

By: Representative Mitchell

To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1648

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

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

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

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

12 **SECTION 2.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi  
13 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,  
14 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the  
15 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States  
16 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the  
17 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and  
18 extended.

19 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
20 and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting  
21 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.

