

RESOLUTION OF MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO PETITION THE 2025 MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR AN ADDITIONAL SIX (6) ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND ONE (1) ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATOR TO SERVE MADISON AND RANKIN COUNTIES (20th JUDICIAL DISTRICT)

WHEREAS Madison and Rankin counties (20th judicial district) are in the top 3 for population in the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS the 20th judicial district is in the top 3 for convictions each year (source: Mississippi Department of Corrections Annual Reports); and

WHEREAS Madison and Rankin counties have the highest people to ADA ratio in the State at 38,990 people for every 1 ADA, in contrast to District 2 (Leflore, Sunflower, and Washington counties) which has 1 ADA for every 15,465 people; and

WHEREAS there are seven (7) districts in the State with more investigators than the 20th district (Madison and Rankin counties); and

WHEREAS, both Madison and Rankin counties are currently funding the entire cost of multiple ADA's in order to manage and sustain the growing needs for investigatory and prosecutorial legal services; and

WHEREAS the boards of supervisors of Madison and Rankin counties working in concert pledge to petition the 2025 Mississippi Legislature to provide full funding for at least six (6) more ADA's and at least one (1) more investigator to District 20, during the 2025 legislative session.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Madison County Board of Supervisors agrees to work with the Rankin County Board of Supervisors to petition the 2025 Mississippi Legislature to provide state funding for at least six (6) additional ADAs for Judicial District 20, and to provide state funding for at least one (1) additional investigator for Judicial District 20 during the 2025 legislative session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that after unanimous approval of this Resolution by vote of the board of supervisors and pursuant to signature by the president of the board and enrollment on the minutes of the board that this Resolution shall be presented to the legislative delegations of Madison and Rankin counties with encouragement to secure full funding for said additional ADA's and investigators for Judicial District 20.

On this matter motion was made by Supervisor _____, and seconded by Supervisor _____, and vote was unanimously declared by the Madison County Board of Supervisors.

For Madison County Board of Supervisors:

Gerald Steen, President

ATTEST:

Ronny Lott, Chancery Clerk