

By: Senator(s) Chamberlin

To: Judiciary;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2088

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW CODE SECTION TO BE CODIFIED AS SECTION
2 9-7-59, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CREATE THE TWENTY-THIRD
3 CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTIONS 9-7-45, 9-7-46 AND
4 25-31-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY THERETO; AND FOR
5 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** The following provision shall be codified as

8 Section 9-7-59, Mississippi Code of 1972:

9 9-7-59. (1) The Twenty-third Circuit Court District shall
10 be comprised of DeSoto County. The initial holder of the circuit
11 judgeship therefor shall be that judge elected circuit judge from
12 subdistrict 17-1.

13 (2) There shall be two (2) judges for the Twenty-third
14 Circuit Court District. For the purposes of appointment and
15 election the two (2) judgeships shall be separate and distinct and
16 denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as
17 "Place One" and "Place Two."

18 **SECTION 2.** Section 9-7-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
19 amended as follows:

20 9-7-45. The Seventeenth Circuit Court District shall * * *
21 consist of Panola County, Tallahatchie County, Tate County and
22 Yalobusha County.

23 **SECTION 3.** Section 9-7-46, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
24 amended as follows:

25 9-7-46. * * * There shall be two (2) circuit judges for the
26 Seventeenth Circuit Court District.

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28 **SECTION 4.** The two (2) judges of the Seventeenth Circuit
29 Court District shall be those two (2) judges elected from
30 subdistrict 17-2 in the 2002 general election. Thereafter, the
31 judges shall be elected or appointed as is provided for circuit
32 judges generally.

33 **SECTION 5.** Section 25-31-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
34 amended as follows:

35 25-31-5. (1) The following number of full-time legal
36 assistants are authorized in the following circuit court
37 districts:

38 (a) First Circuit Court District..... seven (7)
39 legal assistants.

40 (b) Second Circuit Court District..... nine (9)
41 legal assistants.

42 (c) Third Circuit Court District..... four (4)
43 legal assistants.

44 (d) Fourth Circuit Court District..... five (5)
45 legal assistants.

46 (e) Fifth Circuit Court District..... four (4)
47 legal assistants.

48 (f) Sixth Circuit Court District..... two (2)
49 legal assistants.

50 (g) Seventh Circuit Court District..... nine (9)
51 legal assistants.

52 (h) Eighth Circuit Court District..... two (2)
53 legal assistants.

54 (i) Ninth Circuit Court District..... two (2)
55 legal assistants.

56 (j) Tenth Circuit Court District..... four (4)
57 legal assistants.

58 (k) Eleventh Circuit Court District..... five (5)
59 legal assistants.

60 (l) Twelfth Circuit Court District..... three (3)



61 legal assistants.

62 (m) Thirteenth Circuit Court District..... two (2)

63 legal assistants.

64 (n) Fourteenth Circuit Court District..... three (3)

65 legal assistants.

66 (o) Fifteenth Circuit Court District..... four (4)

67 legal assistants.

68 (p) Sixteenth Circuit Court District..... four (4)

69 legal assistants.

70 (q) Seventeenth Circuit Court District..... five (5)

71 legal assistants.

72 (r) Eighteenth Circuit Court District..... two (2)

73 legal assistants.

74 (s) Nineteenth Circuit Court District..... four (4)

75 legal assistants.

76 (t) Twentieth Circuit Court District..... four (4)

77 legal assistants.

78 (u) Twenty-first Circuit Court District..... two (2)

79 legal assistants.

80 (v) Twenty-second Circuit Court District..... two (2)

81 legal assistants.

82 (w) Twenty-third Circuit Court District..... three (3)

83 legal assistants.

84 (2) In addition to any legal assistants authorized pursuant
85 to subsection (1) of this section, the following number of
86 full-time legal assistants are authorized (i) in the following
87 circuit court districts if funds are appropriated by the
88 Legislature to adequately fund the salaries, expenses and fringe
89 benefits of such legal assistants, or (ii) in any of the following
90 circuit court districts in which the board of supervisors of one
91 or more of the counties in a circuit court district adopts a
92 resolution to pay all of the salaries, supplemental pay, expenses



93 and fringe benefits of legal assistants authorized in such
94 district pursuant to this subsection:

95 (a) First Circuit Court District..... two (2)
96 legal assistants.

97 (b) Second Circuit Court District..... two (2)
98 legal assistants.

99 (c) Third Circuit Court District..... two (2)
100 legal assistants.

101 (d) Fourth Circuit Court District..... two (2)
102 legal assistants.

103 (e) Fifth Circuit Court District..... two (2)
104 legal assistants.

105 (f) Sixth Circuit Court District..... two (2)
106 legal assistants.

107 (g) Seventh Circuit Court District..... two (2)
108 legal assistants.

109 (h) Eighth Circuit Court District..... two (2)
110 legal assistants.

111 (i) Ninth Circuit Court District..... two (2)
112 legal assistants.

113 (j) Tenth Circuit Court District..... two (2)
114 legal assistants.

115 (k) Eleventh Circuit Court District..... two (2)
116 legal assistants.

117 (l) Twelfth Circuit Court District..... two (2)
118 legal assistants.

119 (m) Thirteenth Circuit Court District..... two (2)
120 legal assistants.

121 (n) Fourteenth Circuit Court District..... two (2)
122 legal assistants.

123 (o) Fifteenth Circuit Court District..... two (2)
124 legal assistants.

125 (p) Sixteenth Circuit Court District..... two (2)



126 legal assistants.

127 (q) Seventeenth Circuit Court District..... two (2)

128 legal assistants.

129 (r) Eighteenth Circuit Court District..... two (2)

130 legal assistants.

131 (s) Nineteenth Circuit Court District..... two (2)

132 legal assistants.

133 (t) Twentieth Circuit Court District..... two (2)

134 legal assistants.

135 (u) Twenty-first Circuit Court District..... two (2)

136 legal assistants.

137 (v) Twenty-second Circuit Court District..... two (2)

138 legal assistants.

139 (w) Twenty-third Circuit Court District..... three (3)

140 legal assistants.

141 (3) The board of supervisors of any county may pay all or a
142 part of the salary, supplemental pay, expenses and fringe benefits
143 of any district attorney or legal assistant authorized in the
144 circuit court district to which such county belongs pursuant to
145 this section.

146 **SECTION 6.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
147 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
148 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the
149 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
150 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
151 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
152 extended.

153 **SECTION 7.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
154 and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting
155 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended, or on January 1,
156 2004, whichever is later.

