

By: Representative Moak

To: Judiciary A;
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 77

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-31-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REVISE THE NUMBER OF ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AUTHORIZED; AND
3 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

7 25-31-5. (1) The following number of full-time legal
8 assistants are authorized in the following circuit court
9 districts:

10 (a) First Circuit Court District..... eight (8)
11 legal assistants.

12 (b) Second Circuit Court District..... nine (9)
13 legal assistants.

14 (c) Third Circuit Court District..... five (5)
15 legal assistants.

16 (d) Fourth Circuit Court District..... five (5)
17 legal assistants.

18 (e) Fifth Circuit Court District..... four (4)
19 legal assistants.

20 (f) Sixth Circuit Court District..... two (2)
21 legal assistants.

22 (g) Seventh Circuit Court District..... ten (10)
23 legal assistants.

24 (h) Eighth Circuit Court District..... two (2)
25 legal assistants.

26 (i) Ninth Circuit Court District..... two (2)
27 legal assistants.

28 (j) Tenth Circuit Court District..... four (4)
 29 legal assistants.

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

32 (l) Twelfth Circuit Court District..... three (3)
 33 legal assistants.

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

36 (n) Fourteenth Circuit Court District..... four (4)
 37 legal assistants.

38 (o) Fifteenth Circuit Court District..... five (5)
 39 legal assistants.

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

42 (q) Seventeenth Circuit Court District..... six (6)
 43 legal assistants.

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

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

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

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

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

54 (2) In addition to any legal assistants authorized pursuant
 55 to subsection (1) of this section, the following number of
 56 full-time legal assistants are authorized (i) in the following
 57 circuit court districts if funds are appropriated by the
 58 Legislature to adequately fund the salaries, expenses and fringe
 59 benefits of such legal assistants, or (ii) in any of the following
 60 circuit court districts in which the board of supervisors of one

61 or more of the counties in a circuit court district adopts a
62 resolution to pay all of the salaries, supplemental pay, expenses
63 and fringe benefits of legal assistants authorized in such
64 district pursuant to this subsection:

65 (a) First Circuit Court District..... two (2)
66 legal assistants.

67 (b) Second Circuit Court District..... two (2)
68 legal assistants.

69 (c) Third Circuit Court District..... two (2)
70 legal assistants.

71 (d) Fourth Circuit Court District..... two (2)
72 legal assistants.

73 (e) Fifth Circuit Court District..... two (2)
74 legal assistants.

75 (f) Sixth Circuit Court District..... two (2)
76 legal assistants.

77 (g) Seventh Circuit Court District..... two (2)
78 legal assistants.

79 (h) Eighth Circuit Court District..... two (2)
80 legal assistants.

81 (i) Ninth Circuit Court District..... two (2)
82 legal assistants.

83 (j) Tenth Circuit Court District..... two (2)
84 legal assistants.

85 (k) Eleventh Circuit Court District..... two (2)
86 legal assistants.

87 (l) Twelfth Circuit Court District..... two (2)
88 legal assistants.

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

91 (n) Fourteenth Circuit Court District..... two (2)
92 legal assistants.

93 (o) Fifteenth Circuit Court District..... two (2)

94 legal assistants.

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

96 legal assistants.

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

98 legal assistants.

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

100 legal assistants.

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

102 legal assistants.

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

104 legal assistants.

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

106 legal assistants.

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

108 legal assistants.

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

114 **SECTION 2.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
115 shall submit Section 1 of this act, immediately upon approval by
116 the Governor, or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a
117 veto, to the Attorney General of the United States or to the
118 United States District Court for the District of Columbia in
119 accordance with the provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965,
120 as amended and extended.

121 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
122 and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting
123 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended, or July 1, 2006,
124 whichever is later.