

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MADAM PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1808: Appropriation; District Attorneys and staff.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

- 1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
- 2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

6 **SECTION 1.** The following sums, or so much thereof as may be
7 necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
8 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying
9 salaries and travel expenses of district attorneys and assistant
10 district attorneys of the state and paying office expenses of
11 district attorneys for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, and
12 ending June 30, 2003..... \$ 12,817,065.00.

13 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
14 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Budget
15 Contingency Fund, created in Section 27-103-301, Mississippi Code
16 of 1972, for the purpose of paying salaries and travel expenses of
17 district attorneys and assistant district attorneys of the state
18 and paying office expenses of district attorneys for the fiscal
19 year beginning July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003.....
20 \$ 156,619.00.

21 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
22 Section 1, not more than the amounts set forth below shall be
23 expended for the respective purposes:

24 (a) Salaries and travel expenses of district attorneys,
25 assistant district attorneys and criminal investigators of the
26 state:
27 Salaries..... \$11,784,704.00

28 Travel Expenses..... 378,186.00
29 Tort Claims Assessment..... \$ 42,794.00

30 None of the funds authorized in this section shall be used to
31 reimburse district attorneys or their staff for taxable meals
32 incurred within their geographical district.

33 (b) Office expenses of district attorneys as authorized
34 by Section 25-31-8, Mississippi Code of 1972.....
35 \$ 768,000.00.

36 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1,
37 Eighty-two Thousand Two Hundred Ten Dollars (\$82,210.00) is
38 provided to fund salary and office expense for one (1) full-time
39 legal assistant in the Sixth Circuit Court District as authorized
40 in Section 25-31-5(2)(f), Mississippi Code of 1972.

41 **SECTION 5.** In addition to all other sums herein
42 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
43 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State
44 Treasury to the credit of the Budget Contingency Fund, as created
45 in Section 27-103-301, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose
46 of paying salaries and travel expenses of district attorneys and
47 assistant district attorneys for the fiscal year ending June 30,
48 2002..... \$ 602,582.00.

49 **SECTION 6.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
50 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
51 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
52 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
53 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
54 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

55 **SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
56 and after July 1, 2002, with the exception of Section 5, which
57 shall take effect and be in force from and after passage.

**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 PAYING
2 SALARIES AND TRAVEL EXPENSES OF DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND ASSISTANT
3 DISTRICT ATTORNEYS OF THE STATE AND PAYING OFFICE EXPENSES OF
4 DISTRICT ATTORNEYS FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 2002 AND 2003.

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