not to exceed Twenty-four Thousand Nine  
231 Hundred Fifty-five Dollars (\$24,955.00).

232           (d) For counties with a total population of more than  
233 thirty-five thousand (35,000) and not more than fifty thousand



234 (50,000), a salary not to exceed Twenty-three Thousand Four  
235 Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$23,460.00).

236 (e) For counties with a total population of more than  
237 twenty-five thousand (25,000) and not more than thirty-five  
238 thousand (35,000), a salary not to exceed Twenty-two Thousand One  
239 Hundred Ninety-five Dollars (\$22,195.00).

240 (f) For counties with a total population of more than  
241 fifteen thousand (15,000) and not more than twenty-five thousand  
242 (25,000), a salary not to exceed Twenty Thousand Three Hundred  
243 Fifty-five Dollars (\$20,355.00).

244 (g) For counties with a total population of more than  
245 ten thousand (10,000) and not more than fifteen thousand (15,000),  
246 a salary not to exceed Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred Fifteen  
247 Dollars (\$18,515.00).

248 (h) For counties with a total population of more than  
249 six thousand (6,000) and not more than ten thousand (10,000), a  
250 salary not to exceed Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-five  
251 Dollars (\$16,675.00).

252 (i) For counties with a total population of six  
253 thousand (6,000) or less, the board of supervisors, in its  
254 discretion, may appoint a county prosecuting attorney, and it may  
255 pay such county prosecuting attorney an annual salary not to  
256 exceed Fourteen Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-five Dollars  
257 (\$14,835.00).

258 In all cases of conviction there shall be taxed against the  
259 convicted defendant, as an item of cost, the sum of Three Dollars  
260 (\$3.00), which shall be turned in to the county treasury as a part  
261 of the general county funds; however, the Three Dollars (\$3.00)  
262 shall not be taxed in any case in which it is not the specific  
263 duty of the county attorney to appear and prosecute.

264 \* \* \* In addition to the salaries provided for in this  
265 subsection, the board of supervisors of any county, in its  
266 discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney an additional





267 amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the maximum allowable  
268 salary prescribed in this subsection.

269 (2) In the following counties, the county prosecuting  
270 attorney shall receive for his services an annual salary to be  
271 paid by the board of supervisors, as follows:

272 (a) In any county bordering upon the Mississippi River  
273 and having a population of not less than thirty thousand (30,000)  
274 and not more than thirty-five thousand five hundred (35,500)  
275 according to the federal census of 1990, and in counties having a  
276 population of not more than thirty-seven thousand (37,000)  
277 according to the federal census of 1990 in which Interstate  
278 Highway 55 and U.S. Highway 98 intersect, the county prosecuting  
279 attorney shall receive a salary equal to the justice court judge  
280 of such county; and in any county wherein is located the state's  
281 oldest state-supported institution of higher learning and wherein  
282 Mississippi State Highways 7 and 6 intersect, the county  
283 prosecuting attorney shall receive an annual salary equal to that  
284 of a member of the board of supervisors of such county.

285 (b) In counties having a population in excess of fifty  
286 thousand (50,000) in the 1960 federal census, wherein is located a  
287 state-supported university and in which U.S. Highways 49 and 11  
288 intersect, the salary of the county prosecuting attorney shall be  
289 not less than Seventeen Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$17,400.00)  
290 per year. The Board of Supervisors of Forrest County,  
291 Mississippi, may, in its discretion, and by agreement with the  
292 county prosecuting attorney, employ the county prosecuting  
293 attorney as a full-time elected official during his/her term of  
294 office, designate additional duties and responsibilities of the  
295 office and pay additional compensation up to, but not in excess  
296 of, ninety percent (90%) of the annual compensation and salary of  
297 the county court judge and the youth court judge of Forrest County  
298 as authorized by law and provide a reasonable office and  
299 reasonable office expenses to the county prosecuting attorney.



300 The salary authorized by this paragraph (b) for the county  
301 prosecuting attorney shall be the sole and complete salary for  
302 such prosecuting attorney in each county to which this paragraph  
303 applies, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
304 contrary.

305 (c) In any county wherein is housed the seat of State  
306 Government, wherein U.S. Highways 80 and 49 intersect, and having  
307 two (2) judicial districts, the board of supervisors, in its  
308 discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual  
309 salary equal to the annual salary of members of the board of  
310 supervisors in the county.

311 (d) In any county which has two (2) judicial districts  
312 and wherein Highway 8 and Highway 15 intersect, having a  
313 population of greater than seventeen thousand (17,000), according  
314 to the 1980 federal decennial census, the board of supervisors  
315 shall pay the county prosecuting attorney a salary equal to that  
316 of a member of the board of supervisors of such county; provided  
317 that if such county prosecuting attorney is paid a sum for the  
318 purpose of defraying office or secretarial expenses, then the  
319 salary prescribed herein shall be reduced by that amount.

320 (e) In any county bordering the State of Tennessee and  
321 in which Mississippi Highways No. 4 and 15 intersect, and having a  
322 population of less than twenty thousand (20,000) in the 1970  
323 federal census, the salary of the county prosecuting attorney  
324 shall be no less than Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00).

325 (f) In any county having a population of more than  
326 twenty-five thousand (25,000) and in which U.S. Highways 72 and 45  
327 intersect, the salary of the county attorney shall be paid not  
328 less than Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00).

329 In addition, such county prosecuting attorney shall receive  
330 the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) per month  
331 for the purpose of defraying secretarial expense.



332 (g) In any county wherein I-20 and State Highway 15  
333 intersect; and in any county wherein I-20 and State Highway 35  
334 intersect, the salary of the county prosecuting attorney shall be  
335 not less than Eight Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$8,400.00).

336 (h) In any Class 1 county bordering on the Mississippi  
337 River, lying in whole or in part within a levee district, wherein  
338 U.S. Highways 82 and 61 intersect, bounded by the Sunflower River  
339 and Stales Bayou, the board of supervisors, in its discretion, may  
340 pay an annual salary equal to the annual salary of members of the  
341 board of supervisors in the county. In addition, such county  
342 prosecuting attorney shall receive the sum of One Thousand Dollars  
343 (\$1,000.00) per month for the purpose of defraying secretarial  
344 expenses.

345 (i) In any county bordering on the Gulf of Mexico  
346 having two (2) judicial districts, and wherein U.S. Highways 90  
347 and 49 intersect, the salary of the county prosecuting attorney  
348 shall be not less than Nineteen Thousand Dollars (\$19,000.00) per  
349 year. The Board of Supervisors of Harrison County, Mississippi,  
350 may, in its discretion, and by agreement with the county  
351 prosecuting attorney, employ the county prosecuting attorney and  
352 his/her assistant during his/her term of office, and designate  
353 additional duties and responsibilities of the office and pay  
354 additional compensation up to, but not in excess of, ninety  
355 percent (90%) of the annual compensation and salary of the county  
356 court judges of Harrison County as authorized by law and provide  
357 adequate office space and reasonable office expenses to the county  
358 prosecuting attorney and his/her assistant. The salary authorized  
359 by this paragraph (i) for the county prosecuting attorney and  
360 his/her assistant shall be the sole and complete salary paid by  
361 the county for such prosecuting attorney and his/her assistant in  
362 each county to which this paragraph applies, notwithstanding any  
363 other provision of law to the contrary.



364           (j) In any county bordering on the State of Alabama,  
365 having a population in excess of seventy-five thousand (75,000)  
366 according to the 1980 decennial census in which is located an  
367 institution of higher learning and a United States military  
368 installation and which is traversed by an interstate highway, the  
369 salary of the county prosecuting attorney shall not be less than  
370 Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) nor more than the amount of  
371 the annual salary received by a member of the board of supervisors  
372 of that county.

373           (k) In any county with a land area wherein Mississippi  
374 Highways 8 and 9 intersect, the salary of the county prosecuting  
375 attorney shall be not less than Eight Thousand Five Hundred  
376 Dollars (\$8,500.00) per year.

