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To: Judiciary A;  
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 534

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 9-7-45 AND 9-7-46, MISSISSIPPI CODE  
2 OF 1972, TO REMOVE DESOTO COUNTY FROM THE SEVENTEENTH CIRCUIT  
3 COURT DISTRICT; TO CREATE SECTION 9-7-59, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
4 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE TWENTY-THIRD CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT  
5 SHALL BE DESOTO COUNTY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 9-7-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 9-7-45. The Seventeenth Circuit Court District shall be  
10 comprised of the following counties:

- 11 (a) \* \* \* Panola County*i*
- 12 (b) Tallahatchie County*i*
- 13 (c) Tate County*i* and
- 14 (d) Yalobusha County.

15 SECTION 2. Section 9-7-46, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
16 amended as follows:

17 9-7-46. \* \* \* There shall be two (2) circuit judges for the  
18 Seventeenth Circuit Court District.

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20 SECTION 3. The following shall be codified as Section  
21 9-7-59, Mississippi Code of 1972:

22 9-7-59. The Twenty-third Circuit Court District shall be

23 DeSoto County.

24 SECTION 4. The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi  
25 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,  
26 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the  
27 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States  
28 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the  
29 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and  
30 extended.

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