

By: Representative Clark

To: Judiciary A;
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 239

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-31-10, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO ADD TWO ADDITIONAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS TO THE 21ST CIRCUIT
3 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, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth,
11 Sixteenth, Seventeenth and Twentieth Circuit Court Districts may
12 appoint one (1) additional full-time criminal investigator for a
13 total of two (2) full-time criminal investigators.

14 (3) The district attorneys of the First, Second, Fourth,
15 Seventh * * *, Nineteenth and Twenty-first Circuit Court Districts
16 may appoint two (2) additional full-time criminal investigators
17 for a total of three (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-nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$59,500.00) per annum,
24 to be determined at the discretion of the district attorney based
25 upon 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 (7) The district attorney shall be authorized to assign the
40 duties of criminal investigators regardless of the source of
41 funding for such criminal investigators.



42 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
43 and after July 1, 2018.

