

By: Representatives Read, Karriem

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 602

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-31-8, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 INCREASE THE OFFICE OPERATING ALLOWANCE FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEYS;  
3 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

7 25-31-8. From and after July 1, 2006, in all circuit court  
8 districts in this state existing now or hereafter created, the  
9 district attorney shall receive from sums appropriated for such  
10 purpose from the General Fund or any special fund of the State of  
11 Mississippi, an office operating allowance for the necessary  
12 expenses of operating the office of the district attorney,  
13 including stenographic help, and other items and expenditures  
14 necessary and incident to the investigation of criminal cases, the  
15 general expenses of the office of the investigation of criminal  
16 cases, the general expenses of the office of the district attorney  
17 for preparing and/or trying felony cases and all other cases  
18 requiring the services of the district attorney, the sum of \* \* \*



19 Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) for each district, and an  
20 additional Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) for each assistant  
21 authorized by Section 25-31-5(1). All expenditures made from such  
22 office operating allowances shall be upon written requisition of  
23 the duly elected district attorney to the State Auditor, as  
24 otherwise provided by law. The district attorney may delegate to  
25 the board of supervisors of any county in his district the  
26 responsibility and authority to employ and set the salary of not  
27 more than one (1) employee for the office of such district  
28 attorney, such salary to be paid as other expenditures are paid  
29 from the funds provided by this section. Such employee shall be  
30 deemed to be appointed and employed by the board of supervisors  
31 and the salary shall not be deemed to be a pecuniary benefit  
32 provided by the district attorney's office. The district attorney  
33 shall be authorized to assign the duties of any employees  
34 regardless of the source of funding for such employees.

35 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
36 and after July 1, 2023.

