

By: Representative Jennings

To: Judiciary B;
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1137

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE A FULL-TIME PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR DESOTO
2 COUNTY JUSTICE COURT; TO PROVIDE FOR COMPENSATION; AND FOR RELATED
3 PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** There shall be one (1) full-time public defender
6 for DeSoto County Justice Court appointed by the board of
7 supervisors. The public defender must be a member of the
8 Mississippi Bar. The salary and benefits of the public defender
9 shall be paid by the state and shall be the maximum allowed for a
10 legal assistant to a district attorney as provided in Section
11 25-3-35(6).

12 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
13 and after July 1, 2003.

