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To: Judiciary A;  
Appropriations

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 771

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-31-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 AUTHORIZE AN ADDITIONAL LEGAL ASSISTANT IN THE SECOND CIRCUIT  
3 COURT DISTRICT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. BE IT ENACTED BY THE  
4 LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:  
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6 SECTION 1. Section 25-31-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 25-31-5. (1) The following number of full-time legal  
9 assistants are authorized in the following circuit court  
10 districts:

11 (a) First Circuit Court District.....  
12 seven (7) legal assistants.

13 (b) Second Circuit Court District.....  
14 nine (9) legal assistants.

15 (c) Third Circuit Court District.....  
16 four (4) legal assistants.

17 (d) Fourth Circuit Court District.....  
18 five (5) legal assistants.

19 (e) Fifth Circuit Court District.....  
20 four (4) legal assistants.

21 (f) Sixth Circuit Court District.....  
22 two (2) legal assistants.

23 (g) Seventh Circuit Court District.....  
24 nine (9) legal assistants.

25 (h) Eighth Circuit Court District.....  
26 two (2) legal assistants.

27 (i) Ninth Circuit Court District.....  
28 two (2) legal assistants.

- 29                   (j) Tenth Circuit Court District.....
- 30 four (4) legal assistants.
- 31                   (k) Eleventh Circuit Court District.....
- 32 five (5) legal assistants.
- 33                   (l) Twelfth Circuit Court District three.....
- 34 (3) legal assistants.
- 35                   (m) Thirteenth Circuit Court District.....
- 36 two (2) legal assistants.
- 37                   (n) Fourteenth Circuit Court District.....
- 38 three (3) legal assistants.
- 39                   (o) Fifteenth Circuit Court District.....
- 40 four (4) legal assistants.
- 41                   (p) Sixteenth Circuit Court District.....
- 42 four (4) legal assistants.
- 43                   (q) Seventeenth Circuit Court District.....
- 44 five (5) legal assistants.
- 45                   (r) Eighteenth Circuit Court District.....
- 46 two (2) legal assistants.
- 47                   (s) Nineteenth Circuit Court District.....
- 48 four (4) legal assistants.
- 49                   (t) Twentieth Circuit Court.....
- 50 District four (4) legal assistants.
- 51                   (u) Twenty-first Circuit Court District.....
- 52 two (2) legal assistants.
- 53                   (v) Twenty-second Circuit Court District.....
- 54 two (2) legal assistants.

55           (2) In addition to any legal assistants authorized pursuant  
56 to subsection (1) of this section, the following number of  
57 full-time legal assistants are authorized (i) in the following  
58 circuit court districts if funds are appropriated by the  
59 Legislature to adequately fund the salaries, expenses and fringe  
60 benefits of such legal assistants, or (ii) in any of the following  
61 circuit court districts in which the board of supervisors of one  
62 or more of the counties in a circuit court district adopts a

63 resolution to pay all of the salaries, supplemental pay, expenses  
64 and fringe benefits of legal assistants authorized in such  
65 district pursuant to this subsection:

66 (a) First Circuit Court District.....  
67 two (2) legal assistants.

68 (b) Second Circuit Court District.....  
69 two (2) legal assistants.

70 (c) Third Circuit Court District.....  
71 two (2) legal assistants.

72 (d) Fourth Circuit Court District.....  
73 two (2) legal assistants.

74 (e) Fifth Circuit Court District.....  
75 two (2) legal assistants.

76 (f) Sixth Circuit Court District.....  
77 two (2) legal assistants.

78 (g) Seventh Circuit Court District.....  
79 two (2) legal assistants.

80 (h) Eighth Circuit Court District.....  
81 two (2) legal assistants.

82 (i) Ninth Circuit Court District.....  
83 two (2) legal assistants.

84 (j) Tenth Circuit Court District.....  
85 two (2) legal assistants.

86 (k) Eleventh Circuit Court District.....  
87 two (2) legal assistants.

88 (l) Twelfth Circuit Court District.....  
89 two (2) legal assistants.

90 (m) Thirteenth Circuit Court District.....  
91 two (2) legal assistants.

92 (n) Fourteenth Circuit Court District.....  
93 two (2) legal assistants.

94 (o) Fifteenth Circuit Court District.....  
95 two (2) legal assistants.

96 (p) Sixteenth Circuit Court District.....

97 two (2) legal assistants.  
98 (q) Seventeenth Circuit Court District.....  
99 two (2) legal assistants.  
100 (r) Eighteenth Circuit Court District.....  
101 two (2) legal assistants.  
102 (s) Nineteenth Circuit Court District.....  
103 two (2) legal assistants.  
104 (t) Twentieth Circuit Court District.....  
105 two (2) legal assistants.  
106 (u) Twenty-first Circuit Court District.....  
107 two (2) legal assistants.  
108 (v) Twenty-second Circuit Court District.....  
109 two (2) legal assistants.  
110 (3) The board of supervisors of any county may pay all or a  
111 part of the salary, supplemental pay, expenses and fringe benefits  
112 of any district attorney or legal assistant authorized in the  
113 circuit court district to which such county belongs pursuant to  
114 this section.  
115 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
116 and after July 1, 1999.