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AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO

House Bill NO. 1467

By Senator(s) Committee

**Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting
in lieu thereof the following:**

60 SECTION 1. From and after the effective date of this act,
61 all family courts are abolished. All matters pending in any
62 family court abolished shall be transferred to the county court of
63 the county wherein the family court was located without the
64 necessity for any motion or order of court for such transfer.

65 SECTION 2. From and after the effective date of this act,
66 Sections 43-23-1, 43-23-3, 43-23-5, 43-23-7, 43-23-9, 43-23-11,
67 43-23-13, 43-23-15, 43-23-17, 43-23-19, 43-23-21, 43-23-23,
68 43-23-25, 43-23-27, 43-23-29, 43-23-31, 43-23-33, 43-23-35,
69 43-23-37, 43-23-39, 43-23-41, 43-23-43, 43-23-45, 43-23-47,
70 43-23-49, 43-23-51, 43-23-53 and 43-23-55, Mississippi Code of
71 1972, which provide for the establishment and operation of family
72 courts, are repealed.

73 SECTION 3. The following provision shall be codified as
74 Section 9-9-2, Mississippi Code of 1972:

75 9-9-2. (1) Any two (2) or three (3) counties in the
76 discretion of their respective boards of supervisors may apply to
77 the Administrative Office of Courts to be designated as a county
78 court district upon condition that:

79 (a) As a group, the counties are contiguous; and

80 (b) At least one (1) of the counties has a population

81 of twenty-five thousand five hundred (25,500) or more according to
82 the latest decennial census, or the counties comprising the
83 proposed district have had an annual aggregate caseload in excess
84 of three hundred fifty (350) youth court referrals according to
85 the most recently available Department of Human Services
86 statistics.

87 (2) The number of multicounty county courts to be formed
88 pursuant to this section shall not exceed ten (10). In the event
89 the number of qualified applications for county court formation
90 hereunder exceeds the number allowable, the Administrative Office
91 of Courts shall use such criteria as it deems relevant in
92 approving and denying applications. The Administrative Office of
93 Courts may deny an application which is qualified on its face
94 regardless of whether the maximum number of courts have been
95 formed. Once duly formed, a county court existing under the
96 authority of this section shall not be abolished except by act of
97 the Legislature.

98 (3) Counties wishing to apply for designation as a county
99 court pursuant to the provisions of this section shall do so on a
100 form to be prescribed by the Administrative Office of Courts by
101 means of a resolution duly spread upon the minutes of the board of
102 supervisors.

103 (4) Counties aggrieved by the denial of an application under
104 this section have a right of appeal from the decision of the
105 Administrative Office of Courts to the Circuit Court of Hinds
106 County as is otherwise provided by law for appeals from the
107 decisions of administrative agencies.

108 SECTION 4. Section 9-9-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
109 amended as follows:

110 9-9-5. (1) The county judge shall possess all of the
111 qualifications of a circuit judge as prescribed by the Mississippi
112 Constitution. * * * The county judge of a single county district
113 must be a qualified elector of the county. The county judge of a

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114 multicounty district must be a qualified elector of any one (1) of
115 the counties comprising the district. The county judge shall be
116 elected by the qualified electors of the county or the county
117 court district at the time and in the manner as circuit judges are
118 elected and * * * shall hold office for the same term. Vacancies
119 in the office of county judge shall be filled in the same manner
120 as vacancies in the office of circuit judge.

121 (2) Those judges elected in the 1998 general election as
122 county court judges shall continue as the county court judges for
123 the term beginning January 1, 1999.

124 (3) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this
125 subsection, there shall be one (1) county court judge for each
126 county court district.

127 (b) There shall be two (2) county court judges for the
128 county court of Jackson County, three (3) county court judges for
129 the county court of Harrison County, and three (3) county court
130 judges for the county court of Hinds County.

131 (c) The judge elected family court judge of Harrison
132 County in the 1998 general election shall be a county court judge
133 of Harrison County from and after the effective date of House Bill
134 No. 1467, 1999 Regular Session.

135 (4) In a district having more than one (1) office of county
136 court judge, there shall be no distinction whatsoever in the
137 powers, duties and emoluments of those offices except that the
138 judge who has been for the longest time continuously a judge of
139 that court or, should no judge have served longer in office than
140 the others, the judge who has been for the longest time a member
141 of The Mississippi Bar shall be the senior judge. The senior
142 judge shall have the right to assign causes and dockets and, in
143 districts consisting of more than one (1) county, to set terms.

144 SECTION 5. Section 9-9-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
145 amended as follows:

146 9-9-9. The county judge shall not otherwise practice

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147 law * * *, but this prohibition shall not prohibit the judges of
148 the county courts from practicing in any of the courts so far as
149 to enable them to bring to a conclusion cases actually pending
150 when they were appointed or elected, in which such county judges
151 were then employed as provided in Section 9-1-25, Mississippi Code
152 of 1972, for judges of the circuit court and chancellors.

153 SECTION 6. Section 9-9-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
154 amended as follows:

155 9-9-11. * * * The county court judge shall receive an annual
156 salary payable monthly out of the State General Fund in the amount
157 of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) less than the annual salary
158 which is now or shall hereafter be provided for circuit and
159 chancery judges of this state * * *. * * * The office of county
160 court judge * * * shall be a full-time position, and the holder
161 thereof shall not otherwise engage in the practice of law.

162 * * *

163 SECTION 7. Section 9-7-126, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
164 amended as follows:

165 9-7-126. (1) There shall be allowed out of the county
166 treasury from the general county funds or any other available
167 funds payable monthly by the board of supervisors of the county
168 not less than the following amounts for the purposes of defraying
169 the salaries of deputy circuit clerks:

170 Class 1 and 2 counties not less than Four Hundred Fifty
171 Dollars (\$450.00) per month;

172 Class 3 and 4 counties not less than Three Hundred Fifty
173 Dollars (\$350.00) per month;

174 Class 5, 6, 7 and 8 counties not less than Two Hundred Fifty
175 Dollars (\$250.00) per month.

176 The above and foregoing allowances shall be for the purposes
177 of defraying the salaries of deputy circuit clerks provided such
178 allowance, upon written request of the circuit clerk, shall be
179 paid directly to the deputy circuit clerk designated by him in the

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180 absence of which request said allowance shall be paid monthly to
181 the circuit clerk. Deputy circuit clerks employed under authority
182 of this section shall be deemed employees of the county. The
183 clerk shall select and supervise their public duties.

