

By: Representative Mims

To: Judiciary A;
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 525

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-31-10, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR FOR THE FOURTEENTH
3 CIRCUIT 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 Third, Fifth, Ninth,
10 Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth,
11 Seventeenth and Twentieth Circuit Court Districts may appoint one
12 (1) additional full-time criminal investigator for a total of two
13 (2) full-time criminal investigators.

14 (3) The district attorneys of the First, Second, Fourth and
15 Seventh and Nineteenth Circuit Court Districts may appoint two (2)
16 additional full-time criminal investigators for a total of three
17 (3) full-time criminal investigators.

18 (4) No district attorney or assistant district attorney
19 shall accept any private employment, civil or criminal, in any
20 matter investigated by such criminal investigators.

21 (5) The full and complete compensation for all public duties
22 rendered by said criminal investigators shall be not more than
23 Fifty-four Thousand Dollars (\$54,000.00) per annum, to be
24 determined at the discretion of the district attorney based upon
25 the qualifications, education and experience of the criminal
26 investigator, plus necessary travel and other expenses, to be paid
27 in accordance with Section 25-31-8. However, the maximum salary

28 under this subsection for a criminal investigator who has a law
29 degree may be supplemented by the district attorney from other
30 available funds, but not to exceed the maximum salary for a legal
31 assistant to a district attorney.

32 (6) Any criminal investigator may be designated by the
33 district attorney to attend the Law Enforcement Officers Training
34 Program set forth in Section 45-6-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of
35 1972. The total expenses associated with attendance by criminal
36 investigators at the Law Enforcement Officers Training Program
37 shall be paid out of the funds of the appropriate district
38 attorney.

39 (7) This section shall stand repealed from and after January
40 1, 2007.

41 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
42 and after July 1, 2005.