

By: Senator(s) Burton

To: County Affairs; Fees,  
Salaries and Administration

SENATE BILL NO. 2528

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-225, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO INCREASE THE SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION PAID TO CIRCUIT CLERKS  
3 FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES IN REGARD TO THE CONDUCT OF  
4 ELECTIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 23-15-225, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 23-15-225. (1) The registrar shall be entitled to such  
9 compensation, payable monthly out of the county treasury, which  
10 the board of supervisors of the county shall allow on an annual  
11 basis in the following amounts:

12 (a) For counties with a total population of more than  
13 two hundred thousand (200,000), an amount not to exceed  
14 Twenty-nine Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$29,900.00), but not  
15 less than Nine Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$9,200.00).

16 (b) For counties with a total population of more than  
17 one hundred thousand (100,000) and not more than two hundred  
18 thousand (200,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-five Thousand  
19 Three Hundred Dollars (\$25,300.00), but not less than Nine  
20 Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$9,200.00).

21 (c) For counties with a total population of more than  
22 fifty thousand (50,000) and not more than one hundred thousand  
23 (100,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-three Thousand Dollars  
24 (\$23,000.00), but not less than Nine Thousand Two Hundred Dollars  
25 (\$9,200.00).

26 (d) For counties with a total population of more than  
27 thirty-five thousand (35,000) and not more than fifty thousand  
28 (50,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty Thousand Seven Hundred

29 Dollars (\$20,700.00), but not less than Nine Thousand Two Hundred  
30 Dollars (\$9,200.00).

31 (e) For counties with a total population of more than  
32 twenty-five thousand (25,000) and not more than thirty-five  
33 thousand (35,000), an amount not to exceed Eighteen Thousand Four  
34 Hundred Dollars (\$18,400.00), but not less than Nine Thousand Two  
35 Hundred Dollars (\$9,200.00).

36 (f) For counties with a total population of more than  
37 fifteen thousand (15,000) and not more than twenty-five thousand  
38 (25,000), an amount not to exceed Sixteen Thousand One Hundred  
39 Dollars (\$16,100.00), but not less than Nine Thousand Two Hundred  
40 Dollars (\$9,200.00).

41 (g) For counties with a total population of more than  
42 ten thousand (10,000) and not more than fifteen thousand (15,000),  
43 an amount not to exceed Thirteen Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars  
44 (\$13,800.00), but not less than Eight Thousand Fifty Dollars  
45 (\$8,050.00).

46 (h) For counties with a total population of more than  
47 six thousand (6,000) and not more than ten thousand (10,000), an  
48 amount not to exceed Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars  
49 (\$11,500.00), but not less than Eight Thousand Fifty Dollars  
50 (\$8,050.00).

51 (i) For counties with a total population of not more  
52 than six thousand (6,000), an amount not to exceed Nine Thousand  
53 Two Hundred Dollars (\$9,200.00) but not less than Six Thousand  
54 Three Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$6,325.00).

55 (j) For counties having two (2) judicial districts, the  
56 board of supervisors of the county may allow, in addition to the  
57 sums prescribed herein, in its discretion, an amount not to exceed  
58 Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$11,500.00).

59 (2) In the event of a reregistration within such county, or  
60 a redistricting which necessitates the hiring of additional deputy  
61 registrars, the board of supervisors may by contract compensate

62 the county registrar amounts in addition to the sums prescribed  
63 herein, in its discretion.

64 (3) As compensation for their services in assisting the  
65 county election commissioners in performance of their duties in  
66 the revision of the registration books and the pollbooks of the  
67 several voting precincts of the several counties and in assisting  
68 the election commissioners, executive committees or boards of  
69 supervisors in connection with any election, the registrar shall  
70 receive the same daily per diem and limitation on meeting days as  
71 provided for the board of election commissioners as set out in  
72 Sections 23-15-153 and 23-15-227 to be paid from the general fund  
73 of the county.

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

78 (5) The circuit clerk shall, in addition to any other  
79 compensation provided for by law, be entitled to receive as  
80 compensation from the board of supervisors the amount of Five  
81 Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) per year. This payment shall be for  
82 the performance of his duties in regard to the conduct of  
83 elections and the performance of his other duties.

84 (6) The municipal clerk shall, in addition to any other  
85 compensation for performance of duties, be eligible to receive as  
86 compensation from the municipality's governing authorities a  
87 reasonable amount of additional compensation for reimbursement of  
88 costs and for additional duties associated with mail-in  
89 registration of voters.

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

95           **SECTION 2.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi  
96 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,  
97 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the  
98 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States  
99 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the  
100 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and  
101 extended.

102           **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
103 and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting  
104 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended, or October 1, 2006,  
105 whichever occurs later.