184 (2) This section shall not apply to any county having a
185 county court except that in any county electing to form a county
186 court pursuant to the provisions of House Bill No. 1467, 1999
187 Regular Session, the provisions of subsection (1) shall apply;
188 further, in any county in which U.S. Highway 49 and Mississippi
189 Highway 6 intersect, any county in which U.S. Highway 61 and
190 Mississippi Highway 4 intersect, any county having a population in
191 excess of fifty-seven thousand (57,000) and which is traversed by
192 the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway or whose county seat is within
193 twenty (20) miles of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway, any county
194 bordering the State of Tennessee and the Mississippi River, and
195 any county in which U.S. Highway 82 and U.S. Highway 49E
196 intersect, the provisions of this section shall be discretionary
197 with the respective board of supervisors.

198 SECTION 8. Section 23-15-975, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
199 amended as follows:

200 23-15-975. As used in Sections 23-15-974 through 23-15-985
201 of this subarticle, the term "judicial office" includes the office
202 of justice of the Supreme Court, judge of the Court of Appeals,
203 circuit judge, chancellor and county court judge * * *. All such
204 justices and judges shall be full-time positions and such justices
205 and judges shall not engage in the practice of law before any
206 court, administrative agency or other judicial or quasi-judicial
207 forum except as provided by law for finalizing pending cases after
208 election to judicial office.

209 SECTION 9. Section 23-15-977, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
210 amended as follows:

211 23-15-977. (1) All candidates for judicial office as
212 defined in Section 23-15-975 of this subarticle shall file their

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213 intent to be a candidate with the proper officials not later than
214 the first Friday after the first Monday in May prior to the
215 general election for judicial office and shall pay to the proper
216 officials the following amounts:

217 (a) Candidates for Supreme Court judge and Court of
218 Appeals, the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

219 (b) Candidates for circuit judge and chancellor, the
220 sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

221 (c) Candidates for county judge * * *, the sum of
222 Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00).

223 (2) (a) Candidates for judicial offices listed in
224 paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) of this section, and
225 candidates listed in paragraph (c) who are running in a
226 multicounty district, shall file their intent to be a candidate
227 with, and pay the proper assessment made pursuant to subsection
228 (1) of this section to, the State Board of Election Commissioners.

229 (b) Other candidates for judicial offices listed in
230 paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of this section shall file their
231 intent to be a candidate with, and pay the proper assessment made
232 pursuant to subsection (1) of this section to, the circuit clerk
233 of the proper county. The circuit clerk shall notify the county
234 commissioners of election of all persons who have filed their
235 intent to be a candidate filed with, and paid the proper
236 assessment to, such clerk. Such notification shall occur within
237 two (2) business days and shall contain all necessary information.

238 SECTION 10. Section 9-1-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
239 amended as follows:

240 9-1-19. The judges of the Supreme, * * * circuit and county
241 courts, and chancellors and judges of the Court of Appeals, in
242 termtime and in vacation, may severally order the issuance of
243 writs of habeas corpus, mandamus, certiorari, supersedeas and
244 attachments, and grant injunctions and all other remedial writs,
245 in all cases where the same may properly be granted according to

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246 right and justice, returnable to any court, whether the suit or
247 proceedings be pending in the district of the judge or chancellor
248 granting the same or not. The fiat of such judge or chancellor
249 shall authorize the issuance of the process for a writ returnable
250 to the proper court or before the proper officer; and all such
251 process or writs may be granted, issued and executed on Sunday.

252 SECTION 11. Section 9-1-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
253 amended as follows:

254 9-1-23. The judges of the Supreme, circuit and county courts
255 and chancellors and judges of the Court of Appeals shall be
256 conservators of the peace for the state, each with full power to
257 do all acts which conservators of the peace may lawfully do; and
258 the circuit judges, * * * chancellors and county judges shall
259 reside within their respective districts * * *.

260 SECTION 12. Section 9-1-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
261 amended as follows:

262 9-1-25. It shall not be lawful for any judge of the Supreme
263 Court, Court of Appeals or a judge of the circuit or county court,
264 or a chancellor to exercise the profession or employment of an
265 attorney or counsellor at law, or to be engaged in the practice of
266 law; and any person offending against this prohibition shall be
267 guilty of a high misdemeanor and be removed from office; but this
268 shall not prohibit a chancellor, * * * circuit judge, county judge
269 or a judge of the Court of Appeals from practicing in any of the
270 courts for a period of six (6) months from the time such judges or
271 chancellors assume office so far as to enable them to bring to a
272 conclusion cases actually pending when they were appointed or
273 elected in which such chancellor or judge was then employed, nor
274 shall a judge of the Supreme Court be hindered from appearing in
275 the courts of the United States in any case in which he was
276 engaged when he was appointed or elected judge.

277 SECTION 13. Section 9-1-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
278 amended as follows:

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279 9-1-35. The clerk of the Supreme Court and of the Court of
280 Appeals, at the expense of the state, and the clerk of every
281 circuit, county and chancery court, at the expense of the county,
282 shall keep a seal, with the style of the court around the margin
283 and the image of an eagle in the center.

284 SECTION 14. Section 9-1-36, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
285 amended as follows:

286 9-1-36. (1) Each circuit judge, county judge and chancellor
287 shall receive an office operating allowance for the expenses of
288 operating the office of such judge, including retaining a law
289 clerk, legal research, stenographic help, stationery, stamps,
290 furniture, office equipment, telephone, office rent and other
291 items and expenditures necessary and incident to maintaining the
292 office of judge. Such allowance shall be paid only to the extent
293 of actual expenses incurred by any such judge as itemized and
294 certified by such judge to the Supreme Court and then in an amount
295 of not more than Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) per annum;
296 however, such judge may expend sums in excess thereof from the
297 compensation otherwise provided for his office. No part of this
298 expense or allowance shall be used to pay an official court
299 reporter for services rendered to said court.

300 (2) In addition to the amounts provided for in subsection
301 (1), there is hereby created a separate office allowance fund for
302 the purpose of providing support staff to judges. This fund shall
303 be managed by the Administrative Office of Courts.

