

**Adopted  
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

**House Bill No. 1640**

**BY: Committee**

**Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting  
in lieu thereof the following:**

11           **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
12 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General  
13 Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the  
14 expenses of the Mississippi State Supreme Court for the fiscal  
15 year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....  
16 .....\$           7,319,478.00.

17           **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
18 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in  
19 the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State Supreme  
20 Court which is comprised of special source funds collected by or



21 otherwise available to the Mississippi State Supreme Court, for  
22 the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi State  
23 Supreme Court for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and  
24 ending June 30, 2024 .....\$ 937,470.00.

25 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of  
26 this act for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the  
27 Mississippi State Supreme Court, the following positions are  
28 authorized:

29 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

30 Permanent: 70

31 Time-Limited: 0

32 **SECTION 4.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
33 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General  
34 Fund not otherwise appropriated to the Mississippi State Supreme  
35 Court for the purpose of defraying the expenses of special judges,  
36 chancellors and circuit judges for the fiscal year beginning  
37 July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....  
38 .....\$ 27,784,839.00.

39 **SECTION 5.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
40 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in  
41 the State Treasury to the credit of the trial judges, for the  
42 purpose of defraying the expenses of special judges, chancellors  
43 and circuit judges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and  
44 ending June 30, 2024.....\$ 4,192,368.00.



45           **SECTION 6.** Of the funds appropriated under Sections 4 and 5  
46 of this act for the purpose of defraying the expenses of special  
47 judges, chancellors and circuit judges, the following positions  
48 are authorized:

49       AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

50           Permanent:                   109

51           Time-Limited:                0

52           **SECTION 7.** Of the funds appropriated Under Sections 4 and 5  
53 of this act, Eight Million Seven Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars  
54 (\$8,720,000.00) is provided for the purpose of employing support  
55 staff in an amount not to exceed Eighty Thousand Dollars  
56 (\$80,000.00) per fiscal year per judge.

57           **SECTION 8.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
58 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General  
59 Fund, not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of funding the  
60 Administrative Office of Courts for the fiscal year beginning  
61 July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....\$     14,988,442.00.

62           **SECTION 9.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
63 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in  
64 the State Treasury to the credit of the Administrative Office of  
65 Courts for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the  
66 Administrative Office of Courts and the Board of Certified Court  
67 Reporters for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending  
68 June 30, 2024.....\$     26,144,090.00.



69           **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
70 of this act for the purpose of funding the Administrative Office  
71 of Courts, the following positions are authorized:

72           AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

73           Permanent:                   40

74           Time-Limited:               0

75           **SECTION 11.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
76 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Continuing  
77 Legal Education Fund, a special fund hereby created in the State  
78 Treasury, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of providing  
79 continuing legal education programs to lawyers in Mississippi, for  
80 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending  
81 June 30, 2024.....\$               156,356.00.

82           **SECTION 12.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
83 interest earned from any investment or deposit to the Continuing  
84 Legal Education Fund made pursuant to Section 27-105-33,  
85 Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be credited by the State Treasurer  
86 to the Continuing Legal Education Fund and shall not be paid into  
87 the General Fund of Mississippi.

88           **SECTION 13.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
89 of this act for the purpose of providing continuing legal  
90 education programs, the following positions are authorized:

91           AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

92           Permanent:                   2

93           Time-Limited:               0



94           **SECTION 14.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
95 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General  
96 Fund not otherwise appropriated to the Mississippi State Supreme  
97 Court for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Court of  
98 Appeals for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending  
99 June 30, 2024.....\$       5,166,098.00.

100           **SECTION 15.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
101 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in  
102 the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State Supreme  
103 Court, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Court of  
104 Appeals for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending  
105 June 30, 2024.....\$       1,591,422.00.

106           **SECTION 16.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
107 of this act for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Court  
108 of Appeals, the following positions are authorized:

109       AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:  
110           Permanent:                   58  
111           Time-Limited:                0

112           **SECTION 17.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
113 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in  
114 the State Treasury to the credit of the Board of Bar Admissions,  
115 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the board for the  
116 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending  
117 June 30, 2024.....\$       336,480.00.



118           **SECTION 18.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
119 interest earned from any investment or deposit to the Board of Bar  
120 Admissions Fund made pursuant to Section 27-105-33, Mississippi  
121 Code of 1972, shall be credited by the State Treasurer to the  
122 Board of Bar Admissions Fund and shall not be paid into the  
123 General Fund of Mississippi.

