MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

By: Representative Watson

To: Judiciary A; Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 565

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-31-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL LEGAL ASSISTANTS TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE TWELFTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

(a) First Circuit Court District.............. seven (7) legal assistants.
(b) Second Circuit Court District............. nine (9) legal assistants.
(c) Third Circuit Court District.............. four (4) legal assistants.
(d) Fourth Circuit Court District............. five (5) legal assistants.
(e) Fifth Circuit Court District.............. four (4) legal assistants.
(f) Sixth Circuit Court District.............. two (2) legal assistants.
(g) Seventh Circuit Court District............ nine (9) legal assistants.
(h) Eighth Circuit Court District............. two (2) legal assistants.
(i) Ninth Circuit Court District.............. two (2) legal assistants.
(j) Tenth Circuit Court District............ four (4)
legal assistants.

(k) Eleventh Circuit Court District........ five (5)
legal assistants.

(l) Twelfth Circuit Court District.......... five (5)
legal assistants.

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

(n) Fourteenth Circuit Court District...... three (3)
legal assistants.

(o) Fifteenth Circuit Court District....... four (4)
legal assistants.

(p) Sixteenth Circuit Court District....... four (4)
legal assistants.

(q) Seventeenth Circuit Court District..... five (5)
legal assistants.

(r) Eighteenth Circuit Court District....... two (2)
legal assistants.

(s) Nineteenth Circuit Court District....... four (4)
legal assistants.

(t) Twentieth Circuit Court District....... four (4)
legal assistants.

(u) Twenty-first Circuit Court District..... two (2)
legal assistants.

(v) Twenty-second Circuit Court District... two (2)
legal assistants.

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

(a) First Circuit Court District .......... two (2) legal assistants.
(b) Second Circuit Court District ......... two (2) legal assistants.
(c) Third Circuit Court District .......... two (2) legal assistants.
(d) Fourth Circuit Court District .......... two (2) legal assistants.
(e) Fifth Circuit Court District .......... two (2) legal assistants.
(f) Sixth Circuit Court District .......... two (2) legal assistants.
(g) Seventh Circuit Court District ....... two (2) legal assistants.
(h) Eighth Circuit Court District ........ two (2) legal assistants.
(i) Ninth Circuit Court District ......... two (2) legal assistants.
(j) Tenth Circuit Court District .......... two (2) legal assistants.
(k) Eleventh Circuit Court District ...... two (2) legal assistants.
(l) Twelfth Circuit Court District ....... two (2) legal assistants.
(m) Thirteenth Circuit Court District .. two (2) legal assistants.
(n) Fourteenth Circuit Court District ... two (2) legal assistants.
(o) Fifteenth Circuit Court District ..... two (2) legal assistants.
ST: District Attorneys; provide two additional assistant DAs for the Twelfth Circuit Court District.

(p) Sixteenth Circuit Court District......... two (2)

(q) Seventeenth Circuit Court District......... two (2)

(r) Eighteenth Circuit Court District......... two (2)

(s) Nineteenth Circuit Court District......... two (2)

(t) Twentieth Circuit Court District......... two (2)

(u) Twenty-first Circuit Court District........ two (2)

(v) Twenty-second Circuit Court District....... two (2)

(3) The board of supervisors of any county may pay all or a part of the salary, supplemental pay, expenses and fringe benefits of any district attorney or legal assistant authorized in the circuit court district to which such county belongs pursuant to this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2003.