304 (3) Each judge who desires to employ support staff after
305 July 1, 1994, shall make application to the Administrative Office
306 of Courts by submitting to the Administrative Office of Courts a
307 proposed personnel plan setting forth what support staff is deemed
308 necessary. Such plan may be submitted by a single judge or by any
309 combination of judges desiring to share support staff. In the
310 process of the preparation of the plan, the judges, at their
311 request, may receive advice, suggestions, recommendations and

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312 other assistance from the Administrative Office of Courts. The
313 Administrative Office of Courts must approve the positions, job
314 descriptions and salaries before the positions may be filled. The
315 Administrative Office of Courts shall not approve any plan which
316 does not first require the expenditure of the funds in the support
317 staff fund for compensation of any of the support staff before
318 expenditure is authorized of county funds for that purpose. Upon
319 approval by the Administrative Office of Courts, the judge or
320 judges may appoint the employees to the position or positions, and
321 each employee so appointed will work at the will and pleasure of
322 the judge or judges who appointed him but will be employees of the
323 Administrative Office of Courts. Upon approval by the
324 Administrative Office of Courts, the appointment of any support
325 staff shall be evidenced by the entry of an order on the minutes
326 of the court. When support staff is appointed jointly by two (2)
327 or more judges, the order setting forth any appointment shall be
328 entered on the minutes of each participating court.

329 (4) The Administrative Office of Courts shall develop and
330 promulgate minimum qualifications for the certification of court
331 administrators. Any court administrator appointed on or after
332 October 1, 1996, shall be required to be certified by the
333 Administrative Office of Courts.

334 (5) Support staff shall receive compensation pursuant to
335 personnel policies established by the Administrative Office of
336 Courts; however, from and after July 1, 1994, the Administrative
337 Office of Courts shall allocate from the support staff fund an
338 amount not to exceed Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) per
339 fiscal year (July 1 through June 30) per judge for whom support
340 staff is approved for the funding of support staff assigned to a
341 judge or judges. Any employment pursuant to this subsection shall
342 be subject to the provisions of Section 25-1-53.

343 The Administrative Office of Courts may approve expenditure
344 from the fund for additional equipment for support staff appointed

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345 pursuant to this section in any year in which the allocation per
346 judge is sufficient to meet the equipment expense after provision
347 for the compensation of the support staff.

348 (6) For the purposes of this section, the following terms
349 shall have the meaning ascribed herein unless the context clearly
350 requires otherwise:

351 (a) "Judges" means circuit judges, county judges and
352 chancellors, or any combination thereof;

353 (b) "Support staff" means court administrators, law
354 clerks, legal research assistants or secretaries, or any
355 combination thereof, but shall not mean school attendance
356 officers;

357 (c) "Compensation" means the gross salary plus all
358 amounts paid for benefits or otherwise as a result of employment
359 or as required by employment; provided, however, that only salary
360 earned for services rendered shall be reported and credited for
361 Public Employees' Retirement System purposes. Amounts paid for
362 benefits or otherwise, including reimbursement for travel
363 expenses, shall not be reported or credited for retirement
364 purposes.

365 (7) Title to all tangible property, excepting stamps,
366 stationery and minor expendable office supplies, procured with
367 funds authorized by this section, shall be and forever remain in
368 the State of Mississippi to be used by the * * * judge * * *
369 during the term of his office and thereafter by his successors.

370 (8) Any * * * judge * * * who did not have a primary office
371 provided by the county on March 1, 1988, shall be allowed an
372 additional Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) per annum to defray
373 the actual expenses incurred by such judge * * * in maintaining an
374 office; however, any * * * judge * * * who had a primary office
375 provided by the county on March 1, 1988, and who vacated the
376 office space after such date for a legitimate reason, as
377 determined by the Department of Finance and Administration, shall

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378 be allowed the additional office expense allowance provided under
379 this subsection.

380 (9) The Supreme Court, through the Administrative Office of
381 Courts, shall submit to the Department of Finance and
382 Administration the itemized and certified expenses for office
383 operating allowances that are directed to the court pursuant to
384 this section.

385 (10) The Supreme Court, through the Administrative Office of
386 Courts, shall have the power to adopt rules and regulations
387 regarding the administration of the office operating allowance
388 authorized pursuant to this section.

389 SECTION 15. Section 9-9-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
390 amended as follows:

391 9-9-19. (1) There shall be a court to be styled "The County
392 Court of the County of _____" in each county court
393 as set forth in subsection (2) of this section.

394 (2) A term of court shall be held in the county courthouse
395 of the county, beginning on the second Monday of each month and
396 continuing so long as may be necessary; but in counties where
397 there are two (2) circuit court districts, or in county courts
398 formed in a multicounty district, the county court shall be
399 convened in each judicial district and in each county not less
400 than four (4) times each year, and the terms of court shall be set
401 and published as is required for circuit and chancery courts.

402 Provided that in the County of Jones, a county having two (2)
403 judicial districts, that a term shall be held in the second
404 judicial district of said county on the second Monday of each
405 month; and provided that in the first judicial district a term
406 shall be held on the fourth Monday of January, the fourth Monday
407 of March, the fourth Monday of April, the fourth Monday of June
408 and the fourth Monday of October. Provided that in the County of
409 Hinds, a county having two (2) judicial districts, a term shall be
410 held in the first judicial district on the second Monday of each

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411 month and in the second judicial district on the second Monday of
412 March, June, September and December, and provided further that,
413 when such terms are held concurrently, any of the county judges of
414 Hinds County may be assigned to hold all or any part of such terms
415 in either of the two (2) judicial districts. Provided, further,
416 that in the County of Bolivar, a county having two (2) judicial
417 districts, a term shall be held in the first judicial district on
418 the second Monday of April, August and December, and in the second
419 judicial district on the second Monday of January, February,
420 March, May, June, July, September, October and November. Provided,
421 however, that in the County of Harrison, a county having three (3)
422 county judges and two (2) judicial districts, that a term shall be
423 held in each judicial district concurrently each month.

424 (3) * * * The judge of the county court for good cause shown
425 may, by order spread on the minutes of the county court, designate
426 some place other than the county courthouse for the holding of
427 such term of the county court as may be designated in said order.

428 The county judge may call a special term of the county court upon
429 giving ten (10) days' notice, and such notice shall be given by
430 posting the same at the front door of the courthouse in said
431 county and by the publication of said notice for one insertion in
432 some newspaper of general circulation in the county.

