

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)(1), (3) through (7), (9), (13) through (17), (19) through
3 (25), (27), (30) through (33), (35) through (37), and (39) through (42), relative to
4 assistant district attorneys; to provide for the number of assistant district attorneys
5 in each judicial district; 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)(1), (3) through (7), (9), (13) through (17), (19) through
9 (25), (27), (30) through (33), (35) through (37), and (39) through (42) are hereby amended
10 and reenacted to read as 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 the following:

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

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

1 (4) In the Fourth Judicial District, ~~twenty-six~~ twenty-eight assistant district
2 attorneys;

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

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

5 (7) In the Seventh Judicial District, ~~six~~ seven assistant district attorneys;

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7 (9) In the Ninth Judicial District, ~~fifteen~~ seventeen assistant district
8 attorneys;

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10 (13) In the Thirteenth Judicial District, ~~five~~ six assistant district attorneys;

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

13 (15) In the Fifteenth Judicial District, ~~twenty-eight~~ thirty assistant district
14 attorneys;

15 (16) In the Sixteenth Judicial District, ~~twenty-three~~ twenty-seven assistant
16 district attorneys;

17 (17) In the Seventeenth Judicial District, ~~thirteen~~ fifteen assistant district
18 attorneys;

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20 (19) In the Nineteenth Judicial District, ~~fifty-five~~ seventy-three assistant
21 district attorneys;

22 (20) In the Twentieth Judicial District, ~~five~~ six assistant district attorneys;

23 (21) In the Twenty-First Judicial District, ~~nineteen~~ twenty-one assistant
24 district attorneys;

25 (22) In the Twenty-Second Judicial District, ~~thirty~~ forty-six assistant district
26 attorneys;

27 (23) In the Twenty-Third Judicial District, ~~nineteen~~ twenty assistant district
28 attorneys;

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

4 Section 3. The provisions of this Section and Section 2 shall become effective upon
5 signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for
6 bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section
7 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved
8 by the legislature, the provisions of this Section shall become effective on the day following
9 such approval.

DIGEST

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HB 719 Reengrossed

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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 First Judicial District from 35 to 40.

Proposed law increases the number of assistant district attorneys in the Third Judicial District from nine to 10.

Proposed law increases the number of assistant district attorneys in the Fourth Judicial District from 26 to 28.

Proposed law increases the number of assistant district attorneys in the Fifth Judicial District from seven to eight.

Proposed law increases the number of assistant district attorneys in the Sixth Judicial District from seven to eight.

Proposed law increases the number of assistant district attorneys in the Seventh Judicial District from six to seven.

Proposed law increases the number of assistant district attorneys in the Ninth Judicial District from 15 to 17.

Proposed law increases the number of assistant district attorneys in the Thirteenth Judicial District from five to six.

Proposed law increases the number of assistant district attorneys in the Fourteenth Judicial District from 25 to 26.

Proposed law increases the number of assistant district attorneys in the Fifteenth Judicial District from 28 to 30.

Proposed law increases the number of assistant district attorneys in the Sixteenth Judicial District from 23 to 27.

Proposed law increases the number of assistant district attorneys in the Seventeenth Judicial District from 13 to 15.

Proposed law increases the number of assistant district attorneys in the Nineteenth Judicial District from 55 to 73.

Proposed law increases the number of assistant district attorneys in the Twentieth Judicial District from five to six.

Proposed law increases the number of assistant district attorneys in the Twenty-First Judicial District from 19 to 21.

Proposed law increases the number of assistant district attorneys in the Twenty-Second Judicial District from 30 to 46.

Proposed law increases the number of assistant district attorneys in the Twenty-Third Judicial District from 19 to 20.

Proposed law increases the number of assistant district attorneys in the Twenty-Fourth Judicial District from 54 to 59.

Proposed law increases the number of assistant district attorneys in the Twenty-Fifth Judicial District from five to six.

Proposed law increases the number of assistant district attorneys in the Twenty-Seventh Judicial District from 12 to 13.

Proposed law increases the number of assistant district attorneys in the Thirtieth Judicial District from six to seven.

Proposed law increases the number of assistant district attorneys in the Thirty-First Judicial District from four to five.

Proposed law increases the number of assistant district attorneys in the Thirty-Second Judicial District from 21 to 23.

Proposed law increases the number of assistant district attorneys in the Thirty-Third Judicial District from four to five.

Proposed law increases the number of assistant district attorneys in the Thirty-Fifth Judicial District from four to five.

Proposed law increases the number of assistant district attorneys in the Thirty-Sixth Judicial District from five to six.

Proposed law increases the number of assistant district attorneys in the Thirty-Seventh Judicial District from three to four.

Proposed law increases the number of assistant district attorneys in the Thirty-Eighth Judicial District from two to three.

Proposed law increases the number of assistant district attorneys in the Thirty-Ninth Judicial District from two to three.

Proposed law increases the number of assistant district attorneys in the Fortieth Judicial District from nine to ten.

Proposed law increases the number of assistant district attorneys in the Forty-Second Judicial District from four to five.

Effective upon appropriation of funds by the legislature.

(Amends R.S. 16:51(A)(1), (3) through (7), (9), (13) through (17), (19) through (25), (27), (30) through (33), (35) through (37), and (39) through (42))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill:

1. Add assistant district attorney positions in certain judicial districts of the state.

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

1. Make effectiveness of proposed law subject to appropriation of monies by the legislature for the implementation of proposed law.