

By: Representative Watson

To: Judiciary A;
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 905
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-31-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE ADDITIONAL LEGAL ASSISTANTS FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR
3 THE TWELFTH, FOURTEENTH AND NINETEENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICTS; TO
4 PROVIDE TWO ADDITIONAL LEGAL ASSISTANTS FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
5 FOR THE SECOND AND SEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICTS FOR THE PERIOD
6 BETWEEN JULY 1, 2006, 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, 2008, 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..... twelve (12)
27 legal assistants from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2008,
28 and ten (10) legal assistants from and after July 1, 2008.

29 (h) Eighth Circuit Court District..... two (2)

30 legal assistants.

31 (i) Ninth Circuit Court District..... two (2)

32 legal assistants.

33 (j) Tenth Circuit Court District..... four (4)

34 legal assistants.

35 (k) Eleventh Circuit Court District..... five (5)

36 legal assistants.

37 (l) Twelfth Circuit Court District..... four (4)

38 legal assistants.

39 (m) Thirteenth Circuit Court District..... two (2)

40 legal assistants.

41 (n) Fourteenth Circuit Court District..... four (4)

42 legal assistants.

43 (o) Fifteenth Circuit Court District..... five (5)

44 legal assistants.

45 (p) Sixteenth Circuit Court District..... four (4)

46 legal assistants.

47 (q) Seventeenth Circuit Court District.... six (6)

48 legal assistants.

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

50 legal assistants.

51 (s) Nineteenth Circuit Court District..... six (6)

52 legal assistants.

53 (t) Twentieth Circuit Court District..... four (4)

54 legal assistants.

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

56 legal assistants.

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

58 legal assistants.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

106 (s) Nineteenth Circuit Court District..... four (4)
107 legal assistants.

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

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

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

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

119 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
120 and after July 1, 2006.