377           (l) In any Class 2 county wherein Mississippi Highways  
378 6 and 3 intersect, the salary of the county prosecuting attorney  
379 shall be not less than Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) per  
380 year nor more than the amount of the annual salary received by a  
381 member of the board of supervisors of that county.

382           (m) In any county wherein Interstate Highway 55 and  
383 State Highway 8 intersect, the salary of the county prosecuting  
384 attorney shall be not less than Twelve Thousand Dollars  
385 (\$12,000.00) per year.

386           (n) In any county wherein U.S. Highway 51 intersects  
387 Mississippi Highway 6, and having two (2) judicial districts, the  
388 salary of the county prosecuting attorney shall be not less than  
389 Three Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$3,600.00) per year.

390           (o) In any county bordering on the Alabama state line,  
391 having a population of greater than fifteen thousand (15,000)  
392 according to the 1970 federal decennial census, wherein U.S.  
393 Highway 45 and Mississippi Highway 18 intersect, the salary of the  
394 county prosecuting attorney shall be not less than Three Thousand  
395 Six Hundred Dollars (\$3,600.00) nor greater than that of a member  
396 of the board of supervisors of such county. All prior acts,



397 orders and resolutions of the board of supervisors of such county  
398 which authorized the payment of the salary in conformity with the  
399 provisions of this paragraph, whether or not heretofore  
400 specifically authorized by law are hereby ratified, approved and  
401 confirmed.

402 (p) In any county wherein is located a state-supported  
403 institution of higher learning and wherein U.S. Highway 82 and  
404 Mississippi Highway 389 intersect, the board of supervisors, in  
405 its discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual  
406 salary equal to the annual salary of members of the board of  
407 supervisors in the county.

408 (q) In any county having two (2) judicial districts  
409 wherein Mississippi Highway 32 intersects U.S. Highway 49E, the  
410 salary of the county prosecuting attorney shall be not less than  
411 Twelve Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$12,700.00).

412 (r) In any county traversed by the Natchez Trace  
413 Parkway wherein U.S. Highway 45 and Mississippi Highway 4  
414 intersect, the board of supervisors, in its discretion, may pay  
415 the county prosecuting attorney an annual salary equal to the  
416 annual salary of justice court judges in the county.

417 (s) In any county having a population of more than  
418 fourteen thousand (14,000) according to the 1970 census and which  
419 county is bordered on the north by the State of Tennessee and on  
420 the east by the State of Alabama and in which U.S. Highway No. 72  
421 and Highway No. 25 intersect, the board of supervisors, in its  
422 discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual  
423 salary equal to the annual salary of justice court judges in the  
424 county.

425 (t) (i) In any county wherein Interstate Highway 55  
426 and State Highway 22 intersect, and which is also traversed in  
427 whole or part by U.S. Highways 49 and 51, and State Highways 16,  
428 17, 43 and the Natchez Trace Parkway, and also containing a part  
429 of a public lake or reservoir, in excess of thirty thousand



430 (30,000) acres, the board of supervisors, in its discretion, may  
431 pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual salary in the amount  
432 of Twenty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$28,000.00).

433 (ii) From and after October 1, 1993, in addition  
434 to the salary provided for item (i) of this paragraph, the board  
435 of supervisors, in its discretion, may pay the county prosecuting  
436 attorney an additional amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of  
437 the maximum allowable salary prescribed herein.

438 (u) In any county having a population in the 1970  
439 census in excess of thirty-five thousand (35,000) and in which  
440 U.S. Highways 49W and 82 intersect, and in which is located a  
441 state penitentiary, the annual salary of a county prosecuting  
442 attorney shall be Thirty Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Dollars  
443 (\$30,420.00).

444 (v) In any county wherein Mississippi Highway 50  
445 intersects U.S. Highway 45-Alternate, and having a population  
446 greater than twenty thousand (20,000) according to the 1980  
447 federal decennial census, a salary equal to that of a member of  
448 the board of supervisors of such county; provided that if such  
449 county prosecuting attorney is paid a sum for the purpose of  
450 defraying office or secretarial expenses, then the salary  
451 prescribed herein shall be reduced by that amount.

452 (w) In any county in which the 1975 assessed valuation  
453 was Forty Million Seven Hundred Thirty-nine Thousand Four Hundred  
454 Sixty-six Dollars (\$40,739,466.00) and wherein U.S. Highway 45 and  
455 Mississippi Highway 8 intersect, the salary of the county  
456 prosecuting attorney shall be equal to that of a member of the  
457 board of supervisors of such county.

458 (x) In any county bordering on the Mississippi River  
459 having a population greater than fifty thousand (50,000) according  
460 to the 1980 federal decennial census and also having a national  
461 military park and national cemetery, an annual salary of  
462 Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) or a salary equal to



463 that of a member of the board of supervisors in such county,  
464 whichever is greater. In addition, such county prosecuting  
465 attorney shall receive the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)  
466 per month for the purpose of defraying secretarial expenses.

467 (y) In any county bordering on the Alabama state line,  
468 traversed by the Chickasawhay River, and wherein U.S. Highway 45  
469 and U.S. Highway 84 intersect, a salary that shall be equal to the  
470 annual salary of a member of the board of supervisors of such  
471 county. All prior acts, orders and resolutions of the board of  
472 supervisors of such county which authorize the payment of the  
473 salary of the county prosecuting attorney in conformity with the  
474 provisions of this section as it existed immediately prior to the  
475 effective date of Chapter 506, Laws of 1985, are hereby ratified,  
476 approved, confirmed and validated.

477 (z) In any county having a population greater than  
478 sixty-five thousand five hundred eighty (65,580) but less than  
479 sixty-five thousand five hundred ninety (65,590) according to the  
480 1990 federal decennial census, wherein U.S. Highway 45 intersects  
481 with Mississippi Highway 6, an annual salary equal to Thirty  
482 Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00).

483 (aa) In any county where an institution of higher  
484 learning is located and wherein U.S. Highway 82 and U.S. Highway  
485 45 intersect, the salary of county prosecuting attorney shall be  
486 not less than that of a member of the board of supervisors in such  
487 county, and the board of supervisors may, in its discretion, pay  
488 such county prosecuting attorney a salary in an amount not to  
489 exceed the amount of the salary of the District Attorney for the  
490 Sixteenth Judicial District of Mississippi.

491 (bb) In any county having a population greater than six  
492 thousand (6,000) according to the federal decennial census and  
493 wherein U.S. Highway 61 and Highway 24 intersect, the board of  
494 supervisors, in its discretion, may pay the county prosecuting



495 attorney an annual salary equal to the annual salary of members of  
496 the board of supervisors in the county.

497 (cc) In any county having a population greater than  
498 thirty-one thousand (31,000) according to the 1990 federal  
499 decennial census and wherein U.S. Highway 61 and U.S. Highway 49  
500 intersect, a salary of not less than the annual salary of justice  
501 court judges in the county.

502 (dd) In any county having a population greater than  
503 eighty-seven thousand (87,000) but less than eighty-seven thousand  
504 two hundred (87,200) according to the 1990 federal census, in  
505 which is located an international airport, an annual salary of  
506 Twenty-nine Thousand Dollars (\$29,000.00). In addition, such  
507 county prosecuting attorney shall receive the sum of One Thousand  
508 Dollars (\$1,000.00) per month for the purpose of defraying  
509 secretarial expenses.

510 (ee) In any county having a population greater than  
511 eight thousand (8,000) but less than eight thousand two hundred  
512 (8,200) according to the 1990 federal census, and in which U.S.  
513 Highway 61 and Mississippi Highway 4 intersect, the board of  
514 supervisors may, in its discretion, pay the county prosecuting  
515 attorney an amount not to exceed Fourteen Thousand Dollars  
516 (\$14,000.00), in addition to the maximum allowable salary for that  
517 attorney under subsection (1), beginning on April 1, 1997.

518 (ff) In any county having a population greater than  
519 thirty thousand three hundred (30,300) but less than thirty  
520 thousand four hundred (30,400) according to the 1990 federal  
521 census, and in which U.S. Highway 78 and Mississippi Highway 7  
522 intersect, a salary of not less than the annual salary of a member  
523 of the board of supervisors in such county.

