

By: Representative Roberson

To: Local and Private
Legislation; Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1609

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF OKTIBBEHA
2 COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO ESTABLISH A COUNTY COURT; TO PROVIDE FOR
3 THE ELECTION OF ONE COUNTY COURT JUDGE FOR THE COURT; AND FOR
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Board of Supervisors of Oktibbeha
7 County, Mississippi, in its discretion, may establish a county
8 court in Oktibbeha County.

9 (2) There shall be one (1) county court judge elected for
10 the county court established in subsection (1) of this section.
11 The initial holder of the judgeship created by this section shall
12 be elected at a special election to be held at the same time as
13 the general election in November 2003. Candidates for the county
14 court judge shall qualify to run not later than forty-five (45)
15 days before that election. The person elected as county court
16 judge shall begin the term of office on the first day of January
17 2004 and serve until January 2007. Beginning with the general
18 election in November 2006, the county court judge of Oktibbeha
19 County shall be elected at the same time and in the same manner as
20 provided for county judges in the general laws of this state.

21 (3) Except as provided in subsections (1) and (2) of this
22 section, the county court established and the county court judge
23 elected under this section shall be governed by all applicable
24 general laws of this state regarding county courts and county
25 court judges.

26 **SECTION 2.** The Board of Supervisors of Oktibbeha County
27 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
28 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the



29 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
30 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
31 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
32 extended.

33 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
34 and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting
35 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.

