

By: Representative Pierce

To: Judiciary A;
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1072

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-31-8, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 INCREASE THE OFFICE OPERATING ALLOWANCE FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEYS;
3 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 25-31-8, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 25-31-8. * * * In all circuit court districts in this
8 state * * *, the district attorney shall receive from sums
9 appropriated for such purpose from the General Fund or any special
10 fund of the State of Mississippi, an office operating allowance
11 for the necessary expenses of operating the office of the district
12 attorney, including stenographic help, and other items and
13 expenditures necessary and incident to the investigation of
14 criminal cases, the general expenses of the office of the
15 investigation of criminal cases, the general expenses of the
16 office of the district attorney for preparing and/or trying felony
17 cases and all other cases requiring the services of the district
18 attorney, the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for each
19 district, and an additional Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for
20 each assistant authorized by Section 25-31-5(1) * * *. All
21 expenditures made from the office operating allowances shall be
22 upon written requisition of the duly elected district attorney to
23 the State Auditor, as otherwise provided by law. The district
24 attorney may delegate to the board of supervisors of any county in
25 his district the responsibility and authority to employ and set
26 the salary of not more than one (1) employee for the office of
27 such district attorney, such salary to be paid as other

28 expenditures are paid from the funds provided by this section.
29 Such employee shall be deemed to be appointed and employed by the
30 board of supervisors and the salary shall not be deemed to be a
31 pecuniary benefit provided by the district attorney's office.

32 **SECTION 2.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
33 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
34 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the
35 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
36 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
37 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
38 extended.

39 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
40 and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting
41 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.