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To: Judiciary;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3024

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-31-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REVISE THE NUMBER OF LEGAL ASSISTANTS TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF
3 THE FIRST CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

7 25-31-5. (1) The following number of full-time legal
8 assistants are authorized in the following circuit court
9 districts:

- 10 (a) First Circuit Court
11 District.....eight (8) legal assistants.
- 12 (b) Second Circuit Court
13 District.....eight (8) legal assistants.
- 14 (c) Third Circuit Court
15 District.....four (4) legal assistants.
- 16 (d) Fourth Circuit Court
17 District.....five (5) legal assistants.
- 18 (e) Fifth Circuit Court
19 District.....four (4) legal assistants.
- 20 (f) Sixth Circuit Court
21 District.....two (2) legal assistants.
- 22 (g) Seventh Circuit Court
23 District.....nine (9) legal assistants.
- 24 (h) Eighth Circuit Court
25 District.....two (2) legal assistants.
- 26 (i) Ninth Circuit Court
27 District.....two (2) legal assistants.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

95 (p) Sixteenth Circuit Court

96 District.....two (2) legal assistants.
97 (q) Seventeenth Circuit Court
98 District.....two (2) legal assistants.
99 (r) Eighteenth Circuit Court
100 District.....two (2) legal assistants.
101 (s) Nineteenth Circuit Court
102 District.....two (2) legal assistants.
103 (t) Twentieth Circuit Court
104 District.....two (2) legal assistants.
105 (u) Twenty-first Circuit Court
106 District.....two (2) legal assistants.
107 (v) Twenty-second Circuit Court
108 District.....two (2) legal assistants.

109 (3) The board of supervisors of any county is hereby
110 authorized and empowered, in its discretion, to pay all or a part
111 of the salary, supplemental pay, expenses and fringe benefits of
112 any district attorney or legal assistant authorized in the circuit
113 court district to which such county belongs pursuant to this
114 section.

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