

By: Representative Watson

To: Judiciary A;
Appropriations

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 905

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-31-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL LEGAL ASSISTANT FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
3 FOR THE TWELFTH AND FOURTEENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICTS; TO PROVIDE
4 TWO ADDITIONAL LEGAL ASSISTANTS FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR THE
5 SECOND CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD BETWEEN JULY 1, 2006,
6 AND JULY 1, 2008; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

13 (a) First Circuit Court District..... eight (8)
14 legal assistants.

15 (b) Second Circuit Court District..... eleven (11)
16 legal assistants from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2006, and
17 nine (9) legal assistants from and after July 1, 2008.

18 (c) Third Circuit Court District..... five (5)
19 legal assistants.

20 (d) Fourth Circuit Court District..... five (5)
21 legal assistants.

22 (e) Fifth Circuit Court District..... four (4)
23 legal assistants.

24 (f) Sixth Circuit Court District..... two (2)
25 legal assistants.

26 (g) Seventh Circuit Court District..... ten (10)
27 legal assistants.

28 (h) Eighth Circuit Court District..... two (2)
29 legal assistants.

30 (i) Ninth Circuit Court District..... two (2)
31 legal assistants.

32 (j) Tenth Circuit Court District..... four (4)
33 legal assistants.

34 (k) Eleventh Circuit Court District..... five (5)
35 legal assistants.

36 (l) Twelfth Circuit Court District..... four (4)
37 legal assistants.

38 (m) Thirteenth Circuit Court District..... two (2)
39 legal assistants.

40 (n) Fourteenth Circuit Court District..... four (4)
41 legal assistants.

42 (o) Fifteenth Circuit Court District..... five (5)
43 legal assistants.

44 (p) Sixteenth Circuit Court District..... four (4)
45 legal assistants.

46 (q) Seventeenth Circuit Court District.... six (6)
47 legal assistants.

48 (r) Eighteenth Circuit Court District..... two (2)
49 legal assistants.

50 (s) Nineteenth Circuit Court District..... four (4)
51 legal assistants.

52 (t) Twentieth Circuit Court District..... four (4)
53 legal assistants.

54 (u) Twenty-first Circuit Court District... two (2)
55 legal assistants.

56 (v) Twenty-second Circuit Court District.. two (2)
57 legal assistants.

58 (2) In addition to any legal assistants authorized pursuant
59 to subsection (1) of this section, the following number of
60 full-time legal assistants are authorized (i) in the following
61 circuit court districts if funds are appropriated by the
62 Legislature to adequately fund the salaries, expenses and fringe

63 benefits of such legal assistants, or (ii) in any of the following
64 circuit court districts in which the board of supervisors of one
65 or more of the counties in a circuit court district adopts a
66 resolution to pay all of the salaries, supplemental pay, expenses
67 and fringe benefits of legal assistants authorized in such
68 district pursuant to this subsection:

69 (a) First Circuit Court District..... two (2)
70 legal assistants.

71 (b) Second Circuit Court District..... two (2)
72 legal assistants.

73 (c) Third Circuit Court District..... two (2)
74 legal assistants.

75 (d) Fourth Circuit Court District..... two (2)
76 legal assistants.

77 (e) Fifth Circuit Court District..... two (2)
78 legal assistants.

79 (f) Sixth Circuit Court District..... two (2)
80 legal assistants.

81 (g) Seventh Circuit Court District..... two (2)
82 legal assistants.

83 (h) Eighth Circuit Court District..... two (2)
84 legal assistants.

85 (i) Ninth Circuit Court District..... two (2)
86 legal assistants.

87 (j) Tenth Circuit Court District..... two (2)
88 legal assistants.

89 (k) Eleventh Circuit Court District..... two (2)
90 legal assistants.

91 (l) Twelfth Circuit Court District..... two (2)
92 legal assistants.

93 (m) Thirteenth Circuit Court District..... two (2)
94 legal assistants.

95 (n) Fourteenth Circuit Court District..... two (2)

96 legal assistants.

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

98 legal assistants.

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

100 legal assistants.

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

102 legal assistants.

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

104 legal assistants.

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

106 legal assistants.

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

108 legal assistants.

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

110 legal assistants.

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

112 legal assistants.

113 (3) The board of supervisors of any county may pay all or a

114 part of the salary, supplemental pay, expenses and fringe benefits

115 of any district attorney or legal assistant authorized in the

116 circuit court district to which such county belongs pursuant to

117 this section.

118 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from

119 and after July 1, 2006.