524 (gg) In any county having a population greater than  
525 thirteen thousand three hundred (13,300) but less than thirteen  
526 thousand four hundred (13,400) according to the 1990 federal  
527 census, and in which Mississippi Highway 24 and Mississippi





528 Highway 48 intersect, the board of supervisors may, in its  
529 discretion, pay the county prosecuting attorney an additional  
530 amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the maximum allowable  
531 salary for that attorney under subsection (1).

532 (hh) In any county having a population greater than  
533 eight thousand three hundred (8,300) but less than eight thousand  
534 four hundred (8,400) according to the 1990 federal census, and in  
535 which U.S. Highway 84 and U.S. Highway 98 intersect, the board of  
536 supervisors may, in its discretion, pay the county prosecuting  
537 attorney an additional amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of  
538 the maximum allowable salary for that attorney under subsection  
539 (1).

540 (ii) After September 30, 1993, in any county having a  
541 population of more than thirty thousand four hundred (30,400) and  
542 which is traversed in whole or part by I-59, U.S. Highways 98 and  
543 11 and State Highway 13, the annual salary of the county  
544 prosecuting attorney shall be Twenty-five Thousand Dollars  
545 (\$25,000.00). In addition, such county prosecuting attorney shall  
546 receive after September 30, 1993, the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty  
547 Dollars (\$750.00) per month for the purpose of defraying office or  
548 secretarial expenses.

549 (jj) In any county having a population greater than  
550 twenty thousand (20,000) according to the 1990 federal census and  
551 wherein U.S. Highway 78 and Mississippi Highway 25 intersect, the  
552 board of supervisors, in its discretion, may pay the county  
553 prosecuting attorney an annual salary equal to the annual salary  
554 of justice court judges in the county.

555 (kk) In any county having a population greater than  
556 twelve thousand four hundred (12,400) but less than twelve  
557 thousand five hundred (12,500) according to the 1990 federal  
558 census, and in which U.S. Highway 84 and Mississippi Highway 27  
559 intersect, the board of supervisors may, in its discretion, pay  
560 the county prosecuting attorney an additional amount not to exceed



561 ten percent (10%) of the maximum allowable salary for that  
562 attorney under subsection (1).

563 (ll) In any county having a population greater than  
564 thirty thousand two hundred (30,200) but less than thirty thousand  
565 three hundred (30,300) according to the 1990 federal census, and  
566 in which U.S. Interstate 55 and Mississippi Highway 84 intersect,  
567 the board of supervisors may, in its discretion, pay the county  
568 prosecuting attorney an additional amount not to exceed ten  
569 percent (10%) of the maximum allowable salary for that attorney  
570 under subsection (1).

571 (mm) In any county on the Mississippi River levee,  
572 having a population greater than forty-one thousand eight hundred  
573 (41,800) but less than forty-one thousand nine hundred (41,900)  
574 according to the 1990 federal census wherein U.S. Highway 61 and  
575 Mississippi Highway 8 intersect, the board of supervisors, in its  
576 discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual  
577 salary equal to the annual salary of members of the board of  
578 supervisors in the county. In addition, the board of supervisors,  
579 in its discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney the sum  
580 of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per month for the purpose of  
581 defraying secretarial expenses.

582 (nn) In any county having a population greater than  
583 twenty-four thousand seven hundred (24,700) and less than  
584 twenty-four thousand nine hundred (24,900) according to the 1990  
585 federal census, wherein Mississippi Highways 15 and 16 intersect,  
586 the board of supervisors, in its discretion, may pay the county  
587 prosecuting attorney an annual salary equal to the annual salary  
588 of members of the board of supervisors in the county.

589 (oo) In any county having a population greater than  
590 thirty-seven thousand (37,000) but less than thirty-eight thousand  
591 (38,000) according to the 1990 federal census, in which is located  
592 a state supported institution of higher learning, and in which  
593 U.S. Highway 82 and Mississippi Highway 7 intersect, the board of



594 supervisors may, in its discretion, pay the county prosecuting  
595 attorney a salary in an amount not to exceed the amount of the  
596 salary of the District Attorney for the Fourth Judicial District  
597 of Mississippi.

598           (pp) In any county in which U.S. Highway 78 and  
599 Mississippi Highway 15 intersect and which is traversed by the  
600 Tallahatchie River, a salary equal to that of members of the board  
601 of supervisors of the county, which salary shall be in addition to  
602 any sums received for the purpose of defraying office or  
603 secretarial expenses and sums received as youth court prosecutor  
604 fees.

605           (qq) In any county bordering on the State of Tennessee  
606 and the State of Arkansas, wherein Interstate Highway 55 and  
607 Mississippi Highway 302 intersect, the board of supervisors, in  
608 its discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual  
609 salary equal to the annual salary of justice court judges in the  
610 county.

611           (rr) In any county that is traversed by the Natchez  
612 Trace Parkway and in which Mississippi Highway 35 and Mississippi  
613 Highway 12 intersect, the board of supervisors, in its discretion,  
614 may pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual salary in the  
615 amount of the annual salary of justice court judges in the county.

616           (ss) In any county in which Mississippi Highway 14 and  
617 Mississippi Highway 25 intersect, the board of supervisors, in its  
618 discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual  
619 salary in the amount of Twenty-two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000.00).

620           (tt) In any county in which Interstate Highway 59 and  
621 U.S. Highway 84 intersect, the board of supervisors, in its  
622 discretion, may pay the county prosecuting attorney an annual  
623 salary equal to the annual salary of members of the board of  
624 supervisors in the county.

625           (3) In any case where a salary, expense allowance or other  
626 sum is authorized or paid by the board of supervisors pursuant to



627 this section, that salary, expense allowance or other sum shall  
628 not be reduced or terminated during the term for which the county  
629 attorney was elected.

630 **SECTION 4.** Section 25-3-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
631 amended as follows:

632 25-3-13. The salaries of the members of the boards of  
633 supervisors of the various counties are \* \* \* fixed as full  
634 compensation for their services.

635 The annual salary of each member of the board of supervisors  
636 shall be based upon the total assessed valuation of his respective  
637 county for the preceding taxable year in the following categories  
638 and for the following amounts:

639 (a) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
640 less than Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00), a salary of  
641 Twenty-seven Thousand Fifty-nine Dollars (\$27,059.00);

642 (b) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
643 at least Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00), but less than  
644 Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00), a salary of  
645 Twenty-seven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-eight Dollars  
646 (\$27,758.00);

647 (c) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
648 at least Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00), but less  
649 than Thirty-five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000.00), a salary of  
650 Twenty-eight Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-six Dollars (\$28,456.00;

651 (d) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
652 at least Thirty-five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000.00), but less  
653 than Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00), a salary of Thirty  
654 Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$30,900.00);

655 (e) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
656 at least Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00), but less than  
657 Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00), a salary of  
658 Thirty-two Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-six Dollars (\$32,296.00);



659 (f) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
660 at least Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00), but less  
661 than One Hundred Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$125,000,000.00), a  
662 salary of Thirty-three Thousand Three Hundred Forty-four Dollars  
663 (\$33,344.00);

664 (g) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
665 One Hundred Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$125,000,000.00), but  
666 less than Three Hundred Million Dollars (\$300,000,000.00), a  
667 salary of Thirty-eight Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-one Dollars  
668 (\$38,581.00);

669 (h) For counties having a total assessed valuation of  
670 Three Hundred Million Dollars (\$300,000,000.00) or more, a salary  
671 of Forty-two Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-five Dollars  
672 (\$42,945.00).

673 \* \* \*

674 **SECTION 5.** Section 25-3-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
675 amended as follows:

676 25-3-25. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections  
677 (2) through (9), the salaries of sheriffs of the various counties  
678 are \* \* \* fixed as full compensation for their services.

