

By: Senator(s) Doxey

To: Fees, Salaries and  
Administration;  
AppropriationsSENATE BILL NO. 2203  
(As Passed the Senate)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-31-8, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 INCREASE THE OFFICE OPERATING ALLOWANCE PROVIDED FOR DISTRICT  
3 ATTORNEYS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

7 25-31-8. From and after July 1, 2006, in all circuit court  
8 districts in this state existing now or hereafter created, the  
9 district attorney shall receive from sums appropriated for such  
10 purpose from the General Fund or any special fund of the State of  
11 Mississippi, an office operating allowance for the necessary  
12 expenses of operating the office of the district attorney,  
13 including stenographic help, and other items and expenditures  
14 necessary and incident to the investigation of criminal cases, the  
15 general expenses of the office of the investigation of criminal  
16 cases, the general expenses of the office of the district attorney  
17 for preparing and/or trying felony cases and all other cases  
18 requiring the services of the district attorney, the sum of  
19 Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) for each district, and  
20 an additional Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) for each assistant  
21 authorized by Section 25-31-5(1) as of January 1, 1996. All  
22 expenditures made from such office operating allowances shall be  
23 upon written requisition of the duly elected district attorney to  
24 the State Auditor, as otherwise provided by law. The district  
25 attorney may delegate to the board of supervisors of any county in  
26 his district the responsibility and authority to employ and set  
27 the salary of not more than one (1) employee for the office of

28 such district attorney, such salary to be paid as other  
29 expenditures are paid from the funds provided by this section.  
30 Such employee shall be deemed to be appointed and employed by the  
31 board of supervisors and the salary shall not be deemed to be a  
32 pecuniary benefit provided by the district attorney's office.

33       **SECTION 2.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi  
34 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,  
35 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the  
36 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States  
37 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the  
38 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and  
39 extended.

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