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AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO

House Bill NO. 605

By Senator(s) Committee

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

6 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section
7 9-9-18, Mississippi Code of 1972:

8 9-9-18. (1) In order to relieve the crowded condition of
9 the docket in the county court and in the youth court of Rankin
10 County and particularly to facilitate and make possible the trial
11 and disposition of the large number of causes on the docket and in
12 the youth court, there shall be two (2) county judges for Rankin
13 County, Mississippi, provided for and elected as herein set out.

14 (2) For the purposes of nomination and election, the two (2)
15 judgeships shall be separate and distinct, the presently existing
16 judgeship and its succession to be denominated for purposes of
17 appointment, nomination and election only as "Place One" and the
18 judgeship hereby created and its succession for said selfsame
19 purposes and none other to be designated as "Place Two." There
20 shall be no distinction whatsoever in the powers, duties and
21 emoluments of the two (2) offices of county judge, except that the
22 county judge of Rankin County who has been for the longest time
23 continuously a county judge of the county shall have the right to
24 assign causes, terms and dockets. Should neither judge of the
25 county court have served longer in office than the other, then

26 that judge of this county court who has been for the longest time
27 a member of The Mississippi Bar shall have the right to assign
28 causes, terms and dockets.

29 (3) While there shall be no limitation whatsoever upon the
30 powers and duties of the county judges other than as cast upon
31 them by the Constitution and laws of this state, the county court
32 of Rankin County may, in the discretion of the county judge who
33 has been for the longest time continuously a judge of the court,
34 be divided into civil, equity, criminal and youth court divisions
35 as a matter of convenience by the entry of an order upon the
36 minutes of the court.

37 (4) The two (2) county judges shall be elected at the time
38 and in the same manner now prescribed by law for the existing
39 county court judgeship of Rankin County.

40 (5) The Board of Supervisors of Rankin County may, in its
41 discretion, set aside, appropriate and expend monies from the
42 general fund to be used in the payment of salaries of judges,
43 clerks, reporters, officers and employees of the youth court
44 division of the county court, including the related facilities of
45 the youth court division of the county court, and such funds shall
46 be expended for no other purposes. The county shall not be
47 reimbursed for the amount of any such levy provided for by this
48 section under the terms of the Homestead Exemption Law.

49 **SECTION 2.** (1) In order to relieve the crowded condition of
50 the docket in the county court and in the youth court of Madison
51 County and particularly to facilitate and make possible the trial
52 and disposition of the large number of causes on the docket and in
53 the youth court, there shall be two (2) county judges for Madison
54 County, Mississippi, provided for and elected as herein set out.

55 (2) For the purposes of nomination and election, the two (2)
56 judgeships shall be separate and distinct, the presently existing
57 judgeship and its succession to be denominated for purposes of
58 appointment, nomination and election only as "Place One" and the
59 judgeship hereby created and its succession for said selfsame
60 purposes and none other to be designated as "Place Two." There

61 shall be no distinction whatsoever in the powers, duties and
62 emoluments of the two (2) offices of county judge, except that the
63 county judge of Madison County who has been for the longest time
64 continuously a county judge of the county shall have the right to
65 assign causes, terms and dockets. Should neither judge of the
66 county court have served longer in office than the other, then
67 that judge of this county court who has been for the longest time
68 a member of The Mississippi Bar shall have the right to assign
69 causes, terms and dockets.

70 (3) While there shall be no limitation whatsoever upon the
71 powers and duties of the county judges other than as cast upon
72 them by the Constitution and laws of this state, the county court
73 of Madison County may, in the discretion of the county judge who
74 has been for the longest time continuously a judge of the court,
75 be divided into civil, equity, criminal and youth court divisions
76 as a matter of convenience by the entry of an order upon the
77 minutes of the court.

78 (4) The two (2) county judges shall be elected at the time
79 and in the same manner now prescribed by law for the existing
80 county court judgeship of Madison County.

81 (5) The Board of Supervisors of Madison County may, in its
82 discretion, set aside, appropriate and expend monies from the
83 general fund to be used in the payment of salaries of judges,
84 clerks, reporters, officers and employees of the youth court
85 division of the county court, including the related facilities of
86 the youth court division of the county court, and such funds shall
87 be expended for no other purposes. The county shall not be
88 reimbursed for the amount of any such levy provided for by this
89 section under the terms of the Homestead Exemption Law.

90 **SECTION 3.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
91 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
92 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the
93 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
94 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
95 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and

96 extended.

97 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
98 and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting
99 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 CODIFY SECTION 9-9-18, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 ESTABLISH AN ADDITIONAL COUNTY COURT JUDGE FOR RANKIN COUNTY; TO
3 ESTABLISH AN ADDITIONAL COUNTY COURT JUDGE FOR MADISON COUNTY; AND
4 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.