679 \* \* \* The annual salary for each sheriff shall be based upon  
680 the total population of his county according to the latest federal  
681 decennial census in the following categories and for the following  
682 amounts; however, no sheriff shall be paid less than the salary  
683 authorized under this section to be paid the sheriff based upon  
684 the population of the county according to the 1980 federal  
685 decennial census, and the salary of a sheriff may not be reduced  
686 during his term of office due to a population decrease based upon  
687 the 1990 or 2000 federal decennial census:

688 (a) For counties with a total population of more than  
689 two hundred thousand (200,000), a salary of Eighty-six Thousand  
690 Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$86,250.00).



691 (b) For counties with a total population of more than  
692 one hundred thousand (100,000) and not more than two hundred  
693 thousand (200,000), a salary of Eighty Thousand Five Hundred  
694 Dollars (\$80,500.00).

695 (c) For counties with a total population of more than  
696 forty-five thousand (45,000) and not more than one hundred  
697 thousand (100,000), a salary of Seventy-four Thousand Seven  
698 Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$74,750.00).

699 (d) For counties with a total population of more than  
700 thirty-four thousand (34,000) and not more than forty-five  
701 thousand (45,000), a salary of Sixty-nine Thousand Dollars  
702 (\$69,000.00).

703 (e) For counties with a total population of more than  
704 twenty-five thousand (25,000) and not more than thirty-four  
705 thousand (34,000), a salary of Fifty-nine Thousand Eight Hundred  
706 Dollars (\$59,800.00).

707 (f) For counties with a total population of more than  
708 fifteen thousand (15,000) and not more than twenty-five thousand  
709 (25,000), a salary of Fifty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars  
710 (\$57,500.00).

711 (g) For counties with a total population of more than  
712 nine thousand five hundred (9,500) and not more than fifteen  
713 thousand (15,000), a salary of Fifty-four Thousand Fifty Dollars  
714 (\$54,050.00).

715 (h) For counties with a total population of more than  
716 seven thousand five hundred (7,500) and not more than nine  
717 thousand five hundred (9,500), a salary of Fifty-one Thousand  
718 Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$51,750.00).

719 (i) For counties with a total population of not more  
720 than seven thousand five hundred (7,500), a salary of Forty-eight  
721 Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$48,300.00).

722 (2) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)  
723 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Leflore County \* \* \*



724 in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of  
725 the county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars  
726 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual  
727 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such  
728 county for the following reasons:

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

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

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

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

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

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

744 (g) The increased activity of the Child Support  
745 Division of the Department of Human Services in enforcing in the  
746 courts parental obligations \* \* \* imposes additional duties on the  
747 sheriff; and

748 (h) The dispatchers of the enhanced E-911 system in  
749 place in Leflore County are under the direction and control of the  
750 sheriff.

751 (3) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)  
752 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Rankin County \* \* \*,  
753 in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of  
754 the county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars  
755 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual



756 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such  
757 county for the following reasons:

758 (a) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates  
759 and maintains the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility within  
760 the county;

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

763 (c) Hudspeth Regional Center, a facility maintained for  
764 the care and treatment of the mentally retarded, is located within  
765 the county;

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

768 (e) The State Fire Academy is operated and maintained  
769 within the county;

770 (f) The Pearl River Valley Water Supply District,  
771 ordinarily known as the "Reservoir District," is located within  
772 the county;

773 (g) The Jackson International Airport is located within  
774 the county;

775 (h) The patrolling of the state properties located  
776 within the county \* \* \* imposes additional duties on the sheriff;  
777 and

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

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

787 (5) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)  
788 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Tunica County \* \* \*,





789 in their discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff  
790 of the county in an amount equal to Ten Thousand Dollars  
791 (\$10,000.00) \* \* \*.

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

798 (a) Hinds County has the greatest population of any  
799 county, two hundred fifty-four thousand four hundred forty-one  
800 (254,441) by the 1990 census, being almost one hundred thousand  
801 (100,000) more than the next most populous county;

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

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

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

809 (e) There are four (4) resident circuit judges, four  
810 (4) resident chancery judges, and three (3) resident county judges  
811 in Hinds County, the most of any county, with the sheriff acting  
812 as chief executive officer and provider of bailiff services for  
813 all;

814 (f) The main offices for the clerk and most of the  
815 judges and magistrates for the United States District Court for  
816 the Southern District of Mississippi are located within the  
817 county;

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



820 (h) The University of Mississippi Medical Center,  
821 combining the medical school, dental school, nursing school and  
822 hospital, is located within the county;

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

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

827 (k) Hinds County has the largest criminal population in  
828 the state, such that the Hinds County Sheriff's Department  
829 operates the largest county jail system in the state, housing  
830 almost one thousand (1,000) inmates in three (3) separate  
831 detention facilities;

832 (l) The Hinds County Sheriff's Department handles more  
833 mental and drug and alcohol commitment cases than any other  
834 sheriff's department in the state;

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

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

840 (o) The Hinds County Sheriff's Department is regularly  
841 asked to provide security services not only at the Fairgrounds and  
842 Memorial Stadium, but also for events at the Mississippi Museum of  
843 Art and Jackson City Auditorium.

844 (7) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)  
845 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Wilkinson County, in  
846 its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the  
847 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars  
848 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual  
849 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such  
850 county because the Mississippi Department of Corrections contracts  
851 for the private incarceration of state inmates at a private  
852 correctional facility within the county.



853           (8) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1)  
854 of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Marshall County, in  
855 its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the  
856 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars  
857 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual  
858 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such  
859 county because the Mississippi Department of Corrections contracts  
860 for the private incarceration of state inmates at a private  
861 correctional facility within the county.

862           (9) In addition to the salary provided in subsection (1) of  
863 this section, the Board of Supervisors of Greene County, in its  
864 discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the  
865 county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars  
866 (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual  
867 supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such  
868 county for the following reasons:

869           (a) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates  
870 and maintains the South Mississippi Correctional Facility within  
871 the county;

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

876           (c) The patrolling of the state properties located  
877 within the county \* \* \* imposes additional duties on the sheriff,  
878 justifying additional compensation.

879           (10) The salaries \* \* \* provided in this section shall be  
880 payable monthly on the first day of each calendar month by  
881 chancery clerk's warrant drawn on the general fund of the county;  
882 however, the board of supervisors, by resolution duly adopted and  
883 entered on its minutes, may provide that such salaries shall be  
884 paid semimonthly on the first and fifteenth day of each month. If  
885 a pay date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, salary payments



886 shall be made on the workday immediately preceding the weekend or  
887 legal holiday.

888 **SECTION 6.** Section 25-3-36, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
889 amended as follows:

890 25-3-36. (1) \* \* \* Every justice court judge shall receive  
891 as full compensation for his or her services and in lieu of any  
892 and all other fees, costs or compensation heretofore authorized  
893 for such justice court judge, an annual salary based upon the  
894 population of his or her county according to the 1990 federal  
895 decennial census; however, no justice court judge shall be paid  
896 less than the salary authorized under this section to be paid the  
897 justice court judge based upon the population of the county  
898 according to the 1980 federal decennial census. The amount of a  
899 justice court judge's salary shall be determined as follows:

900 (a) In counties with a population of more than two  
901 hundred thousand (200,000), a salary of Fifty-three Thousand Two  
902 Hundred Forty-four Dollars (\$53,244.00).

903 (b) In counties with a population of more than one  
904 hundred fifty thousand (150,000) but not more than two hundred  
905 thousand (200,000), a salary of Forty-eight Thousand Eight Hundred  
906 Eighty Dollars (\$48,880.00).

907 (c) In counties with a population of more than  
908 seventy-five thousand (75,000) but not more than one hundred fifty  
909 thousand (150,000), a salary of Forty-four Thousand Five Hundred  
910 Sixteen Dollars (\$44,516.00).

911 (d) In counties with a population of more than  
912 forty-nine thousand (49,000) but not more than seventy-five  
913 thousand (75,000), a salary of Thirty-eight Thousand Four Hundred  
914 Six Dollars (\$38,406.00).

