

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 477

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DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: Provides for new assistant district attorney positions for various
judicial districts in the state

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 16:51(A)(1), (5), (7), (14), (15), (16), (18), (19), (21), (24), (29),
3 (32), (36), and (37), relative to assistant district attorneys; to provide for additional
4 assistant district attorneys for certain judicial districts; to provide for an effective
5 date; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 16:51(A)(1), (5), (7), (14), (15), (16), (18), (19), (21), (24), (29),
8 (32), (36), and (37) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §51. Assistant district attorneys

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

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

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

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1 (7) In the Seventh Judicial District, ~~five~~ six assistant district attorneys;

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3 (14) In the Fourteenth Judicial District, ~~twenty-three~~ twenty-four assistant
4 district attorneys;

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

7 (16) In the Sixteenth Judicial District, ~~twenty-one~~ twenty-three assistant
8 district attorneys;

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10 (18) In the Eighteenth Judicial District, ~~ten~~ twelve assistant district attorneys;

11 (19) In the Nineteenth Judicial District, ~~forty-eight~~ fifty-four assistant district
12 attorneys;

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14 (21) In the Twenty-First Judicial District, ~~eighteen~~ nineteen assistant district
15 attorneys;

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17 (24) In the Twenty-Fourth Judicial District, ~~fifty-two~~ fifty-four assistant
18 district attorneys;

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20 (29) In the Twenty-Ninth Judicial District, ~~nine~~ ten assistant district
21 attorneys;

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23 (32) In the Thirty-Second Judicial District, ~~nineteen~~ twenty assistant district
24 attorneys;

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26 (36) In the Thirty-Sixth Judicial District, ~~four~~ five assistant district attorneys;

27 (37) In the Thirty-Seventh Judicial District, ~~two~~ three assistant district
28 attorneys;

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1 Section 2. The provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall become effective upon an
 2 Act of the Louisiana Legislature containing a specific appropriation of monies for the
 3 implementation of the provisions of this Act.

4 Section 3. The provisions of Sections 2 and 3 of this Act shall become effective on
 5 August 1, 2022; if vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this
 6 Act shall become effective on August 1, 2022, or on the day following such approval by the
 7 legislature, whichever is later.

DIGEST

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HB 477 Reengrossed

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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 24.
- (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 54.
- (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.

Proposed law provides that Section 1 of proposed law shall become effective upon an Act of the La. Legislature containing a specific appropriation of monies for the implementation of the provisions of proposed law.

Proposed law provides that Sections 2 and 3 of proposed law shall become effective on Aug. 1, 2022; if vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, proposed law shall become effective on Aug. 1, 2022, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Provide for an effective date contingent upon an appropriation of monies.