

By: Representatives Moss, Cummings, McCoy

To: Apportionment and Elections; Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 907

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 9-5-5 AND 9-5-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
2 1972, TO CREATE SUBDISTRICTS IN THE FIRST CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT;  
3 TO AMEND SECTIONS 9-7-5 AND 9-7-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
4 CREATE SUBDISTRICTS IN THE FIRST CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; AND FOR  
5 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

9 9-5-5. (1) The First Chancery Court District shall be  
10 comprised of the following counties:

- 11 (a) Alcorn County;
- 12 (b) Itawamba County;
- 13 (c) Lee County;
- 14 (d) Monroe County;
- 15 (e) Pontotoc County;
- 16 (f) Prentiss County;
- 17 (g) Tishomingo County; and
- 18 (h) Union County.

19 (2) The First Chancery Court District shall be divided into  
20 two (2) subdistricts as follows:

21 (a) Subdistrict 1-1 shall consist of Alcorn, Prentiss  
22 and Tishomingo counties.

23 (b) Subdistrict 1-2 shall consist of Itawamba, Lee,  
24 Monroe, Pontotoc and Union counties.

25 **SECTION 2.** Section 9-5-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
26 amended as follows:

27 9-5-7. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the First  
28 Chancery Court District. One (1) chancellor shall be elected from



29 Subdistrict 1-1 and two (2) chancellors shall be elected from  
30 Subdistrict 1-2.

31 **SECTION 3.** Section 9-7-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
32 amended as follows:

33 9-7-5. (1) The First Circuit Court District shall be  
34 comprised of the following counties:

- 35 (a) Alcorn County;
- 36 (b) Itawamba County;
- 37 (c) Lee County;
- 38 (d) Monroe County;
- 39 (e) Pontotoc County;
- 40 (f) Prentiss County; and
- 41 (g) Tishomingo County.

42 (2) The First Circuit Court District shall be divided into  
43 two (2) subdistricts as follows:

44 (a) Subdistrict 1-1 shall consist of Alcorn, Prentiss  
45 and Tishomingo counties.

46 (b) Subdistrict 1-2 shall consist of Itawamba, Lee,  
47 Monroe and Pontotoc counties.

48 **SECTION 4.** Section 9-7-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
49 amended as follows:

50 9-7-7. There shall be three (3) judges for the First Circuit  
51 Court District. One (1) judge shall be elected from Subdistrict  
52 1-1 and two (2) judges shall be elected from Subdistrict 1-2.

53 **SECTION 5.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi  
54 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,  
55 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the  
56 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States  
57 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the  
58 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and  
59 extended.

60 **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
61 and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting



62 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended; provided, however,  
63 the provisions of this act shall not apply until the judicial  
64 elections in 2006.

