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To: Judiciary A

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 853

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 11-1-56, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REVISE THE ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGES IN CIVIL ACTIONS; AND FOR RELATED
3 PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 11-1-56, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 11-1-56. Civil actions in circuit * * * and county court
8 shall not be assigned to a judge until at least one (1) defendant
9 has filed a responsive pleading. However, any necessary
10 preliminary matters may be decided by a judge on a separate
11 rotating basis before assignment of the action to a particular
12 judge. The provisions of this section shall not apply to a court
13 district which has a rotation system.

14 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
15 and after its passage.