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434 SECTION 16. Section 9-9-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
435 amended as follows:

436 9-9-21. (1) The jurisdiction of the county court shall be
437 as follows: It shall have jurisdiction concurrent with the
438 justice court in all matters, civil and criminal of which the
439 justice court has jurisdiction; and it shall have jurisdiction
440 concurrent with the circuit and chancery courts in all matters of
441 law and equity wherein the amount of value of the thing in
442 controversy shall not exceed, exclusive of costs and interest, the
443 sum of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), and the

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444 jurisdiction of the county court shall not be affected by any
445 setoff, counterclaim or cross-bill in such actions where the
446 amount sought to be recovered in such setoff, counterclaim or
447 cross-bill exceeds Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00).
448 Provided, however, the party filing such setoff, counterclaim or
449 cross-bill which exceeds Seventy-five Thousand Dollars
450 (\$75,000.00) shall give notice to the opposite party or parties as
451 provided in Section 13-3-83, and on motion of all parties filed
452 within twenty (20) days after the filing of such setoff,
453 counterclaim or cross-bill, the county court shall transfer the
454 case to the circuit or chancery court wherein the county court is
455 situated and which would otherwise have jurisdiction. It shall
456 have exclusively the jurisdiction heretofore exercised by the
457 justice court in the following matters and causes: namely,
458 eminent domain, the partition of personal property, and actions of
459 unlawful entry and detainer, provided that the actions of eminent
460 domain and unlawful entry and detainer may be returnable and
461 triable before the judge of said court in vacation.

462 (2) In * * * multicounty county court districts * * *, it
463 shall be lawful for such court sitting in one (1) county to act
464 upon any and all matters of which it has jurisdiction as provided
465 by law arising in the other county under the jurisdiction of said
466 court.

467 SECTION 17. Section 9-9-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
468 amended as follows:

469 9-9-23. The county judge shall have power to issue writs,
470 and to try matters, of habeas corpus on application to him
471 therefor, or when made returnable before him by a superior judge.
472 He shall also have the power to order the issuance of writs of
473 certiorari, supersedeas, attachments, and other remedial writs in
474 all cases pending in, or within the jurisdiction of, his court.
475 He shall have the authority to issue search warrants in his
476 district returnable to his own court or to any court of a justice

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477 court judge within his district in the same manner as is provided
478 by law for the issuance of search warrants by justice court
479 judges. In all cases pending in, or within the jurisdiction of,
480 his court, he shall have, in term time, and in vacation, the power
481 to order, do or determine to the same extent and in the same
482 manner as a justice court judge or a circuit judge or a chancellor
483 could do in term time or in vacation in such cases. But he shall
484 not have original power to issue writs of injunction, or other
485 remedial writs in equity or in law except in those cases
486 hereinabove specified as being within his jurisdiction. Provided,
487 however, that when any judge or chancellor authorized to issue
488 such writs of injunction, or any other equitable or legal remedial
489 writs hereinabove reserved, shall so direct in writing the hearing
490 of application therefor may be by him referred to the county
491 judge, in which event the said direction of the superior judge
492 shall vest in the said county judge all authority to take such
493 action on said application as the said superior judge could have
494 taken under the right and the law, had the said application been
495 at all times before the said superior judge. The jurisdiction
496 authorized under the foregoing proviso shall cease upon the
497 denying or granting of the application.

498 SECTION 18. Section 43-21-107, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
499 amended as follows:

500 43-21-107.

501 * * *

502 (1) A youth court division is hereby created as a division
503 of the county court of each county now or hereafter having a
504 county court * * *, and the county judge shall be the judge of the
505 youth court unless another judge is named by the county judge as
506 provided by this chapter.

507 (2) A youth court division is hereby created as a division
508 of the chancery court of each county in which no county
509 court * * * is maintained and any chancellor within a chancery

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510 court district shall be the judge of the youth court of that
511 county within such chancery court district unless another judge is
512 named by the senior chancellor of the county or chancery court
513 district as provided by this chapter.

514 (3) In any county where there is no county court or family
515 court on July 1, 1979, there may be created a youth court division
516 as a division of the municipal court in any city if the governing
517 authorities of such city adopt a resolution to that effect. The
518 cost of the youth court division of the municipal court shall be
519 paid from any funds available to the municipality for such
520 purposes excluding state and county funds.

521 (4) The Administrative Office of Courts is authorized to
522 require county judges in courts with low youth court caseloads to
523 assist in relieving courts with heavy youth court caseloads
524 provided adequate funds are available for travel and lodging for
525 the county court judges and their court reporters.

526 SECTION 19. Section 9-9-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
527 amended as follows:

528 9-9-29. (1) The county court shall be a court of record
529 and, except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, the
530 clerk of the circuit court shall be the clerk of the county court,
531 and he or his deputy shall attend all the sessions of the county
532 court, and have present at all sessions, all books, records,
533 files, and papers pertaining to the term then in session. The
534 dockets, minutes, and records of the county court shall be kept,
535 so far as is practicable, in the same manner as are those of the
536 circuit court as provided by statute and the Mississippi Rules of
537 Civil Procedure. The sheriff shall be the executive officer of
538 the county court; he shall by himself, or deputy, attend all its
539 sessions, and he shall serve all process and execute all writs
540 issued therefrom in the manner as such process and writs would be
541 served and executed when issued by the justice courts, or by the
542 circuit or chancery courts according as appertains to the value of

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543 the cause or matter in hand. The clerk and sheriff shall receive
544 the same fees for attendance, and for other services as are
545 allowed by law to the clerk and to the sheriffs for like duties in
546 the circuit and chancery courts; provided however, that in all
547 cases where the justice courts have concurrent jurisdiction with
548 the county court, the clerk shall be allowed to receive only such
549 fees as are allowed to justice courts, and the sheriff shall be
550 allowed only such fees as the constable in said justice court
551 would be entitled to under the law for similar services.

552 (2) The clerk of the chancery court shall be the clerk of
553 the youth court for all counties electing to form a county court
554 pursuant to the provisions of House Bill No. 1467, 1999 Regular
555 Session, and the clerk of the chancery court shall perform such
556 duties for the youth court as is otherwise provided by law.