915 (e) In counties with a population of more than  
916 thirty-four thousand (34,000) but not more than forty-nine  
917 thousand (49,000), a salary of Thirty-three Thousand One Hundred  
918 Sixty-nine Dollars (\$33,169.00).



919 (f) In counties with a population of more than  
920 twenty-four thousand five hundred (24,500) but not more than  
921 thirty-four thousand (34,000), a salary of Thirty-one Thousand  
922 Four Hundred Twenty-three Dollars (\$31,423.00).

923 (g) In counties with a population of more than  
924 twenty-one thousand (21,000) but not more than twenty-four  
925 thousand five hundred (24,500), a salary of Twenty-seven Thousand  
926 Nine Hundred Thirty-two Dollars (\$27,932.00).

927 (h) In counties with a population of more than sixteen  
928 thousand five hundred (16,500) but not more than twenty-one  
929 thousand (21,000), a salary of Twenty-four Thousand Four Hundred  
930 Forty Dollars (\$24,440.00).

931 (i) In counties with a population of more than twelve  
932 thousand (12,000) but not more than sixteen thousand five hundred  
933 (16,500), a salary of Twenty Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-nine  
934 Dollars (\$20,949.00).

935 (j) In counties with a population of more than eight  
936 thousand (8,000) but not more than twelve thousand (12,000), a  
937 salary of Seventeen Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars  
938 (\$17,250.00).

939 (k) In counties with a population of eight thousand  
940 (8,000) or less, a salary of Thirteen Thousand Eight Hundred  
941 Dollars (\$13,800.00).

942 The board of supervisors of any county having two (2)  
943 judicial districts and two (2) justice court judges for the county  
944 shall pay each justice court judge an amount equal to that \* \* \*  
945 provided in this subsection for judges in the next higher  
946 population category per year, if the justice court judge maintains  
947 regular office hours and is personally present in the office he  
948 maintains for at least thirty (30) hours per week. In any county  
949 having a population greater than eight thousand (8,000) but less  
950 than eight thousand five hundred (8,500) according to the 1990  
951 federal decennial census and in which U.S. Highway 61 and



952 Mississippi Highway 4 intersect, the board of supervisors \* \* \*,  
953 in its discretion, may pay such justice court judges an additional  
954 amount not to exceed the sum of Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Fifty  
955 Dollars (\$11,550.00) per year \* \* \*. In any county having a  
956 population greater than ten thousand (10,000) but less than ten  
957 thousand five hundred (10,500) according to the 1990 federal  
958 decennial census and in which Mississippi Highway 3 and  
959 Mississippi Highway 6 intersect, the board of supervisors \* \* \*,  
960 in its discretion, may pay such justice court judges an additional  
961 amount not to exceed One Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars  
962 (\$1,450.00) per year \* \* \*. In any county having a population  
963 greater than twenty-four thousand seven hundred (24,700) and less  
964 than twenty-four thousand nine hundred (24,900), according to the  
965 1990 federal census, wherein Mississippi Highways 15 and 16  
966 intersect, the board of supervisors shall pay such justice court  
967 judge an additional amount equal to Two Thousand Five Hundred  
968 Dollars (\$2,500.00) per year.

969 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this  
970 section, in the event that the number of justice court judges  
971 authorized pursuant to Section 9-11-2(1) is exceeded pursuant to  
972 the provisions of Section 9-11-2(4), the aggregate of the salaries  
973 paid to the justice court judges of such a county shall not exceed  
974 the amount sufficient to pay the number of justice court judges  
975 authorized pursuant to Section 9-11-2(1), and such amount shall be  
976 equally divided among those justice court judges continuing to  
977 hold office under the provisions of Section 9-11-2(4).

978 (3) From and after January 1, 1984, all fees, costs, fines  
979 and penalties charged and collected in the justice court shall be  
980 paid to the clerk of the justice court for deposit, along with  
981 monies from cash bonds and other monies which have been forfeited  
982 in criminal cases, into the general fund of the county as provided  
983 in Section 9-11-19; and the clerk of the board of supervisors  
984 shall be authorized and empowered, upon approval by the board of



985 supervisors, to make disbursements and withdrawals from the  
986 general fund of the county in order to pay any reasonable and  
987 necessary expenses incurred in complying with this section,  
988 including payment of the salaries of justice court judges as  
989 provided by subsection (1) of this section. The provisions of  
990 this subsection shall not, except as to cash bonds and other  
991 monies which have been forfeited in criminal cases, apply to  
992 monies required to be deposited in the justice court clerk  
993 clearing account as provided in Section 9-11-18.

994 (4) The salaries provided for in \* \* \* this section shall be  
995 payable monthly by warrant drawn by the clerk of the board of  
996 supervisors on the general fund of the county; however, the board  
997 of supervisors, by resolution duly adopted and entered on its  
998 minutes, may provide that such salaries shall be paid semimonthly  
999 on the first and fifteenth day of each month. If a pay date falls  
1000 on a weekend or legal holiday, salary payments shall be made on  
1001 the workday immediately preceding the weekend or legal holiday.

1002 (5) \* \* \* The salary of a justice court judge shall not be  
1003 reduced during his term of office as a result of a population  
1004 change following a federal decennial census.

1005 (6) Any justice court judge who is unable to attend and hold  
1006 court by reason of being under suspension by the Commission on  
1007 Judicial Performance or the Mississippi Supreme Court shall not  
1008 receive a salary while under such suspension.

1009 **SECTION 7.** Section 9-9-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1010 amended as follows:

1011 9-9-11. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (2)  
1012 and (3), the county court judge shall receive an annual salary  
1013 payable monthly out of the county treasury in an amount not to  
1014 exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) less than the salary which  
1015 is now or shall hereafter be provided for circuit and chancery  
1016 judges of this state, in the discretion of the board of  
1017 supervisors of that county; \* \* \* however, \* \* \* the salary of



1018 such judge shall not be reduced during his term of office. \* \* \*  
1019 Further, \* \* \* the office of county court judge in any county  
1020 receiving an annual salary of Thirty-six Thousand Dollars  
1021 (\$36,000.00) or more shall be a full-time position, and the holder  
1022 thereof shall not otherwise engage in the practice of law.

1023 (2) In the event of the establishment of a county court by  
1024 agreement between two (2) or more counties as provided in Section  
1025 9-9-3, the county judge of the court so established shall be paid  
1026 a salary equal to one and one-half (1-1/2) times that salary that  
1027 he would be paid if he were the judge of the smallest of such two  
1028 (2) or more counties, such salary to be paid in monthly  
1029 installments as provided by law; provided that such salary shall  
1030 not exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) less than the salary  
1031 of the circuit and chancery judges of this state.

1032 (3) The county court judge shall receive an annual salary  
1033 payable monthly out of the county treasury as follows:

1034 (a) In any county having a population of seventy  
1035 thousand (70,000) or more according to the 1980 federal census,  
1036 the county judge shall receive an annual salary of One Thousand  
1037 Dollars (\$1,000.00) less than that paid to a circuit court judge.  
1038 The office of county judge shall be a full-time position, and the  
1039 holder thereof shall not otherwise engage in the practice of law.

1040 (b) In any county having a population of sixty thousand  
1041 (60,000) or more but less than seventy thousand (70,000) according  
1042 to the 1980 federal census, the county judge shall receive an  
1043 annual salary of Forty-six Thousand Dollars (\$46,000.00). The  
1044 office of county judge shall be a full-time position, and the  
1045 holder thereof shall not otherwise engage in the practice of law.  
1046 The county judge shall not be eligible for any additional salary  
1047 except as may be authorized in subsection (4).

1048 (c) In any county having a population of twenty-seven  
1049 thousand (27,000) or more but less than sixty thousand (60,000)  
1050 according to the 1980 federal census, the county judge shall





1051 receive an annual salary of not less than Thirteen Thousand Eight  
1052 Hundred Dollars (\$13,800.00) but not more than Forty-six Thousand  
1053 Dollars (\$46,000.00), in the discretion of the board of  
1054 supervisors of said county. The county judge shall not be  
1055 eligible for any additional salary except as may be authorized in  
1056 subsection (4). In the event that the board of supervisors of  
1057 that county elects to pay such county judge an annual salary of  
1058 Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) or more, the office of county  
1059 judge shall be a full-time position, and the holder thereof shall  
1060 not otherwise engage in the practice of law.

