

By: Representative Scott (80th)

To: Judiciary A;
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1254

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-7-81, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REQUIRE EACH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT TO ESTABLISH A DRUG COURT; AND
3 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 9-7-81, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 9-7-81. The circuit court shall have original jurisdiction
8 in all actions when the principal of the amount in controversy
9 exceeds Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), and of all other actions
10 and causes, matters and things arising under the Constitution and
11 laws of this state which are not exclusively cognizable in some
12 other court, and such appellate jurisdiction as prescribed by law.
13 Such court shall have power to hear and determine all prosecutions
14 in the name of the state for treason, felonies, crimes, and
15 misdemeanors, except such as may be exclusively cognizable before
16 some other court; and said court shall have all the powers
17 belonging to a court of oyer and terminer and general jail
18 delivery, and may do and perform all other acts properly
19 pertaining to a circuit court of law. Each circuit court shall
20 establish a drug court in each circuit court district. The senior
21 judge shall assign judges to hear drug cases and shall establish
22 times for the convening of drug court.

23 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
24 and after July 1, 2003.

