

By: Senator(s) Turner, Farris

To: Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2228

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-7-81, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REVISE THE AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY WHICH TRIGGERS THE JURISDICTION  
3 OF CIRCUIT COURT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-11-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
4 1972, TO REVISE THE AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY WHICH TRIGGERS THE  
5 JURISDICTION OF JUSTICE COURT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

9 9-7-81. The circuit court shall have original jurisdiction  
10 in all actions when the principal of the amount in controversy  
11 exceeds Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00), and of all  
12 other actions and causes, matters and things arising under the  
13 constitution and laws of this state which are not exclusively  
14 cognizable in some other court, and such appellate jurisdiction as  
15 prescribed by law. Such court shall have power to hear and  
16 determine all prosecutions in the name of the state for treason,  
17 felonies, crimes and misdemeanors, except such as may be  
18 exclusively cognizable before some other court; and said court  
19 shall have all the powers belonging to a court of oyer and  
20 terminer and general jail delivery, and may do and perform all  
21 other acts properly pertaining to a circuit court of law.

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

24 9-11-9. Justice court judges shall have exclusive  
25 jurisdiction of all actions for the recovery of debts or damages  
26 or personal property, where the principal of the debt, the amount  
27 of the demand, or the value of the property sought to be recovered  
28 shall not exceed Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00).



29           The justice court judges shall have no pecuniary interest in  
30 the outcome of any action once suit has been filed.

31           **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
32 and after its passage and shall apply only to causes of action  
33 filed after that date.