557 SECTION 20. Section 43-21-111, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
558 amended as follows:

559 43-21-111. (1) In any county not having a county
560 court * * *, the judge may appoint as provided in Section
561 43-21-123 regular or special referees who shall be attorneys at
562 law and members of the bar in good standing to act in cases
563 concerning children within the jurisdiction of the youth court,
564 and a regular referee shall hold office until removed by the
565 judge. The requirement that regular or special referees appointed
566 pursuant to this subsection be attorneys shall apply only to
567 regular or special referees who were not first appointed regular
568 or special referees prior to July 1, 1991.

569 (2) Any referee appointed pursuant to subsection (1) of this
570 section shall be required to receive judicial training approved by
571 the Mississippi Judicial College and shall be required to receive
572 regular annual continuing education in the field of juvenile
573 justice. The amount of judicial training and annual continuing
574 education which shall be satisfactory to fulfill the requirements
575 of this section shall conform with the amount prescribed by the

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576 Rules and Regulation for Mandatory Continuing Judicial Education
577 promulgated by the Supreme Court. The Administrative Office of
578 Courts shall maintain a roll of referees appointed under this
579 section, shall enforce the provisions of this subsection, shall
580 maintain records on all such referees regarding such training and
581 shall not disburse funds to any county for the budget of a youth
582 court referee who is not in compliance with the judicial training
583 requirements. Should a referee miss two (2) consecutive training
584 sessions sponsored or approved by the Mississippi Judicial College
585 as required by this subsection or fail to attend one (1) such
586 training session within six (6) months of their initial
587 appointment as a referee, the referee shall be disqualified to
588 serve and be immediately removed as a referee and another member
589 of the bar shall be appointed as provided in this section.

590 (3) The judge may direct that hearings in any case or class
591 of cases be conducted in the first instance by the referee. The
592 judge may also delegate his own administrative responsibilities to
593 the referee.

594 (4) All hearings authorized to be heard by a referee shall
595 proceed in the same manner as hearings before the youth court
596 judge. A referee shall possess all powers and perform all the
597 duties of the youth court judge in the hearings authorized to be
598 heard by the referee.

599 (5) An order entered by the referee shall be mailed
600 immediately to all parties and their counsel. A rehearing by the
601 judge shall be allowed if any party files a written motion for a
602 rehearing or on the court's own motion within three (3) days after
603 notice of referee's order. The youth court may enlarge the time
604 for filing a motion for a rehearing for good cause shown. Any
605 rehearing shall be upon the record of the hearing before the
606 referee, but additional evidence may be admitted in the discretion
607 of the judge. A motion for a rehearing shall not act as a
608 supersedeas of the referee's order, unless the judge shall so

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609 order.

610 (6) The salary for the referee shall be * * * as provided in
611 Section 43-21-123 * * *.

612 (7) * * * The judge of the chancery court may appoint a
613 suitable person as referee to two (2) or more counties within his
614 district * * *.

615 SECTION 21. Section 43-21-123, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
616 amended as follows:

617 43-21-123. (1) Except for expenses provided by state funds
618 and/or other monies, the board of supervisors, or the municipal
619 governing board where there is a municipal youth court, shall
620 adequately provide funds for the operation of the youth court
621 division of the appropriate court in conjunction with the
622 regular * * * court budget * * *. In preparation for said
623 funding, on an annual basis at the time requested, the youth court
624 judge, regular youth court referee or administrator shall prepare
625 and submit to the board of supervisors, or the municipal governing
626 board of the youth court wherever the youth court is a municipal
627 court, an annual budget which will identify the number, staff
628 position, title and amount of annual or monthly compensation of
629 each position as well as provide for other expenditures necessary
630 to the functioning and operation of the youth court. When the
631 budget of the youth court or youth court judge is approved by the
632 board of supervisors or the governing authority of the
633 municipality, then the youth court, youth court judge, regular
634 youth court referee or administrator may employ such persons as
635 provided in the budget from time to time.

636 (2) The board of supervisors of any county in which there is
637 located a youth court, and the governing authority of any
638 municipality in which there is located a municipal youth court,
639 are each authorized to reimburse the youth court referees and
640 other county-employed youth court employees or personnel for
641 reasonable travel and expenses incurred in the performance of

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642 their duties and in attending educational meetings offering
643 professional training to such persons as budgeted.

644 (3) (a) A regular youth court referee shall receive an
645 annual salary payable monthly by the Administrative Office of
646 Courts out of the State General Fund in an amount to be based on a
647 formula established by the Administrative Office of Courts which
648 shall take into account the youth court's caseload, but not to
649 exceed One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$1,700.00) per month.
650 A board of supervisors is authorized, in its discretion, to
651 supplement the salary of the regular youth court referee.

652 (b) The regular youth court referee shall be entitled
653 to support funds to carry on the business of the youth court and
654 shall have the individual discretion to appropriate those funds as
655 expense monies to assist in hiring secretarial staff and acquiring
656 materials incident to carrying on the business of the court within
657 the referee's private practice of law or may direct the use of
658 those funds through the county budget for court support supplies
659 or services. The referee shall be accountable for assuring
660 through private or county employees the proper preparation and
661 filing of all necessary tracking and other documentation attendant
662 to the administration of the youth court.

663 The Administrative Office of Courts is authorized to allocate
664 referee court support not to exceed the following amounts per
665 county specified:

666 District 1

667	<u>Alcorn County.....</u>	<u>\$12,000.00</u>
668	<u>Tishomingo County.....</u>	<u>7,000.00</u>
669	<u>Prentiss County.....</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>
670	<u>Union County.....</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>
671	<u>Pontotoc County.....</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>
672	<u>Itawamba County.....</u>	<u>12,000.00</u>
673	<u>Monroe County.....</u>	<u>12,000.00</u>

