By: Representative Mayo

To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 632

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 11-11-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE VENUE IN CIVIL ACTIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 11-11-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is

5 amended as follows:

6 11-11-3. Civil actions of which the circuit court has

7 original jurisdiction shall be commenced in the county in which

8 the defendant or any of them reside or in the county where the

9 cause of action may occur or accrue and, if the defendant is a

10 domestic corporation, in the county in which said corporation is

11 domiciled or in the county where the cause of action may occur or

12 accrue, except where otherwise provided, and except actions of

13 trespass on land, ejectment and actions for the statutory penalty

14 for cutting and boxing trees and firing woods and actions for the

15 actual value of trees cut which shall be brought in the county

16 where the land or some part thereof is situated. If a civil

17 action is brought in an improper county, such action may be

18 transferred to the proper county pursuant to Section 11-11-17.

19 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from

20 and after July 1, 2002.

ST: Lawsuits; revise venue.