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To: Fees, Salaries and  
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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 2542

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 2, CHAPTER 170, LAWS OF 1922, AS  
2 AMENDED, TO INCREASE THE PER DIEM FOR COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
3 YAZOO-MISSISSIPPI DELTA LEVEE BOARD; TO AMEND SECTION 2, CHAPTER  
4 90, LAWS OF 1904, AS AMENDED, TO INCREASE THE PER DIEM FOR  
5 COMMISSIONERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI LEVEE COMMISSION; AND FOR RELATED  
6 PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 2, Chapter 170, Laws of 1922, as last  
9 amended by Section 1, Chapter 392, Laws of 1981, is amended as  
10 follows:

11 Section 2. The salaries or compensation of the officers of  
12 the board and all employees shall be fixed by the board at such  
13 amounts and within such limits as, in the opinion of the board,  
14 shall be proper for the services rendered.

15 Members of the Board of Levee Commissioners, other than the  
16 officers, shall receive per diem in the amount of Sixty-seven  
17 Dollars (\$67.00) for each day, or fraction thereof, occupied with  
18 the discharge of official duties, for no more than thirty-six (36)  
19 days during any one (1) fiscal year, or, in his or her discretion,  
20 irrevocably may choose to receive as compensation for his or her  
21 services an annual salary not to exceed the amount of Two Thousand  
22 Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400.00), which choice shall remain in  
23 force for the remainder of the member's term of office. The  
24 receipt of the compensation shall not entitle any member of the  
25 board to receive or be eligible for any state employee group  
26 insurance, retirement or other fringe benefits. Members of the  
27 board shall receive mileage and expenses as set by Section 25-3-41  
28 incurred in the performance of official duties.

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30           **SECTION 2.** Section 2, Chapter 90, Laws of 1904, as last  
31 amended by Section 1, Chapter 515, Laws of 1981, is amended as  
32 follows:

33           Section 2. (a) The Board of Levee Commissioners for the  
34 Mississippi Levee Commission may have the following paid officers  
35 and employees, to wit:

36           A president; other members of the board; a chief engineer,  
37 assistant chief engineer, assistant engineers as, in the opinion  
38 of the board, may be necessary; an attorney or firm of attorneys;  
39 a secretary and treasurer, and bookkeeper; a superintendent of  
40 maintenance and such employees and helpers as, in the discretion  
41 of the board, may be deemed necessary to properly conduct the  
42 affairs of the board.

43           (b) The salaries or compensation of the president of the  
44 board and all employees shall be fixed by the board at such  
45 amounts and within such limits as, in the opinion of the board,  
46 shall be proper for the services rendered.

47           In addition to the salaries fixed by the board within the  
48 limits above prescribed, the president, other officers and  
49 employees of said board shall receive mileage expenses as set by  
50 Section 25-3-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, for distance traveled  
51 other than in vehicles operated by said board while actually on  
52 the business of the board, and the actual cost of meals, lodging  
53 and other travel expenses while so engaged.

54           (c) Members of the Board of Mississippi Levee Commissioners,  
55 other than the president, shall receive per diem in the amount of  
56 Sixty-seven Dollars (\$67.00) for each day, or fraction thereof,  
57 occupied with the discharge of official duties, for no more than  
58 thirty-six (36) days during any one (1) fiscal year, or, in his or  
59 her discretion, irrevocably may choose to receive as compensation  
60 for his or her services an annual salary not to exceed the amount  
61 of Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400.00), which choice  
62 shall remain in force for the remainder of the member's term of



63 office. The receipt of the compensation shall not entitle any  
64 member of the board to receive or be eligible for any state  
65 employee group insurance, retirement or other fringe benefits.  
66 Members of the board shall receive mileage and expenses as set by  
67 Section 25-3-41 incurred in the performance of official duties.

68 (d) The board may, in its discretion, employ on a temporary  
69 basis such other engineering, accounting, legal, clerical or  
70 technical personnel and levee guards as it may deem necessary to  
71 carry out the functions of the board.

72 (e) The engineering department is authorized to and shall  
73 perform the duties formerly performed by the levee guards.

74 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
75 and after its passage.

