

By: Representatives Watson, McBride, Coleman To: Appropriations
(29th), Eakes, Gadd, Green

HOUSE BILL NO. 1534

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 YEAR 2004.

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

6 SECTION 1. The following sum, 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, 2003, and
12 ending June 30, 2004..... \$ 12,985,065.00.

13 SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
14 Sections 1 and 2, not more than the amounts set forth below shall
15 be expended for the respective purposes:

16 (a) Salaries and travel expenses of district attorneys,
17 assistant district attorneys and criminal investigators of the
18 state:

19 Salaries..... \$11,792,486.00
20 Travel Expenses..... 377,505.00
21 Tort Claims Assessment..... \$ 47,074.00

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

25 (b) Office expenses of district attorneys as authorized
26 by Section 25-31-8, Mississippi Code of 1972.....
27 \$ 768,000.00.



28 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1,
29 Eighty-two Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-eight Dollars (\$82,268.00)
30 is provided to fund salary and office expense for one (1)
31 full-time legal assistant in the Sixth Circuit Court District as
32 authorized in Section 25-31-5(2)(f), Mississippi Code of 1972.

33 **SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that none
34 of the funds appropriated by this act shall be expended for
35 increased charges for State and School Employees' Health Insurance
36 Plan premium rates assessed by the Department of Finance and
37 Administration in excess of the Fiscal Year 2003 premium rates for
38 the health insurance plan.

39 **SECTION 5.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
40 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
41 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
42 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
43 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
44 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

45 **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
46 and after July 1, 2003.

