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To: Ports, Harbors and  
Airports

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 1193

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 59-11-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 ESTABLISH THE PER DIEM COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF COUNTY PORT AND  
3 HARBOR COMMISSIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 61-3-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
4 1972, TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF DAYS THAT COMMISSIONERS OF  
5 REGIONAL OR MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITIES MAY RECEIVE COMPENSATION  
6 IN ANY ONE YEAR; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 59-11-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
9 amended as follows:

10 59-11-3. (1) Any county port and harbor commission \* \* \*  
11 created pursuant to Section 59-11-1 shall be appointed as follows:  
12 two (2) members shall be appointed by the Governor, one (1) from  
13 each of the two (2) municipalities of the county, \* \* \* which  
14 appointments shall be made from those persons recommended and  
15 nominated by the governing authorities of the municipalities, and  
16 shall be qualified electors of the county; and five (5) members  
17 shall be appointed by the board of supervisors of such county,  
18 each supervisor to recommend the appointment of one (1) member  
19 thereof. The members of the county port and harbor commission  
20 shall serve for terms concurrent with that of the Governor and the  
21 board of supervisors making such appointment.

22 (2) Each member of the county port and harbor commission  
23 shall receive per diem compensation in the amount of Fifty-five  
24 Dollars (\$55.00) for each day engaged in attendance of meetings of  
25 the county port and harbor commission and shall be reimbursed for  
26 mileage and actual travel expenses at the rate authorized for  
27 county employees under Section 25-3-41.

28 **SECTION 2.** Section 61-3-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
29 amended as follows:

30           61-3-13. Each commissioner of a regional or municipal  
31 airport authority may receive from that airport authority per diem  
32 compensation in the amount provided by Section 25-3-69 for each  
33 day or fraction of a day engaged in attendance of meetings of the  
34 authority or engaged in other official duties of the authority,  
35 not to exceed one hundred twenty (120) days in any one (1) year,  
36 and may receive from the airport authority actual traveling  
37 expenses incurred in the discharge of his duties. Each  
38 commissioner shall hold office until his successor has been  
39 appointed and has qualified. The certificates of the appointment  
40 and reappointment of commissioners shall be filed with the  
41 authority.

42           The powers of each authority shall be vested in the  
43 commissioners of that authority. A majority of the commissioners  
44 of an authority shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of  
45 conducting the business of the authority and exercising its powers  
46 and for all other purposes. Action may be taken by the authority  
47 upon a vote of not less than a majority of the commissioners  
48 present. There shall be elected a chairman and vice chairman from  
49 among the commissioners.

50           **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
51 and after October 1, 2004.