

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 477

BY REPRESENTATIVES COUSSAN, BACALA, BISHOP, BROWN, BUTLER, CARRIER, WILFORD CARTER, DAVIS, DEVILLIER, EDMONDS, EMERSON, FIRMENT, FREIBERG, GADBERRY, GEYMANN, HUVAL, ILLG, JEFFERSON, JENKINS, MIKE JOHNSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, LACOMBE, LAFLEUR, LARVADAIN, MACK, MARCELLE, MCFARLAND, MCKNIGHT, MIGUEZ, MUSCARELLO, NELSON, CHARLES OWEN, PIERRE, SCHEXNAYDER, SCHLEGEL, SELDERS, ST. BLANC, STAGNI, STEFANSKI, VILLIO, WHEAT, WHITE, AND ZERINGUE

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 16:51(A)(introductory paragraph), (1), (5), (7), (12), (14), (15),
3 (16), (18), (19), (21), (24), (26), (27), (29), (32), (34), (36), and (37), relative to
4 assistant district attorneys; to provide for additional assistant district attorneys for
5 certain judicial districts; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 16:51(A)(introductory paragraph), (1), (5), (7), (14), (15), (16), (18),
9 (19), (21), (24), (29), (32), (36), and (37) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
10 follows:

11 §51. Assistant district attorneys

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

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

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20 (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. R.S. 16:51(A)(introductory paragraph), (12), (14), (18), (19), (26), (27),
2 (32), and (34) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

3 §51. Assistant district attorneys

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

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10 (12) In the Twelfth Judicial District, ~~seven~~ eight assistant district attorneys;

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12 (14) In the Fourteenth Judicial District, ~~twenty-three~~ twenty-five assistant
13 district attorneys;

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15 (18) In the Eighteenth Judicial District, ~~ten~~ thirteen assistant district
16 attorneys;

17 (19) In the Nineteenth Judicial District, ~~forty-eight~~ fifty-five assistant district
18 attorneys;

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20 (26) In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District, ~~twelve~~ thirteen assistant district
21 attorneys;

22 (27) In the Twenty-Seventh Judicial District, ~~eleven~~ twelve assistant district
23 attorneys;

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25 (32) In the Thirty-Second Judicial District, ~~nineteen~~ twenty-one assistant
26 district attorneys;

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28 (34) In the Thirty-Fourth Judicial District, ~~eight~~ nine assistant district
29 attorneys;

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

4 (B) In accordance with R.S. 16:54, the additional number of assistant district
5 attorneys provided by Section 2 of this Act shall become effective if and when the
6 Governor's Advisory and Review Commission on Assistant District Attorneys approves the
7 additional number of district attorneys. If any additional district attorney position provided
8 for in Section 2 of this Act is not approved by the Governor's Advisory and Review
9 Commission on Assistant District Attorneys, such lack of approval shall not affect other
10 additional positions provided for in Section 2 of this Act, and to this end the provisions of
11 Section 2 of this Act are hereby declared severable.

12 Section 4. The provisions of this Section and Section 3 of this Act shall become
13 effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration
14 of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article
15 III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently
16 approved by the legislature, the provisions of this Section and Section 3 of this Act shall
17 become effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____