

By: Representatives Eads, Pierce, Warren

To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 853

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 8 OF HOUSE BILL NO. 19, THIRD
2 EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF 2002, TO REVISE THE ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGES
3 IN CIVIL ACTIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 8 of House Bill No. 19, Third
6 Extraordinary Session of 2002, is amended as follows:

7 Section 8. 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.

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

