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To: Judiciary, Division A; Appropriations

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 2608

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-31-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REVISE THE NUMBER OF ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AUTHORIZED FOR
3 THE FOURTEENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

7 25-31-5. (1) The following number of full-time legal
8 assistants are authorized in the following circuit court
9 districts:

- 10 (a) First Circuit Court District..... eight (8)
11 legal assistants.
12 (b) Second Circuit Court District..... nine (9)
13 legal assistants.
14 (c) Third Circuit Court District..... five (5)
15 legal assistants.
16 (d) Fourth Circuit Court District..... five (5)
17 legal assistants.
18 (e) Fifth Circuit Court District..... four (4)
19 legal assistants.
20 (f) Sixth Circuit Court District..... two (2)
21 legal assistants.
22 (g) Seventh Circuit Court District..... ten (10)
23 legal assistants.
24 (h) Eighth Circuit Court District..... two (2)
25 legal assistants.
26 (i) Ninth Circuit Court District..... two (2)
27 legal assistants.

28                   (j) Tenth Circuit Court District..... four (4)  
29 legal assistants.

30                   (k) Eleventh Circuit Court District..... five (5)  
31 legal assistants.

32                   (l) Twelfth Circuit Court District..... three (3)  
33 legal assistants.

34                   (m) Thirteenth Circuit Court District..... two (2)  
35 legal assistants.

36                   (n) Fourteenth Circuit Court District..... three (3)  
37 legal assistants; provided, however, that subject  
38 to the specific appropriation therefor by the  
39 Legislature, the number of full-time legal assistants  
40 authorized for the Fourteenth Circuit Court District..... four (4)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

94                   (n) Fourteenth Circuit Court District.....       two (2)  
95 legal assistants.  
96                   (o) Fifteenth Circuit Court District.....       two (2)  
97 legal assistants.  
98                   (p) Sixteenth Circuit Court District.....       two (2)  
99 legal assistants.  
100                  (q) Seventeenth Circuit Court District.....       two (2)  
101 legal assistants.  
102                  (r) Eighteenth Circuit Court District.....       two (2)  
103 legal assistants.  
104                  (s) Nineteenth Circuit Court District.....       two (2)  
105 legal assistants.  
106                  (t) Twentieth Circuit Court District.....       two (2)  
107 legal assistants.  
108                  (u) Twenty-first Circuit Court District....       two (2)  
109 legal assistants.  
110                  (v) Twenty-second Circuit Court District...       two (2)  
111 legal assistants.

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

117           (4) The district attorney of any circuit court district may  
118 employ additional legal assistants or criminal investigators, or  
119 both, without regard to any limitation on the number of legal  
120 assistants authorized in this section or criminal investigators  
121 authorized by other provisions of law to the extent that the  
122 district attorney's office receives federal funds which may be  
123 expended for those positions in an amount sufficient to pay all of  
124 the salary, supplemental pay, expenses and fringe benefits of the  
125 positions. Such funds shall be transferred by the district  
126 attorney to the Department of Finance and Administration, which

127 shall disburse the funds to such employees in the same manner as  
128 state-funded criminal investigators and full-time legal  
129 assistants.

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