1061 (d) In any county having a population of less than  
1062 twenty-seven thousand (27,000) according to the 1980 federal  
1063 census, the county judge shall receive an annual salary of not  
1064 less than Four Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$4,830.00)  
1065 and not more than Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-five Dollars  
1066 (\$9,775.00), in the discretion of the board of supervisors of that  
1067 county. The county judge shall not be eligible for any additional  
1068 salary except as may be authorized in subsection (4).

1069 (4) The county judge of any county described in this  
1070 subsection shall be paid the compensation, and he shall be subject  
1071 to any restrictions, set forth in the following paragraphs:

1072 (a) The county judge of any such Class 1 county with  
1073 population according to the latest federal decennial census of  
1074 forty-five thousand (45,000) or more and lying wholly within a  
1075 levee district and having two (2) judicial districts \* \* \*, in the  
1076 discretion of the board of supervisors of such county, shall  
1077 receive an annual salary not exceeding Forty Thousand Dollars  
1078 (\$40,000.00), or a sum which is One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)  
1079 less than the salary which is now or shall hereafter be provided  
1080 for circuit and chancery judges of the state, whichever is  
1081 greater.

1082 (b) The county judge of any Class 1 county having an  
1083 area in excess of nine hundred twenty-five (925) square miles



1084 shall receive an annual salary of not less than Thirty Thousand  
1085 Dollars (\$30,000.00) but, in the discretion of the board of  
1086 supervisors of such county, such salary may be not more than Five  
1087 Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) less than the annual salary of a circuit  
1088 judge, payable monthly out of the county treasury, and the county  
1089 judge shall not practice law.

1090 (c) The office of county judge in any such Class 1  
1091 county with a population according to the 1970 federal decennial  
1092 census of greater than thirty-nine thousand (39,000), and where  
1093 U.S. Highway 61 and Mississippi Highway 6 intersect, shall receive  
1094 an annual salary to be paid in monthly installments of not less  
1095 than an amount equal to ninety percent (90%) of the annual salary  
1096 which is now or shall hereafter be provided for circuit and  
1097 chancery judges of the state, as follows: The salary of the  
1098 county judge shall be increased by ten percent (10%) annually  
1099 above the base salary of the preceding year until such time as the  
1100 judge's salary is equal to the amount that is provided by this  
1101 subsection. The office of county judge shall be a full-time  
1102 position and the holder thereof shall not otherwise engage in the  
1103 practice of law.

1104 (d) In any Class 1 county bordering on the Mississippi  
1105 River and which has situated therein a national military park and  
1106 national military cemetery, the office of county judge shall be a  
1107 full-time position and the holder thereof shall not otherwise  
1108 engage in the practice of law. The salary for the county judge in  
1109 that county shall be fixed at a sum which is One Thousand Dollars  
1110 (\$1,000.00) less than the salary which is now or shall hereafter  
1111 be provided for circuit and chancery judges of this state.

1112 (e) The county judge in any county having a population  
1113 of at least forty-two thousand one hundred eleven (42,111),  
1114 according to the 1970 census, and where U.S. Highway 49E and U.S.  
1115 Highway 82 intersect, shall receive an annual salary to be paid in  
1116 monthly installments of not less than Thirty Thousand Dollars



1117 (\$30,000.00) but not more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars  
1118 (\$2,500.00) less than the annual salary of the circuit judge, in  
1119 the discretion of the board of supervisors of that county.

1120 (f) The county judge in any Class 1 county bordering on  
1121 the Mississippi River and having an area of less than four hundred  
1122 fifty (450) square miles wherein U.S. Highways 84 and 61 intersect  
1123 shall receive an annual salary of Four Thousand Dollars  
1124 (\$4,000.00) less than the annual salary of a circuit judge, and  
1125 such county judge shall not practice law in any manner. The  
1126 county judge in such county shall not be eligible to receive any  
1127 additional salary authorized by this section or from any other  
1128 source other than that set out and authorized by this paragraph.

1129 (g) The county judge of any Class 1 county bordering on  
1130 the Mississippi River on the west and the State of Tennessee on  
1131 the north, and traversed north to south by Interstate Highway 55,  
1132 shall receive an annual salary of ninety percent (90%) of the  
1133 salary which is now or shall hereafter be provided for chancery  
1134 and circuit judges of this state, but in any event not less than  
1135 Sixty Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$60,200.00).

1136 (h) The county judge of any Class 1 county with a  
1137 population of greater than sixty-nine thousand (69,000) according  
1138 to the 1980 federal decennial census, and wherein U.S. Highway 80  
1139 and Mississippi Highway 43 intersect, shall receive an annual  
1140 salary in an amount not greater than the sum of Five Hundred  
1141 Dollars (\$500.00) less than the salary which is now or shall  
1142 hereafter be provided for circuit and chancery judges of this  
1143 state, in the discretion of the board of supervisors of that  
1144 county.

1145 (i) The county judge of any county having a population  
1146 in excess of sixty-six thousand (66,000) according to the 1980  
1147 federal decennial census, wherein is located a state-supported  
1148 university and in which U.S. Highways 49 and 11 intersect, shall  
1149 receive an annual salary of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) less



1150 than that paid to a circuit court judge. The office of such  
1151 county judge shall be a full-time position, and the holder thereof  
1152 shall not otherwise engage in the practice of law.

1153 (j) The county judge of any county having two (2)  
1154 judicial districts, having a population in excess of sixty-one  
1155 thousand nine hundred (61,900) according to the 1980 federal  
1156 decennial census, in which U.S. Interstate Highway 59 intersects  
1157 with U.S. Highway 84, shall receive an annual salary of One  
1158 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) less than the salary which is now or  
1159 hereafter authorized to be paid circuit and chancery court judges  
1160 of this state. The office of such county judge shall be a  
1161 full-time position, and the holder thereof shall not otherwise  
1162 engage in the practice of law.

1163 (k) The office of county judge of any Class I county  
1164 wherein U.S. Highway 51 and U.S. Highway 98 intersect shall be a  
1165 full-time position and the holder thereof shall not otherwise  
1166 engage in the practice of law. The annual salary for the office  
1167 of county judge in that county may be fixed, in the discretion of  
1168 the board of supervisors of the county, at a sum not to exceed Two  
1169 Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) less than the salary which is now or  
1170 shall hereafter be provided for circuit and chancery judges of  
1171 this state.

1172 (l) The county judge of any county having a population  
1173 of more than forty-one thousand six hundred (41,600) but less than  
1174 forty-one thousand six hundred fifty (41,650) according to the  
1175 1980 federal census, and wherein U.S. Highway 49 intersects with  
1176 Mississippi Highway 22, shall receive an annual salary in an  
1177 amount established by the board of supervisors, but in no event to  
1178 exceed the salary provided now or hereafter for circuit and  
1179 chancery judges of this state.

1180 (m) The county judge of any county having a population  
1181 of more than fifty-seven thousand (57,000) but less than  
1182 fifty-seven thousand one hundred (57,100) according to the 1980



1183 federal census, wherein U.S. Highway 45 intersects with  
1184 Mississippi Highway 6, shall receive an annual salary in an amount  
1185 established by the board of supervisors, but in no event to exceed  
1186 the salary provided now or hereafter for circuit and chancery  
1187 judges of this state.

1188 (n) The county judge of any county having a population  
1189 of more than fifty-seven thousand three hundred (57,300) according  
1190 to the 1980 federal decennial census, wherein is located a  
1191 state-supported university and wherein United States Highways 82  
1192 and 45 intersect, shall receive an annual salary in an amount  
1193 established by the board of supervisors, but in no event to exceed  
1194 the salary provided now or hereafter for circuit and chancery  
1195 judges of this state.

