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To: Judiciary, Division A;  
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2693

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-31-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 PROVIDE THAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF ANY CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT  
3 FOR WHICH ONE OR MORE NEW CIRCUIT JUDGES IS AUTHORIZED SHALL ALSO  
4 BE AUTHORIZED TO EMPLOY ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS;  
5 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

9 25-31-5. (1) (a) The following number of full-time legal  
10 assistants are authorized in the following circuit court  
11 districts:

12 (i) First Circuit Court District..... seven (7)  
13 legal assistants.

14 (ii) Second Circuit Court District..... nine (9)  
15 legal assistants.

16 (iii) Third Circuit Court District..... four (4)  
17 legal assistants.

18 (iv) Fourth Circuit Court District..... five (5)  
19 legal assistants.

20 (v) Fifth Circuit Court District..... four (4)  
21 legal assistants.

22 (vi) Sixth Circuit Court District..... two (2)  
23 legal assistants.

24 (vii) Seventh Circuit Court District..... nine (9)  
25 legal assistants.

26 (viii) Eighth Circuit Court District..... two (2)  
27 legal assistants.

28 (ix) Ninth Circuit Court District..... two (2)

29 legal assistants.

30           (x) Tenth Circuit Court District..... four (4)

31 legal assistants.

32           (xi) Eleventh Circuit Court District..... five (5)

33 legal assistants.

34           (xii) Twelfth Circuit Court District..... three (3)

35 legal assistants.

36           (xiii) Thirteenth Circuit Court District..... two (2)

37 legal assistants.

38           (xiv) Fourteenth Circuit Court District..... three (3)

39 legal assistants.

40           (xv) Fifteenth Circuit Court District..... four (4)

41 legal assistants.

42           (xvi) Sixteenth Circuit Court District..... four (4)

43 legal assistants.

44           (xvii) Seventeenth Circuit Court District..... five (5)

45 legal assistants.

46           (xviii) Eighteenth Circuit Court District..... two (2)

47 legal assistants.

48           (xix) Nineteenth Circuit Court District..... four (4)

49 legal assistants.

50           (xx) Twentieth Circuit Court District..... four (4)

51 legal assistants.

52           (xxi) Twenty-first Circuit Court District..... two (2)

53 legal assistants.

54           (xxii) Twenty-second Circuit Court District.... two (2)

55 legal assistants.

56           (b) In addition to the assistants authorized in

57 paragraph (a) of this subsection, there shall be two (2) full-time

58 legal assistants authorize per circuit court district for each new

59 circuit court judgeship created after January 1, 2005.

60           (2) In addition to any legal assistants authorized pursuant

61 to subsection (1) of this section, the following number of

62 full-time legal assistants are authorized (i) in the following  
63 circuit court districts if funds are appropriated by the  
64 Legislature to adequately fund the salaries, expenses and fringe  
65 benefits of such legal assistants, or (ii) in any of the following  
66 circuit court districts in which the board of supervisors of one  
67 or more of the counties in a circuit court district adopts a  
68 resolution to pay all of the salaries, supplemental pay, expenses  
69 and fringe benefits of legal assistants authorized in such  
70 district pursuant to this subsection:

71           (a) First Circuit Court District..... two (2)  
72 legal assistants.

73           (b) Second Circuit Court District..... two (2)  
74 legal assistants.

75           (c) Third Circuit Court District..... two (2)  
76 legal assistants.

77           (d) Fourth Circuit Court District..... two (2)  
78 legal assistants.

79           (e) Fifth Circuit Court District..... two (2)  
80 legal assistants.

81           (f) Sixth Circuit Court District..... two (2)  
82 legal assistants.

83           (g) Seventh Circuit Court District..... two (2)  
84 legal assistants.

85           (h) Eighth Circuit Court District..... two (2)  
86 legal assistants.

87           (i) Ninth Circuit Court District..... two (2)  
88 legal assistants.

89           (j) Tenth Circuit Court District..... two (2)  
90 legal assistants.

91           (k) Eleventh Circuit Court District..... two (2)  
92 legal assistants.

93           (l) Twelfth Circuit Court District..... two (2)  
94 legal assistants.

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

97                   (n) Fourteenth Circuit Court District..... two (2)  
98 legal assistants.

99                   (o) Fifteenth Circuit Court District..... two (2)  
100 legal assistants.

101                   (p) Sixteenth Circuit Court District..... two (2)  
102 legal assistants.

103                   (q) Seventeenth Circuit Court District..... two (2)  
104 legal assistants.

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

107                   (s) Nineteenth Circuit Court District..... two (2)  
108 legal assistants.

109                   (t) Twentieth Circuit Court District..... two (2)  
110 legal assistants.

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

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

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

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