

By: Senator(s) Albritton

To: Judiciary, Division A;  
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2485

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-31-10, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO ADD A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR TO THE FIFTEENTH CIRCUIT COURT  
3 DISTRICT AND TO DELETE THE AUTOMATIC REPEALER; AND FOR RELATED  
4 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, \* \* \* 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,  
16 Seventh, Fifteenth and Nineteenth Circuit Court Districts may  
17 appoint two (2) additional full-time criminal investigators for a  
18 total of three (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.

40 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
41 and after July 1, 2007.