SENATE BILL NO. 2050

AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 9-5-59, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CREATE THE TWENTY-FIRST CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTIONS 9-5-11 AND 9-5-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. The following shall be codified as Section 9-5-59, Mississippi Code of 1972:

9-5-59. (1) The Twenty-first Chancery Court District shall be comprised of DeSoto County. The initial holder of the chancellorship therefor shall be that chancellor elected from subdistrict 3-1.

(2) There shall be two (2) judges for the Twenty-first Chancery Court District. For the purposes of appointment and election, the two (2) judgeships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One" and "Place Two."

SECTION 2. Section 9-5-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

9-5-11. *** The Third Chancery Court District shall be comprised of the following counties:

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(a) Grenada County;

(b) Montgomery County;

(c) Panola County;

(d) Tate County; and

(e) Yalobusha County.

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SECTION 3. Section 9-5-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

9-5-13. There shall be two (2) chancellors for the Third Chancery Court District.

SECTION 4. The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor, or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the Attorney General of the United States or to the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended, or January 1, 2004, whichever is later.