1196 (5) The salary of a county court judge or justice court  
1197 judge shall not be reduced during his term of office as a result  
1198 of a population decrease based upon the 1990 federal decennial  
1199 census.

1200 \* \* \*

1201 (6) From and after October 1, 1993, \* \* \* in addition to the  
1202 salaries set forth in this section, the board of supervisors of  
1203 any county, in its discretion, may pay any county court judge  
1204 whose salary is not established herein in relation to the salary  
1205 paid to chancery and circuit court judges, an additional amount  
1206 not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the maximum allowable salary  
1207 for that judge.

1208 **SECTION 8.** Section 41-61-59, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1209 amended as follows:

1210 41-61-59. (1) A person's death which affects the public  
1211 interest as specified in subsection (2) of this section shall be  
1212 promptly reported to the medical examiner by the physician in  
1213 attendance, any hospital employee, any law enforcement officer  
1214 having knowledge of the death, the embalmer or other funeral home  
1215 employee, any emergency medical technician, any relative or any



1216 other person present. The appropriate medical examiner shall  
1217 notify the municipal or state law enforcement agency or sheriff  
1218 and take charge of the body.

1219 (2) A death affecting the public interest includes, but is  
1220 not limited to, any of the following:

1221 (a) Violent death, including homicidal, suicidal or  
1222 accidental death.

1223 (b) Death caused by thermal, chemical, electrical or  
1224 radiation injury.

1225 (c) Death caused by criminal abortion, including  
1226 self-induced abortion, or abortion related to or by sexual abuse.

1227 (d) Death related to disease thought to be virulent or  
1228 contagious which may constitute a public hazard.

1229 (e) Death that has occurred unexpectedly or from an  
1230 unexplained cause.

1231 (f) Death of a person confined in a prison, jail or  
1232 correctional institution.

1233 (g) Death of a person where a physician was not in  
1234 attendance within thirty-six (36) hours preceding death, or in  
1235 prediagnosed terminal or bedfast cases, within thirty (30) days  
1236 preceding death.

1237 (h) Death of a person where the body is not claimed by  
1238 a relative or a friend.

1239 (i) Death of a person where the identity of the  
1240 deceased is unknown.

1241 (j) Death of a child under the age of two (2) years  
1242 where death results from an unknown cause or where the  
1243 circumstances surrounding the death indicate that sudden infant  
1244 death syndrome may be the cause of death.

1245 (k) Where a body is brought into this state for  
1246 disposal and there is reason to believe either that the death was  
1247 not investigated properly or that there is not an adequate  
1248 certificate of death.



1249           (1) Where a person is presented to a hospital emergency  
1250 room unconscious and/or unresponsive, with cardiopulmonary  
1251 resuscitative measures being performed, and dies within  
1252 twenty-four (24) hours of admission without regaining  
1253 consciousness or responsiveness, unless a physician was in  
1254 attendance within thirty-six (36) hours preceding presentation to  
1255 the hospital, or in cases in which the decedent had a prediagnosed  
1256 terminal or bedfast condition, unless a physician was in  
1257 attendance within thirty (30) days preceding presentation to the  
1258 hospital.

1259           (3) The State Medical Examiner is empowered to investigate  
1260 deaths, under the authority hereinafter conferred, in any and all  
1261 political subdivisions of the state. The county medical examiners  
1262 and county medical examiner investigators, while appointed for a  
1263 specific county, may serve other counties on a regular basis with  
1264 written authorization by the State Medical Examiner, or may serve  
1265 other counties on an as-needed basis upon the request of the  
1266 ranking officer of the investigating law enforcement agency. The  
1267 county medical examiner or county medical examiner investigator of  
1268 any county which has established a regional medical examiner  
1269 district under subsection (4) of Section 41-61-77 may serve other  
1270 counties which are parties to the agreement establishing the  
1271 district, in accordance with the terms of the agreement, and may  
1272 contract with counties which are not part of the district to  
1273 provide medical examiner services for such counties. If a death  
1274 affecting the public interest takes place in a county other than  
1275 the one where injuries or other substantial causal factors leading  
1276 to the death have occurred, jurisdiction for investigation of the  
1277 death may be transferred, by mutual agreement of the respective  
1278 medical examiners of the counties involved, to the county where  
1279 such injuries or other substantial causal factors occurred, and  
1280 the costs of autopsy or other studies necessary to the further



1281 investigation of the death shall be borne by the county assuming  
1282 jurisdiction.

1283 (4) The chief county medical examiner or chief county  
1284 medical examiner investigator may receive from the county in which  
1285 he serves a salary of Eight Hundred Sixty-three Dollars (\$863.00)  
1286 per month, in addition to the fees specified in Sections 41-61-69  
1287 and 41-61-75, provided that no county shall pay the chief county  
1288 medical examiner or chief county medical examiner investigator  
1289 less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per month as a salary, in  
1290 addition to other compensation provided by law. In any county  
1291 having one or more deputy medical examiners or deputy medical  
1292 examiner investigators, each deputy may receive from the county in  
1293 which he serves, in the discretion of the board of supervisors, a  
1294 salary of not more than Eight Hundred Sixty-three Dollars  
1295 (\$863.00) per month, in addition to the fees specified in Sections  
1296 41-61-69 and 41-61-75. For this salary the chief shall assure  
1297 twenty-four-hour daily and readily available death investigators  
1298 for the county, and shall maintain copies of all medical examiner  
1299 death investigations for the county for at least the previous five  
1300 (5) years. He shall coordinate his office and duties and  
1301 cooperate with the State Medical Examiner, and the State Medical  
1302 Examiner shall cooperate with him.

1303 (5) A body composed of the State Medical Examiner, whether  
1304 appointed on a permanent or interim basis, the Director of the  
1305 State Board of Health or his designee, the Attorney General or his  
1306 designee, the President of the Mississippi Coroners' Association  
1307 (or successor organization) or his designee, and a certified  
1308 pathologist appointed by the Mississippi State Medical Association  
1309 shall adopt, promulgate, amend and repeal rules and regulations as  
1310 may be deemed necessary by them from time to time for the proper  
1311 enforcement, interpretation and administration of Sections  
1312 41-61-51 through 41-61-79, in accordance with the provisions of





1313 the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law, being Sections  
1314 25-43-1 through 25-43-19.

1315 **SECTION 9.** Section 9-13-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1316 amended as follows:

1317 9-13-19. (1) Court reporters for circuit and chancery  
1318 courts shall be paid an annual salary of Forty-three Thousand  
1319 Seven Hundred Dollars (\$43,700.00) payable by the Administrative  
1320 Office of Courts. In addition, any court reporter performing the  
1321 duties of a court administrator in the same judicial district in  
1322 which the person is employed as a court reporter may be paid  
1323 additional compensation for performing the court administrator  
1324 duties. The annual amount of the additional compensation shall be  
1325 set by vote of the judges and chancellors for whom the court  
1326 administrator duties are performed, with consideration given to  
1327 the number of hours per month devoted by the court reporter to  
1328 performing the duties of a court administrator. The additional  
1329 compensation shall be submitted to the Administrative Office of  
1330 Courts for approval.

1331 (2) The several counties in each respective court district  
1332 shall transfer from the general funds of those county treasuries  
1333 to the Administrative Office of Courts a proportionate amount to  
1334 be paid toward the annual compensation of the court reporter,  
1335 including any additional compensation paid for the performance of  
1336 court administrator duties. The amount to be paid by each county  
1337 shall be determined by the number of weeks in which court is held  
1338 in each county in proportion to the total number of weeks court is  
1339 held in the district. For purposes of this section, the term  
1340 "compensation" means the gross salary plus all amounts paid for  
1341 benefits, or otherwise, as a result of employment or as required  
1342 by employment, but does not include transcript fees otherwise  
1343 authorized to be paid by or through the counties. However, only  
1344 salary earned for services rendered shall be reported and credited  
1345 for retirement purposes. Amounts paid for transcript fees,



1346 benefits or otherwise, including reimbursement for travel  
1347 expenses, shall not be reported or credited for retirement  
1348 purposes.

