

By: Representative Clark

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 507

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 Fifth, Ninth, Tenth,
10 Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth,
11 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, Third,
15 Fourth, Nineteenth, Twenty-first and Twenty-third Circuit Court
16 Districts may appoint two (2) additional full-time criminal
17 investigators for a total of three (3) full-time criminal
18 investigators.



19 (4) The district attorney of the Seventh Circuit Court
20 District may appoint one (1) additional full-time criminal
21 investigator for a total of four (4) full-time criminal
22 investigators.

23 (5) No district attorney or assistant district attorney
24 shall accept any private employment, civil or criminal, in any
25 matter investigated by such criminal investigators.

26 (6) The full and complete compensation for all public duties
27 rendered by the criminal investigators shall be not more than
28 Sixty-three Thousand Dollars (\$63,000.00) per annum, to be
29 determined at the discretion of the district attorney based upon
30 the qualifications, education and experience of the criminal
31 investigator, plus necessary travel and other expenses, to be paid
32 in accordance with Section 25-31-8. However, the maximum salary
33 under this subsection for a criminal investigator who has a law
34 degree may be supplemented by the district attorney from other
35 available funds, but not to exceed the maximum salary for a legal
36 assistant to a district attorney.

37 (7) Any criminal investigator may be designated by the
38 district attorney to attend the Law Enforcement Officers Training
39 Program set forth in Section 45-6-1 et seq. The total expenses
40 associated with attendance by criminal investigators at the Law
41 Enforcement Officers Training Program shall be paid out of the
42 funds of the appropriate district attorney.



43 (8) The district attorney shall be authorized to assign the
44 duties of criminal investigators regardless of the source of
45 funding for such criminal investigators.

46 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
47 and after July 1, 2025.