674 District 2

675	<u>Scott County</u>	\$ 8,000.00
676	<u>Newton County</u>	7,000.00
677	<u>Jasper County</u>	5,000.00
678	<u>District 3</u>	
679	<u>Tate County</u>	\$10,000.00
680	<u>Panola County</u>	12,000.00
681	<u>Yalobusha County</u>	9,000.00
682	<u>Grenada County</u>	12,000.00
683	<u>Montgomery County</u>	12,000.00
684	<u>District 4</u>	
685	<u>Franklin County</u>	\$ 8,000.00
686	<u>Amite County</u>	8,000.00
687	<u>Walthall County</u>	9,000.00
688	<u>District 6</u>	
689	<u>Carroll County</u>	\$ 5,000.00
690	<u>Attala County</u>	9,000.00
691	<u>Choctaw County</u>	5,000.00
692	<u>Winston County</u>	10,000.00
693	<u>Neshoba County</u>	12,000.00
694	<u>Kemper County</u>	5,000.00
695	<u>District 7</u>	
696	<u>Tunica County</u>	\$ 8,000.00
697	<u>Quitman County</u>	11,000.00
698	<u>Tallahatchie County</u>	11,000.00
699	<u>District 8</u>	
700	<u>Stone County</u>	\$ 8,000.00
701	<u>Hancock County</u>	12,000.00
702	<u>District 9</u>	
703	<u>Sunflower County</u>	\$12,000.00
704	<u>Humphreys County</u>	5,000.00
705	<u>Sharkey County</u>	5,000.00
706	<u>Issaquena County</u>	5,000.00
707	<u>District 10</u>	

708	<u>Marion County</u>	\$ <u>9,000.00</u>
709	<u>Lamar County</u>	<u>12,000.00</u>
710	<u>Pearl River County</u>	<u>12,000.00</u>
711	<u>Perry County</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
712	<u>District 11</u>	
713	<u>Holmes County</u>	\$ <u>5,000.00</u>
714	<u>Leake County</u>	<u>9,000.00</u>
715	<u>District 12</u>	
716	<u>Clarke County</u>	\$ <u>7,000.00</u>
717	<u>District 13</u>	
718	<u>Simpson County</u>	\$ <u>12,000.00</u>
719	<u>Smith County</u>	<u>7,000.00</u>
720	<u>Covington County</u>	<u>9,000.00</u>
721	<u>Jefferson Davis County</u>	<u>7,000.00</u>
722	<u>Lawrence County</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
723	<u>District 14</u>	
724	<u>Chickasaw County</u>	\$ <u>8,000.00</u>
725	<u>Webster County</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
726	<u>Clay County</u>	<u>12,000.00</u>
727	<u>Oktibbeha County</u>	<u>11,000.00</u>
728	<u>Noxubee County</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
729	<u>District 15</u>	
730	<u>Copiah County</u>	\$ <u>12,000.00</u>
731	<u>Lincoln County</u>	<u>12,000.00</u>
732	<u>District 16</u>	
733	<u>Green County</u>	\$ <u>5,000.00</u>
734	<u>George County</u>	<u>12,000.00</u>
735	<u>District 17</u>	
736	<u>Claiborne County</u>	\$ <u>6,000.00</u>
737	<u>Jefferson County</u>	<u>7,000.00</u>
738	<u>Wilkinson County</u>	<u>7,000.00</u>
739	<u>District 18</u>	
740	<u>Marshall County</u>	\$ <u>9,000.00</u>

741 Benton County..... 5,000.00
 742 Tippah County..... 7,000.00
 743 Lafayette County..... 12,000.00
 744 Calhoun County..... 7,000.00

745 District 19

746 Wayne County..... \$10,000.00

747 (c) In lieu of accepting any referee support funds as
 748 provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, when permitted by
 749 the Administrative Office of Courts, the senior chancellor of a
 750 chancery district having at least two (2) counties which do not
 751 have a county court may appoint a youth court administrator for
 752 the district whose responsibility will be to perform all
 753 reporting, tracking, and other duties of a court administrator for
 754 all youth courts in the district which are under the chancery
 755 court system. The Administrative Office of Courts shall develop a
 756 formula which shall take into account youth court caseloads which
 757 will justify the position of a youth court administrator in a
 758 chancery district and grant permission provided in this section
 759 only to those districts qualifying under the formula. The
 760 Administrative Office of Courts must approve the position, job
 761 description and salary before the position of youth court
 762 administrator may be filled. Upon approval by the Administrative
 763 Office of Courts, the senior chancellor, by the entry of an order
 764 on the minutes of the youth court, may appoint the youth court
 765 administrator, who will work at the will and pleasure of the
 766 senior chancellor who appointed him as an employee of the
 767 Administrative Office of Courts. The Administrative Office of
 768 Courts shall allocate to each chancellor so electing a sum not to
 769 exceed Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) per year to cover the
 770 salary, fringe benefits and equipment of such administrator, and
 771 an additional sum not to exceed One Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars
 772 (\$1,900.00) to cover travel expense of the administrator.

773 (4) (a) Counties in which a county or family court existed

774 on January 1, 1999, shall make an annual contribution to the
775 Administrative Office of Courts in an amount equal to the total
776 expense for county and family court judge salaries and fringe
777 benefits for Fiscal Year 1996, divided into twelve (12) equal
778 monthly installments. Each installment is due not later than the
779 close of business on the 25th day of the month preceding the month
780 for which the installment is due, or, if the 25th day falls on a
781 holiday or weekend, on the preceding regular business day.

782 (b) Counties in which a referee salary or salaries were
783 funded as of January 1, 1999, shall make an annual contribution to
784 the Administrative Office of Courts in an amount equal to the
785 total expense, not to exceed One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars
786 (\$1,700.00) plus fringe benefits per month, for youth court
787 referee salary and fringe benefits associated therewith for Fiscal
788 Year 1996, divided into twelve (12) equal monthly installments.
789 Each installment is due not later than the close of business on
790 the 25th day of the month preceding the month for which the
791 installment is due, or, if the 25th falls on a holiday or weekend,
792 on the preceding regular business day.

793 (c) Counties in which neither any referee nor any
794 county court judge were funded as of January 1, 1999, shall not be
795 required to make an annual contribution to the Administrative
796 Office of Courts; provided that, should a chancellor of such a
797 county elect to appoint a regular youth court referee, the county
798 shall make an annual contribution to the Administrative Office of
799 Courts in an amount to be determined by the Administrative Office
800 of Courts and based on the contributions required of counties of
801 similar size and caseload, divided into twelve (12) equal monthly
802 installments. Each installment is due not later than the close of
803 business on the 25th day of the month preceding the month for
804 which the installment is due, or, if the 25th falls on a holiday
805 or weekend, on the preceding regular business day.

806 (d) Counties failing to make the financial

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807 contributions required by this subsection (4) shall forfeit their
808 right to receive their homestead exemption reimbursement in an
809 amount sufficient to repay obligations due until such time as
810 their indebtedness is satisfied or satisfactory arrangements have
811 been made. Homestead exemption reimbursements, upon demand made
812 in writing to the State Tax Commission by the Administrative
813 Office of Courts, shall be paid to the Administrative Office of
814 Courts and applied to the discharge of the obligation.