124           **SECTION 19.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
125 of this act for the purpose of funding the Board of Bar  
126 Admissions, the following positions are authorized:

127           AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

128           Permanent:                           3

129           Time-Limited:                       0

130           Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with  
131 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

132           No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be  
133 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are  
134 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this  
135 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

136           **SECTION 20.** No part of the funds herein appropriated shall  
137 be used in the payment of attorney's fees, nor shall any of such  
138 funds be used, either directly or indirectly, for the purpose of  
139 paying any clerk, stenographer, assistant, deputy or other person  
140 who may be related by blood or marriage within the third degree,  
141 computed by the rules of civil law, to the official employing or  
142 having the right of employment or selection thereof; and in the



143 event of any such payment, then the official or person approving  
144 and making or receiving such payment shall be jointly and  
145 severally liable to return to the State of Mississippi and to pay  
146 into the State Treasury three (3) times any such amount so paid or  
147 received, to be recovered at suit of the Attorney General;  
148 however, when the relationship is by affinity and the person  
149 through whom the relationship was established is dead, this  
150 provision shall not apply.

151       **SECTION 21.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the  
152 Mississippi State Supreme Court shall charge the maximum amount  
153 allowable by law for services rendered where charges for such  
154 services are provided for by statute, and for any other services  
155 rendered, shall charge an amount consistent with the cost of  
156 providing such services. The funds derived from these charges  
157 shall be deposited into a special fund account in the State  
158 Treasury to the credit of the Office of the Mississippi State  
159 Supreme Court.

160       **SECTION 22.** It is the intent of the Legislature that no part  
161 of the funds herein appropriated shall be required to be used for  
162 the payment of rent for the public space in the Law Library.

163       **SECTION 23.** It is the intention of the Legislature that  
164 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the  
165 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things  
166 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,  
167 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind



168 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to  
169 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are  
170 made without competitive bids.

171 **SECTION 24.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
172 of this act, an amount not to exceed Two Million Four Hundred  
173 Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,460,500.00) may be  
174 provided for the Comprehensive Electronic Court Systems Fund  
175 administered by the Administrative Office of Courts.

176 **SECTION 25.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
177 Mississippi State Supreme Court shall maintain complete accounting  
178 and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds  
179 appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the  
180 same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year  
181 2023. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the  
182 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2025 shall be submitted to  
183 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of  
184 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided  
185 during the Fiscal Year 2024 budget request process.

186 **SECTION 26.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
187 of this act, Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars  
188 (\$2,500,000.00) shall be provided for the Youth Court Support Fund  
189 administered by the Administrative Office of Courts.

190 **SECTION 27.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 8, Nine  
191 Million Dollars (\$9,000,000.00) is provided to defray the costs of  
192 the Drug Court Program.





193           **SECTION 28.** It is the intention of the Legislature that in  
194 the event there are not sufficient funds in the Judicial System  
195 Operation Fund created under Section 9-21-45, Mississippi Code of  
196 1972, in any given year with which to pay the annual salary  
197 supplements set forth in HB 484, 2012 Regular Session, then the  
198 county treasury shall not be obligated to fund such salary  
199 supplements and the salary of county court judges shall be that in  
200 place prior to the passage of HB 484, 2012 Regular Session.

201           **SECTION 29.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 8, it is  
202 the intention of the Legislature that an amount of Six Million  
203 Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,700,000.00) may be allocated  
204 for the programs supported from General Fund court assessments as  
205 follows:

206           Drug Courts.....	\$	6,500,000.00
207           Civil Legal Assistance.....	\$	200,000.00

208           **SECTION 30.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
209 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital  
210 Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Supreme Court -  
211 Administrative Office of the Courts for the purpose of  
212 reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as  
213 authorized in HB 1628, 2022 Regular Session to provide for IT  
214 equipment and Youth Court computers for the Supreme Court -  
215 Administrative Office of the Courts for the fiscal year beginning  
216 July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....\$       90,000.00.



217 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
218 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this  
219 section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds  
220 remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the  
221 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not  
222 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

223 **SECTION 31.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
224 necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital  
225 Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Supreme Court -  
226 Administrative Office of the Courts for the purpose of  
227 reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as  
228 authorized in HB 1628, 2022 Regular Session to provide for  
229 programmers, trainers and operations for the Mississippi  
230 Electronic Courts (MEC) System to meet the mandate to bring all  
231 the courts into the MEC System for the Supreme Courts -  
232 Administrative Office of the Courts for the fiscal year beginning  
233 July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.....\$ 435,000.00.

234 Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section,  
235 the amount that may be expended under the authority of this  
236 section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds  
237 remaining as of June 30, 2023, from the amount authorized for the  
238 previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not  
239 change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

240 **SECTION 32.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
241 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the



242 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
243 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
244 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
245 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

246 **SECTION 33.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
247 and after July 1, 2023, and shall be repealed June 29, 2023.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING  
2 THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE SUPREME COURT WHICH IS  
3 COMPRISED OF THE SUPREME COURT, THE OFFICE OF THE SUPREME COURT  
4 CLERK AND THE STATE LAW LIBRARY AND TO PAY EXPENSES OF SPECIAL  
5 JUDGES, CHANCELLORS AND CIRCUIT JUDGES, AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
6 DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF COURTS AND  
7 CERTIFIED COURT REPORTERS, CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION, COURT OF  
8 APPEALS AND THE BOARD OF BAR ADMISSIONS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024;  
9 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

