

By: Senator(s) Tollison

To: Fees, Salaries and
Administration;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2953

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-31-10, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO DELETE THE SUNSET PROVISION FOR THE SALARY OF, AND THE DISTRICT
3 ATTORNEYS' AUTHORITY TO HIRE, CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS; AND FOR
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 25-31-10, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 25-31-10. (1) Any district attorney may appoint a full-time
9 criminal investigator.

10 (2) The district attorneys of the Third, Fifth, Ninth,
11 Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth and
12 Twentieth Circuit Court Districts may appoint one (1) additional
13 full-time criminal investigator for a total of two (2) full-time
14 criminal investigators.

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

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

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

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

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

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41 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
42 and after its passage.