

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.



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.

