

By: Senator(s) Hyde-Smith

To: Judiciary, Division A;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2084

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-31-10, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE ONE ADDITIONAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR TO THE OFFICE OF
3 THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE FOURTEENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO
4 ELIMINATE THE AUTOMATIC REPEALER ON THIS SECTION; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 25-31-10, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 25-31-10. (1) Any district attorney may appoint a full-time
10 criminal investigator.

11 (2) The district attorneys of the Third, Fifth, Ninth,
12 Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth,
13 Seventeenth and Twentieth Circuit Court Districts may appoint one
14 (1) additional full-time criminal investigator for a total of two
15 (2) full-time criminal investigators.

16 (3) The district attorneys of the First, Second, Fourth and
17 Seventh and Nineteenth Circuit Court Districts may appoint two (2)
18 additional full-time criminal investigators for a total of three
19 (3) full-time criminal investigators.

20 (4) No district attorney or assistant district attorney
21 shall accept any private employment, civil or criminal, in any
22 matter investigated by such criminal investigators.

23 (5) The full and complete compensation for all public duties
24 rendered by said criminal investigators shall be not more than
25 Fifty-four Thousand Dollars (\$54,000.00) per annum, to be
26 determined at the discretion of the district attorney based upon
27 the qualifications, education and experience of the criminal
28 investigator, plus necessary travel and other expenses, to be paid

29 in accordance with Section 25-31-8. However, the maximum salary
30 under this subsection for a criminal investigator who has a law
31 degree may be supplemented by the district attorney from other
32 available funds, but not to exceed the maximum salary for a legal
33 assistant to a district attorney.

34 (6) Any criminal investigator may be designated by the
35 district attorney to attend the Law Enforcement Officers Training
36 Program set forth in Section 45-6-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of
37 1972. The total expenses associated with attendance by criminal
38 investigators at the Law Enforcement Officers Training Program
39 shall be paid out of the funds of the appropriate district
40 attorney.

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42 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
43 and after July 1, 2005.