815 (5) The Administrative Office of Courts shall allocate
816 responsibility for the payment of the salary of a referee serving
817 in more than one (1) county among or between the various counties
818 according to a formula which shall take into account the youth
819 courts' caseloads.

820 (6) The Administrative Office of Courts shall allocate
821 support funds to the referee-staffed youth courts according to a
822 formula which shall take into account the youth courts' caseloads,
823 and it shall be within the discretion of the referee whether to
824 use these funds to carry on the business of the court within his
825 private law practice or to direct the use of those funds through
826 the county budget. No such funds or salary shall be paid to any
827 youth court referee or to the county in which the youth court
828 referee is not in current, full compliance with the continuing
829 education requirements of Section 43-21-111.

830 SECTION 22. Section 9-13-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
831 amended as follows:

832 9-13-17. The circuit judge, chancellor * * * or county judge
833 may, by an order spread upon the minutes and made a part of the
834 records of the court, appoint an additional court reporter for a
835 term or part of a term whose duties, qualifications and
836 compensation shall be the same as is now provided by law for
837 official court reporters. The additional court reporter shall be
838 subject to the control of the judge or chancellor, as is now
839 provided by law for official court reporters, and the judge or

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840 chancellor shall have the additional power to terminate the
841 appointment of such additional court reporter, whenever in his
842 opinion the necessity for such an additional court reporter ceases
843 to exist, by placing upon the minutes of the court an order to
844 that effect. The regular court reporter shall not draw any
845 compensation while the assistant court reporter alone is serving;
846 however, in the event the assistant court reporter is serving
847 because of the illness of the regular court reporter, the court
848 may authorize payment of said assistant court reporter from the
849 Administrative Office of Courts without diminution of the salary
850 of the regular court reporter, for a period not to exceed
851 forty-five (45) days in any one (1) calendar year. However, in
852 any circuit, chancery or county * * * court district within the
853 State of Mississippi, if the judge or chancellor shall determine
854 that in order to relieve the continuously crowded docket in such
855 district, or for other good cause shown, the appointment of an
856 additional court reporter is necessary for the proper
857 administration of justice, he may, with the advice and consent of
858 the board of supervisors if the court district is composed of a
859 single county and with the advice and consent of at least one-half
860 (1/2) of the boards of supervisors if the court district is
861 composed of more than one (1) county, by an order spread upon the
862 minutes and made a part of the records of the court, appoint an
863 additional court reporter. The additional court reporter shall
864 serve at the will and pleasure of the judge or chancellor, may be
865 a resident of any county of the state, and shall be paid a salary
866 designated by the judge or chancellor not to exceed the salary
867 authorized by Section 9-13-19. The salary of the additional court
868 reporter shall be paid by the Administrative Office of Courts, as
869 provided in Section 9-13-19; and mileage shall be paid to the
870 additional court reporter by the county as provided in the same
871 section. The office of such additional court reporter appointed
872 under this section shall not be abolished or compensation reduced

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873 during the term of office of the appointing judge or chancellor
874 without the consent and approval of the appointing judge or
875 chancellor.

876 SECTION 23. Section 9-13-61, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
877 amended as follows:

878 9-13-61. There shall be an official court reporter for each
879 county * * * court judge in the State of Mississippi, to be
880 appointed by such judge, for the purpose of performing the
881 necessary and required stenographic work of the court or division
882 thereof over which the appointing judge is presiding, said work to
883 be performed under the direction of such judge and in the same
884 manner and to the same effect as is provided in the chapter on
885 court reporting.

886 Except as hereinafter provided, the reporters of said courts
887 shall receive an annual salary of not less than Twenty-four
888 Thousand Dollars (\$24,000.00) and may, at the discretion of the
889 board of supervisors, receive a monthly salary equal to that of
890 the reporter of the circuit court district wherein the county
891 lies, the same to be paid monthly by the county out of its general
892 fund.

893 Provided, however, that in any Class 1 county having a
894 population in excess of fifty-six thousand (56,000) persons
895 according to the 1970 federal decennial census, the reporter shall
896 receive a monthly salary equal to that of the reporter of the
897 circuit court district wherein the county or family court lies,
898 the same to be paid monthly by the county out of its general fund.

899 Provided further, that in any Class 1 county bordering on the
900 Mississippi River and which has situated therein a national
901 military park and national military cemetery, and having a
902 population in excess of forty-four thousand (44,000) according to
903 the 1970 federal decennial census, the reporter shall receive a
904 monthly salary equal to that of the reporter of the circuit court
905 district wherein the county lies, the same to be paid monthly by

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906 the county out of its general fund.

907 Provided further, that in any Class 1 county bordering on the
908 Mississippi River wherein U.S. Highways 61 and 84 intersect, and
909 having a population in excess of thirty-seven thousand (37,000) in
910 the 1960 federal decennial census, the reporter shall receive a
911 monthly salary equal to that of the reporter of the circuit court
912 district wherein the county lies, the same to be paid monthly by
913 the county out of its general fund.

914 Provided further, that in addition to the foregoing
915 compensation, all county and family court reporters shall be paid
916 the same fees for transcript of the record on appeals as are now
917 or hereafter paid circuit court reporters for like or similar
918 work.

919 Provided further, that in any multicounty county court
920 district, the county court judge shall appoint the court reporter
921 as provided in this section, and the salary of that court reporter
922 shall be set by the Administrative Office of Courts within the
923 parameters of this section, but not to exceed the salary of a
924 court reporter in the circuit or chancery courts, and the
925 Administrative Office of Courts shall fairly and equitably
926 apportion between or among the counties comprising that court the
927 proportionate responsibilities for the payment of that salary.

928 SECTION 24. Section 9-9-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, which
929 provides for the establishment of a county court by agreement
930 between two (2) or more counties, is repealed.

931 SECTION 25. Section 9-9-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, which
932 authorizes the governing body of certain municipalities to
933 supplement the salaries of county judicial officers, is repealed.

934 SECTION 26. Section 9-9-14, Mississippi Code of 1972, which
935 authorizes two (2) county judgeships for Harrison County, is
936 repealed.

937 SECTION 27. Section 9-9-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, which
938 authorizes three (3) county judgeships for Hinds County, is

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939 repealed.

