

By: Representatives Holland, McCoy, Scott
(17th)

To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 895

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 9-5-7 AND 9-7-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, TO REVISE THE METHOD OF ELECTING JUDGES FOR THE FIRST
3 CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT AND THE FIRST CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; AND
4 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 SECTION 1. Section 9-5-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 9-5-7. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the First
9 Chancery Court District. For the purpose of appointment and
10 election, the three (3) chancellors shall be separate and distinct
11 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as
12 "Place One," "Place Two" and "Place Three."

13 SECTION 2. Section 9-7-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
14 amended as follows:

15 9-7-7. There shall be three (3) judges for the First Circuit
16 Court District. For the purpose of appointment and election, the
17 three (3) judges shall be separate and distinct and denominated
18 for purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One,"
19 "Place Two" and "Place Three."

20 SECTION 3. The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
21 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
22 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the
23 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
24 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
25 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
26 extended.

27 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from

28 and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting
29 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.