House Bill No. 477

By Representatives Coussan, Bishop, Geymann, Travis Johnson, Charles Owen, St. Blanc, and Zeringue

District Attorneys: Provides for new assistant district attorney positions for various judicial districts in the state

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AN ACT

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To amend and reenact R.S. 16:51(A)(1), (5), (7), (14), (15), (16), (18), (19), (21), (24), (29),
(32), (36), and (37), relative to assistant district attorneys; to provide for additional
assistant district attorneys for certain judicial districts; to provide for an effective
date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 16:51(A)(1), (5), (7), (14), (15), (16), (18), (19), (21), (24), (29),
(32), (36), and (37) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§51. Assistant district attorneys

A. The district attorney of each judicial district and of the parish of Orleans
shall appoint a first assistant district attorney and such other assistant district
attorneys for his respective judicial district or for the parish of Orleans as may be
necessary, the total number of assistant district attorneys in each judicial district and
in the parish of Orleans to be not less than as hereinafter set forth:

(1) In the First Judicial District, twenty-seven thirty-five assistant district
attorneys;

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(5) In the Fifth Judicial District, six seven assistant district attorneys;

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(7) In the Seventh Judicial District, five six assistant district attorneys;
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(14) In the Fourteenth Judicial District, twenty-three twenty-four assistant
district attorneys;

(15) In the Fifteenth Judicial District, nineteen twenty-eight assistant
district attorneys;

(16) In the Sixteenth Judicial District, twenty-one twenty-three assistant
district attorneys;
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(18) In the Eighteenth Judicial District, ten twelve assistant district attorneys;

(19) In the Nineteenth Judicial District, forty-eight fifty-four assistant district
attorneys;
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(21) In the Twenty-First Judicial District, eighteen nineteen assistant district
attorneys;
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(24) In the Twenty-Fourth Judicial District, fifty-two fifty-four assistant
district attorneys;
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(29) In the Twenty-Ninth Judicial District, nine ten assistant district
attorneys;
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(32) In the Thirty-Second Judicial District, nineteen twenty assistant district
attorneys;
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(36) In the Thirty-Sixth Judicial District, four five assistant district attorneys;

(37) In the Thirty-Seventh Judicial District, two three assistant district
attorneys;
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are additions.
Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall become effective on August 1, 2022, provided that funding for the additional thirty-seven assistant district attorney positions is appropriated and payable out of the state general fund in the general appropriations bill for the state of Louisiana.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for new assistant district attorney positions for various judicial districts in the state.

Present law provides for the number of assistant district attorneys for the various judicial districts.

Proposed law increases the number of assistant district attorneys in particular judicial districts as follows:

1) 1st JDC from 27 to 35.
2) 5th JDC from 6 to 7.
3) 7th JDC from 5 to 6.
4) 14th JDC from 23 to 25.
5) 15th JDC from 19 to 28.
6) 16th JDC from 21 to 23.
7) 18th JDC from 10 to 12.
8) 19th JDC from 48 to 53.
9) 21st JDC from 18 to 19.
10) 24th JDC from 52 to 54.
11) 29th JDC from 9 to 10.
12) 32nd JDC from 19 to 20.
13) 36th JDC from 4 to 5.
14) 37th JDC from 2 to 3.

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Effective on August 1, 2022, provided that funding for the additional 37 assistant
district attorney positions is appropriated and payable out of the state general fund in the
general appropriations bill for the state.

(Amends R.S. 16:51(A)(1), (5), (7), (14), (15), (16), (18), (19), (21), (24), (29), (32), (36),
and (37))