940 SECTION 28. Section 9-9-16, Mississippi Code of 1972, which
941 authorizes two (2) county judgeships for Washington County, is
942 repealed.

943 SECTION 29. Section 9-9-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, which
944 authorizes two (2) county judgeships for Jackson County, is
945 repealed.

946 SECTION 30. Section 9-9-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, which
947 provides for the establishment or abolition of county courts, is
948 repealed.

949 SECTION 31. Section 9-9-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, which
950 provides for transfer of pending matters in any county court that
951 may be abolished, is repealed.

952 SECTION 32. Section 9-9-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, which
953 provides for the abolition of county courts in certain counties,
954 is repealed.

955 SECTION 33. Section 9-9-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, which
956 requires legislation action or election for abolition of county
957 courts in certain counties, is repealed.

958 SECTION 34. Section 9-9-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, which
959 requires the establishment or abolition of county courts under
960 certain circumstances, is repealed.

961 SECTION 35. The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
962 is hereby directed to submit this act, immediately upon approval
963 by the Governor, or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to
964 a veto, to the Attorney General of the United States or to the
965 United States District Court for the District of Columbia in
966 accordance with the provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965,
967 as amended and extended.

968 SECTION 36. All new programs authorized under this House
969 Bill No. 1467, 1999 Regular Session, shall be subject to the
970 availability of funds specifically appropriated therefor by the
971 Legislature during the 1999 Regular Session or any subsequent

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972 session. It is the intent of the Legislature that this act shall
973 be codified but that no amendment to a code section or repeal of a
974 code section enacted by this House Bill No. 1467, 1999 Regular
975 Session, shall take effect until the Legislature has funded any
976 new programs authorized hereunder by line item appropriation, said
977 line item appropriation to be certified by the Legislative Budget
978 Office to the Secretary of State.

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

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO ABOLISH ALL FAMILY COURTS AND PROVIDE FOR THE
2 TRANSFER OF CASES TO THE APPROPRIATE COUNTY COURT; TO REPEAL
3 SECTIONS 43-23-1 THROUGH 43-23-55, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH
4 PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF FAMILY COURTS; TO
5 CODIFY SECTION 9-9-2, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THE
6 OPTION TO ESTABLISH COUNTY COURTS IN CERTAIN COUNTIES; TO AMEND
7 SECTION 9-9-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE
8 QUALIFICATION AND SENIORITY OF THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COURT JUDGE
9 AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE NUMBER OF COUNTY COURT JUDGES; TO AMEND
10 SECTION 9-9-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY; TO AMEND
11 SECTION 9-9-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE
12 COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COURT JUDGE; TO AMEND SECTION
13 9-7-126, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE COUNTY
14 COMPENSATION TO CIRCUIT CLERKS IN CERTAIN COUNTIES; TO AMEND
15 SECTIONS 23-15-975 AND 23-15-977, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN
16 CONFORMITY; TO AMEND SECTION 9-1-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
17 REVISE THE AUTHORITY OF JUDGES TO GRANT REMEDIAL WRITS; TO AMEND
18 SECTION 9-1-23, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCLUDE COUNTY COURT
19 JUDGES AS THOSE WHO ARE CONSERVATORS OF THE PEACE; TO AMEND
20 SECTION 9-1-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCLUDE COUNTY COURT
21 JUDGES AMONG THOSE WHO ARE NOT TO PRACTICE LAW; TO AMEND SECTION
22 9-1-35, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE COUNTY COURT TO
23 OBTAIN A SEAL; TO AMEND SECTION 9-1-36, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
24 TO INCLUDE COUNTY COURT JUDGES AMONG THOSE FOR WHOM AN OFFICE
25 ALLOWANCE IS APPROPRIATED; TO AMEND SECTION 9-9-19, MISSISSIPPI
26 CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR THE HOLDING OF COUNTY COURT IN
27 CERTAIN COUNTIES; TO AMEND SECTIONS 9-9-21, 9-9-23 AND 43-21-107,
28 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY; TO AMEND SECTION 9-9-29,
29 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE A CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT
30 AND YOUTH COURT; TO AMEND SECTION 43-21-111, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
31 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR STATE FUNDING OF YOUTH COURT REFEREES IN
32 COUNTIES NOT HAVING A COUNTY COURT; TO AMEND SECTION 43-21-123,
33 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR STATE AND COUNTY
34 CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD THE YOUTH COURT BUDGET; TO AMEND SECTIONS
35 9-13-17 AND 9-13-61, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY; TO
36 REPEAL SECTION 9-9-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES FOR
37 THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COUNTY COURT BY AGREEMENT BETWEEN TWO OR
38 MORE COUNTIES; TO REPEAL SECTION 9-9-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
39 WHICH AUTHORIZES CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES TO SUPPLEMENT THE SALARIES
40 OF COUNTY JUDGES; TO REPEAL SECTION 9-9-14, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
41 1972, WHICH AUTHORIZES TWO COUNTY JUDGESHIPS FOR HARRISON COUNTY;

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42 TO REPEAL SECTION 9-9-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH
43 AUTHORIZES THREE COUNTY JUDGESHIIPS FOR HINDS COUNTY; TO REPEAL
44 SECTION 9-9-16, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH AUTHORIZES TWO
45 COUNTY JUDGESHIIPS FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY; TO REPEAL SECTION 9-9-17,
46 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH AUTHORIZES TWO COUNTY JUDGESHIIPS
47 FOR JACKSON COUNTY; TO REPEAL SECTION 9-9-37, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
48 1972, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OR ABOLITION OF COUNTY
49 COURTS; TO REPEAL SECTION 9-9-39, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH
50 PROVIDES FOR TRANSFER OF PENDING MATTERS IN ANY COUNTY COURT THAT
51 MAY BE ABOLISHED; TO REPEAL SECTION 9-9-41, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
52 1972, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE ABOLITION OF COUNTY COURTS IN CERTAIN
53 COUNTIES; TO REPEAL SECTION 9-9-43, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
54 WHICH REQUIRES LEGISLATIVE ACTION OR ELECTION FOR ABOLITION OF
55 COUNTY COURTS IN CERTAIN COUNTIES; TO REPEAL SECTION 9-9-45,
56 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH REQUIRES THE ESTABLISHMENT OR
57 ABOLITION OF COUNTY COURTS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FOR
58 RELATED PURPOSES.