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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.