

By: Senator(s) Dearing

To: Judiciary, Division A;  
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2133

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-31-10, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO ALLOW THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE FOURTEENTH CIRCUIT COURT  
3 DISTRICT TO APPOINT AN ADDITIONAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR AND TO  
4 ELIMINATE THE AUTOMATIC REPEALER ON THE SECTION; AND FOR RELATED  
5 PURPOSES.

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

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

9 25-31-10. (1) Any district attorney may appoint a full-time  
10 criminal investigator.

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

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

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

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

29 in accordance with Section 25-31-8. However, the maximum salary  
30 under this subsection for a criminal investigator who has a law  
31 degree may be supplemented by the district attorney from other  
32 available funds, but not to exceed the maximum salary for a legal  
33 assistant to a district attorney.

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

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