1349 For example, if there are thirty-eight (38) scheduled court  
1350 weeks in a particular district, a county in which court is  
1351 scheduled five (5) weeks out of the year would have to pay  
1352 five-thirty-eighths (5/38) of the total annual compensation.

1353 (3) The salary and any additional compensation for the  
1354 performance of court administrator duties shall be paid in twelve  
1355 (12) installments on the last working day of each month after it  
1356 has been duly authorized by the appointing judge or chancellor and  
1357 an order duly placed on the minutes of the court. Each county  
1358 shall transfer to the Administrative Office of Courts one-twelfth  
1359 (1/12) of the amount required to be paid pursuant to subsection  
1360 (2) of this section by the twentieth day of each month for the  
1361 salary that is to be paid on the last working day of the month.  
1362 The Administrative Office of Courts shall pay to the court  
1363 reporter the total amount of salary due for that month. Any  
1364 county may pay, in the discretion of the board of supervisors, by  
1365 the twentieth day of January of any year, the amount due for a  
1366 full twelve (12) months.

1367 (4) From and after October 1, 1996, all circuit and chancery  
1368 court reporters will be employees of the Administrative Office of  
1369 Courts.

1370 (5) No circuit or chancery court reporter shall be entitled  
1371 to any compensation for any special or extended term of court  
1372 after passage of this section.

1373 (6) No chancery or circuit court reporter shall practice law  
1374 in the court within which he or she is the court reporter.

1375 (7) For all travel required in the performance of official  
1376 duties, the circuit or chancery court reporter shall be paid  
1377 mileage by the county in which the duties were performed at the  
1378 same rate as provided for state employees in Section 25-3-41. The



1379 court reporter shall file in the office of the clerk of the court  
1380 which he serves a certificate of mileage expense incurred during  
1381 that term and payment of such expense to the court reporter shall  
1382 be paid on allowance by the judge of such court.

1383         **SECTION 10.** Section 19-25-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1384 amended as follows:

1385         19-25-31. Each judge of a circuit, chancery or county court,  
1386 or a court of eminent domain \* \* \*, in the judge's discretion, by  
1387 order entered on the minutes of the court, may allow the sheriff  
1388 riding bailiffs to serve in the respective court of such judge,  
1389 not to exceed four (4) bailiffs. Any such person so employed  
1390 shall be paid by the county on allowances of the court on issuance  
1391 of a warrant therefor in an amount of Seventy Dollars (\$70.00) for  
1392 each day, or part thereof, for which he serves as bailiff when the  
1393 court is in session. No full-time deputy sheriff shall be paid as  
1394 a riding bailiff of any court. County court judges shall be  
1395 limited to one (1) bailiff per each court day.

1396         **SECTION 11.** Section 23-15-225, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1397 amended as follows:

1398         23-15-225. (1) The registrar shall be entitled to such  
1399 compensation, payable monthly out of the county treasury, which  
1400 the board of supervisors of the county shall allow on an annual  
1401 basis in the following amounts:

1402                 (a) For counties with a total population of more than  
1403 two hundred thousand (200,000), an amount not to exceed  
1404 Thirty-four Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-five Dollars  
1405 (\$34,385.00) but not less than Ten Thousand Five Hundred Eighty  
1406 Dollars (\$10,580.00).

1407                 (b) For counties with a total population of more than  
1408 one hundred thousand (100,000) and not more than two hundred  
1409 thousand (200,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-nine Thousand  
1410 Ninety-five Dollars (\$25,095.00), but not less than Ten Thousand  
1411 Five Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$10,580.00).



1412 (c) For counties with a total population of more than  
1413 fifty thousand (50,000) and not more than one hundred thousand  
1414 (100,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-six Thousand Four  
1415 Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$26,450.00), but not less than Ten Thousand  
1416 Five Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$10,580.00).

1417 (d) For counties with a total population of more than  
1418 thirty-five thousand (35,000) and not more than fifty thousand  
1419 (50,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-three Thousand Eight  
1420 Hundred Five Dollars (\$23,805.00), but not less than Ten Thousand  
1421 Five Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$10,580.00).

1422 (e) For counties with a total population of more than  
1423 twenty-five thousand (25,000) and not more than thirty-five  
1424 thousand (35,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-one Thousand One  
1425 Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$21,160.00), but not less than Ten Thousand  
1426 Five Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$10,580.00).

1427 (f) For counties with a total population of more than  
1428 fifteen thousand (15,000) and not more than twenty-five thousand  
1429 (25,000), an amount not to exceed Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred  
1430 Fifteen Dollars (\$18,515.00), but not less than Ten Thousand Five  
1431 Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$10,580.00).

1432 (g) For counties with a total population of more than  
1433 ten thousand (10,000) and not more than fifteen thousand (15,000),  
1434 an amount not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy  
1435 Dollars (\$15,870.00), but not less than Nine Thousand Two Hundred  
1436 Fifty-eight Dollars (\$9,258.00).

1437 (h) For counties with a total population of more than  
1438 six thousand (6,000) and not more than ten thousand (10,000), an  
1439 amount not to exceed Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-five  
1440 Dollars (\$13,225.00), but not less than Nine Thousand Two Hundred  
1441 Fifty-eight Dollars (\$9,258.00).

1442 (i) For counties with a total population of not more  
1443 than six thousand (6,000), an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand



1444 Five Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$10,580.00), but not less than Seven  
1445 Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-four Dollars (\$7,274.00).

1446 (j) For counties having two (2) judicial districts, the  
1447 board of supervisors of the county may allow, in addition to the  
1448 sums prescribed herein, in its discretion, an amount not to exceed  
1449 Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$13,225.00).

1450 (2) In the event of a reregistration within such county, or  
1451 a redistricting which necessitates the hiring of additional deputy  
1452 registrars, the board of supervisors may by contract compensate  
1453 the county registrar amounts in addition to the sums prescribed in  
1454 this section, in its discretion.

1455 (3) As compensation for their services in assisting the  
1456 county election commissioners in performance of their duties in  
1457 the revision of the registration books and the pollbooks of the  
1458 several voting precincts of the several counties and in assisting  
1459 the election commissioners, executive committees or boards of  
1460 supervisors in connection with any election, the registrar shall  
1461 receive the same daily per diem and limitation on meeting days as  
1462 provided for the board of election commissioners as set out in  
1463 Sections 23-15-153 and 23-15-227 to be paid from the general fund  
1464 of the county.

1465 (4) In any case where an amount has been allowed by the  
1466 board of supervisors pursuant to this section, such amount shall  
1467 not be reduced or terminated during the term for which the  
1468 registrar was elected.

1469 (5) The circuit clerk shall, in addition to any other  
1470 compensation provided for by law, be entitled to receive as  
1471 compensation from the board of supervisors the amount of Two  
1472 Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) per year. This payment shall be for  
1473 the performance of his duties in regard to the conduct of  
1474 elections and the performance of his other duties.

1475 (6) The municipal clerk shall, in addition to any other  
1476 compensation for performance of duties, be eligible to receive as



1477 compensation from the municipality's governing authorities a  
1478 reasonable amount of additional compensation for reimbursement of  
1479 costs and for additional duties associated with mail-in  
1480 registration of voters.

1481 (7) The board of supervisors shall not allow any additional  
1482 compensation authorized under this section for services as county  
1483 registrar to any circuit clerk who is receiving fees as  
1484 compensation for his services equal to the limitation on  
1485 compensation prescribed in Section 9-1-43.

1486 **SECTION 12.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi  
1487 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,  
1488 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the  
1489 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States  
1490 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the  
1491 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and  
1492 extended.

1493 **SECTION 13.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
1494 and after October 1, 2002, if it is effectuated on or before that  
1495 date under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended  
1496 and extended. If it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting  
1497 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended, after October 1,  
1498 2002, this act shall take effect and be in force from and after  
1499 the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting Rights  
1500 Act of 1965, as amended and extended.

