

By: Representative Smith (39th)

To: Fees and Salaries of
Public Officers;
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 995

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-31-10, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM SALARY ALLOWED FOR CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS
3 EMPLOYED BY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 25-31-10, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 25-31-10. (1) Any district attorney may appoint a full-time
8 criminal investigator.

9 (2) The district attorneys of the Third, Fifth, Ninth,
10 Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth and
11 Twentieth Circuit Court Districts may appoint one (1) additional
12 full-time criminal investigator for a total of two (2) full-time
13 criminal investigators.

14 (3) The district attorneys of the First, Second, Fourth and
15 Seventh and Nineteenth Circuit Court Districts may appoint two (2)
16 additional full-time criminal investigators for a total of three
17 (3) full-time criminal investigators.

18 (4) No district attorney or assistant district attorney
19 shall accept any private employment, civil or criminal, in any
20 matter investigated by such criminal investigators.

21 (5) The full and complete compensation for all public duties
22 rendered by the criminal investigators shall be not less than
23 Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$17,000.00) per annum, nor more than
24 Forty-three Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$43,600.00) per annum,
25 to be determined at the discretion of the district attorney based
26 upon the qualifications, education and experience of the criminal

27 investigator, plus necessary travel and other expenses, to be paid
28 in accordance with Section 25-31-8. * * * However, the maximum
29 salary under this subsection for a criminal investigator who has a
30 law degree may be supplemented by the district attorney from other
31 available funds, but not to exceed the maximum salary for a legal
32 assistant to a district attorney.

33 (6) Any criminal investigator may be designated by the
34 district attorney to attend the Law Enforcement Officers Training
35 Program set forth in Section 45-6-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of
36 1972. The total expenses associated with attendance by criminal
37 investigators at the Law Enforcement Officers Training Program
38 shall be paid out of the funds of the appropriate district
39 attorney.

40 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
41 and after July 1, 1999.