

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 719

BY REPRESENTATIVES EGAN AND GALLE

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS/ASST: Provides relative to the number of assistant district attorneys in each judicial district

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 16:51(A), relative to assistant district attorneys; to provide for  
3 the number of assistant district attorneys in each judicial district; to provide for an  
4 effective date; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 16:51(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §51. Assistant district attorneys

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

13 (1) In the First Judicial District, ~~thirty-five~~ thirty-six assistant district  
14 attorneys;

15 (2) In the Second Judicial District, ~~ten~~ eleven assistant district attorneys;

16 (3) In the Third Judicial District, ~~nine~~ ten assistant district attorneys;

17 (4) In the Fourth Judicial District, ~~twenty-six~~ twenty-seven assistant district  
18 attorneys;

19 (5) In the Fifth Judicial District, ~~seven~~ eight assistant district attorneys;

20 (6) In the Sixth Judicial District, ~~seven~~ eight assistant district attorneys;

- 1 (7) In the Seventh Judicial District, ~~six~~ seven assistant district attorneys;
- 2 (8) In the Eighth Judicial District, ~~four~~ five assistant district attorneys;
- 3 (9) In the Ninth Judicial District, ~~fifteen~~ sixteen assistant district attorneys;
- 4 (10) In the Tenth Judicial District, ~~five~~ six assistant district attorneys;
- 5 (11) In the Eleventh Judicial District, ~~four~~ five assistant district attorneys;
- 6 (12) In the Twelfth Judicial District, ~~eight~~ nine assistant district attorneys;
- 7 (13) In the Thirteenth Judicial District, ~~five~~ six assistant district attorneys;
- 8 (14) In the Fourteenth Judicial District, ~~twenty-five~~ twenty-six assistant  
9 district attorneys;
- 10 (15) In the Fifteenth Judicial District, ~~twenty-eight~~ twenty-nine assistant  
11 district attorneys;
- 12 (16) In the Sixteenth Judicial District, ~~twenty-three~~ twenty-four assistant  
13 district attorneys;
- 14 (17) In the Seventeenth Judicial District, ~~thirteen~~ fourteen assistant district  
15 attorneys;
- 16 (18) In the Eighteenth Judicial District, ~~thirteen~~ fourteen assistant district  
17 attorneys;
- 18 (19) In the Nineteenth Judicial District, ~~fifty-five~~ fifty-six assistant district  
19 attorneys;
- 20 (20) In the Twentieth Judicial District, ~~five~~ six assistant district attorneys;
- 21 (21) In the Twenty-First Judicial District, ~~nineteen~~ twenty assistant district  
22 attorneys;
- 23 (22) In the Twenty-Second Judicial District, ~~thirty~~ thirty-one assistant district  
24 attorneys;
- 25 (23) In the Twenty-Third Judicial District, ~~nineteen~~ twenty assistant district  
26 attorneys;
- 27 (24) In the Twenty-Fourth Judicial District, ~~fifty-four~~ fifty-five assistant  
28 district attorneys;
- 29 (25) In the Twenty-Fifth Judicial District, ~~five~~ six assistant district attorneys;

- 1           (26) In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District, ~~thirteen~~ fourteen assistant district  
2 attorneys;
- 3           (27) In the Twenty-Seventh Judicial District, ~~twelve~~ thirteen assistant district  
4 attorneys;
- 5           (28) In the Twenty-Eighth Judicial District, ~~three~~ four assistant district  
6 attorneys;
- 7           (29) In the Twenty-Ninth Judicial District, ~~ten~~ eleven assistant district  
8 attorneys;
- 9           (30) In the Thirtieth Judicial District, ~~six~~ seven assistant district attorneys;
- 10          (31) In the Thirty-First Judicial District, ~~four~~ five assistant district attorneys;
- 11          (32) In the Thirty-Second Judicial District, ~~twenty-one~~ twenty-two assistant  
12 district attorneys;
- 13          (33) In the Thirty-Third Judicial District, ~~four~~ five assistant district  
14 attorneys;
- 15          (34) In the Thirty-Fourth Judicial District, ~~nine~~ ten assistant district  
16 attorneys;
- 17          (35) In the Thirty-Fifth Judicial District, ~~four~~ five assistant district attorneys;
- 18          (36) In the Thirty-Sixth Judicial District, ~~five~~ six assistant district attorneys;
- 19          (37) In the Thirty-Seventh Judicial District, ~~three~~ four assistant district  
20 attorneys;
- 21          (38) In the parish of Orleans, ~~eighty-three~~ eighty-four assistant district  
22 attorneys;
- 23          (39) In the Thirty-Eighth Judicial District, ~~two~~ three assistant district  
24 attorneys;
- 25          (40) In the Thirty-Ninth Judicial District, ~~two~~ three assistant district  
26 attorneys;
- 27          (41) In the Fortieth Judicial District, ~~nine~~ ten assistant district attorneys;
- 28          (42) In the Forty-Second Judicial District, ~~four~~ five assistant district  
29 attorneys.

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Section 2. In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 16:54, the change in the number of assistant district attorneys as provided by this Act shall become effective on January 1, 2027, if the Governor's Advisory and Review Commission on Assistant District Attorneys provides a recommendation that such additional assistant district attorneys meet the applicable guidelines in its report to the governor and the Louisiana Legislature. No additional assistant district attorneys shall be appointed without commission approval.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for assistant district attorney positions in the judicial districts of the state.

Present law provides for the number of assistant district attorneys in the judicial districts of the state of La.

Proposed law increases the number of assistant district attorneys in the judicial districts of the state of La.

(Amends R.S. 16:51(A))