

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.

