

By: Representative Moak

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 442

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 19-23-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE COUNTIES WITH COUNTY COURTS TO HAVE ASSISTANT COUNTY
3 ATTORNEYS; TO REQUIRE ATTENDANCE IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS IN
4 JUSTICE COURT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 19-23-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 19-23-21. The county attorney of any county having a county
9 court may appoint an assistant county attorney from the judicial
10 district in which the county attorney * * * resides, to serve as
11 assistant county attorney; the assistant county attorney shall
12 receive the same salary, mileage expense account and secretarial
13 assistance as provided by law for the county attorney and shall
14 have the same duties and powers as the county attorney, subject to
15 the direction of the county attorney, and shall attend justice
16 court and represent the state in all criminal cases filed with the
17 justice courts. Each county attorney or his assistant shall
18 attend justice court in every criminal case filed in justice
19 court.

20 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
21 and after its passage.

