

By: Representative Mims

To: Judiciary A;  
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 487

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-31-10, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR FOR THE FOURTEENTH  
3 CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 25-31-10, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 25-31-10. (1) Any district attorney may appoint a full-time  
8 criminal investigator.

9 (2) The district attorneys of the Third, Fifth, Ninth,  
10 Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth,  
11 Seventeenth and Twentieth Circuit Court Districts may appoint one  
12 (1) additional full-time criminal investigator for a total of two  
13 (2) full-time criminal investigators.

14 (3) The district attorneys of the First, Second, Fourth and  
15 Seventh and Nineteenth Circuit Court Districts may appoint two (2)  
16 additional full-time criminal investigators for a total of three  
17 (3) full-time criminal investigators.

18 (4) No district attorney or assistant district attorney  
19 shall accept any private employment, civil or criminal, in any  
20 matter investigated by such criminal investigators.

21 (5) The full and complete compensation for all public duties  
22 rendered by said criminal investigators shall be not more than  
23 Fifty-four Thousand Dollars (\$54,000.00) per annum, to be  
24 determined at the discretion of the district attorney based upon  
25 the qualifications, education and experience of the criminal  
26 investigator, plus necessary travel and other expenses, to be paid  
27 in accordance with Section 25-31-8. However, the maximum salary

28 under this subsection for a criminal investigator who has a law  
29 degree may be supplemented by the district attorney from other  
30 available funds, but not to exceed the maximum salary for a legal  
31 assistant to a district attorney.

32 (6) Any criminal investigator may be designated by the  
33 district attorney to attend the Law Enforcement Officers Training  
34 Program set forth in Section 45-6-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of  
35 1972. The total expenses associated with attendance by criminal  
36 investigators at the Law Enforcement Officers Training Program  
37 shall be paid out of the funds of the appropriate district  
38 attorney.

39 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
40 and after July 1, 2007.