

By: Senator(s) Minor, Hawks

To: Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2779

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW CODE SECTION TO BE CODIFIED AS SECTION
2 9-7-59, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CREATE THE TWENTY-THIRD
3 CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTIONS 9-7-45 AND 9-7-46,
4 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY THERETO; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

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

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9 SECTION 1. The following provision shall be codified as
10 Section 9-7-59, Mississippi Code of 1972:

11 9-7-59. The Twenty-third Circuit Court District shall be
12 comprised of DeSoto County. The initial holder of the circuit
13 judgeship therefor shall be that judge elected circuit judge from
14 subdistrict 17-1.

15 SECTION 2. Section 9-7-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
16 amended as follows:

17 9-7-45. The Seventeenth Circuit Court District shall * * *
18 consist of Panola County, Tallahatchie County, Tate County and
19 Yalobusha County.

20 SECTION 3. Section 9-7-46, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
21 amended as follows:

22 9-7-46. * * * There shall be two (2) circuit judges for the
23 Seventeenth Circuit Court District.

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25 SECTION 4. From and after the effective date of this act and
26 until any intervening appointment or election, the two (2) judges
27 of the Seventeenth Circuit District shall be those two (2) judges
28 elected from subdistrict 17-2 in the 1998 general election.

29 SECTION 5. The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi

30 is hereby directed to submit this act, immediately upon approval
31 by the Governor, or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to
32 a veto, to the Attorney General of the United States or to the
33 United States District Court for the District of Columbia in
34 accordance with the provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965,
35 as amended and extended.

36 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from
37 and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting
38 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.