

By: Senator(s) Huggins

To: Judiciary, Division A

SENATE BILL NO. 2948

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-7-47, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ARE ENTITLED TO THE
3 SAME REIMBURSEMENT AS AN OFFICER CURRENTLY ON ACTIVE DUTY FOR
4 TESTIMONY IN COURT REQUIRED AFTER RETIREMENT; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 25-7-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 25-7-47. Witnesses in the county, circuit, and chancery
10 courts shall receive one dollar and fifty cents per day and five
11 cents for each mile going to and returning from the courthouse to
12 their homes by the nearest route, and such tolls and ferriages as
13 they may actually be obliged to pay; but mileage, toll, and
14 ferriage shall be charged but once at each term of court, and a
15 charge shall not be made for mileage except that traveled in this
16 state. Witnesses before a justice of the peace shall be allowed
17 one dollar per day and no more. Witnesses in all other cases
18 shall receive the same compensation as they receive before the
19 circuit court. It shall not be necessary to issue subpoenas for
20 police officers as witnesses in city cases of cities having a
21 population of more than ten thousand according to the federal
22 census of 1930; and such officers, when used as witnesses in such
23 cases, are not to be allowed witness fees. A law enforcement
24 officer who has retired or otherwise ceased employment as a law
25 enforcement officer but who is required to testify in any case
26 based on matters that arose during the course of the officer's
27 employment shall be entitled to the same compensation and expenses

28 from the former employing law enforcement agency as an officer on
29 active duty under the same circumstances.

30 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
31 and after July 1, 2005.