

By: Representatives Smith (39th), Bondurant

To: Judiciary B

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 585

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-11-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REVISE THE CIVIL JURISDICTION OF JUSTICE COURT; AND FOR RELATED  
3 PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 9-11-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 9-11-9. Justice court judges shall have jurisdiction of all  
8 actions for the recovery of debts or damages or personal property,  
9 where the principal of the debt, the amount of the demand, or the  
10 value of the property sought to be recovered shall not exceed  
11 Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00).

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

14 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
15 and after July 1, 2005.