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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1192

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-5-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 CONFORM TO THE 2000 CENSUS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 9-5-1, 9-5-7,
3 9-5-11, 9-5-13, 9-5-17, 9-5-22, 9-5-23, 9-5-25, 9-5-31, 9-5-36,
4 9-5-37, 9-5-40, 9-5-43, 9-5-51, 9-5-54 AND 9-5-58, MISSISSIPPI
5 CODE OF 1972, TO REDISTRIBUTE CERTAIN CHANCERY COURT DISTRICTS; TO
6 REVISE CERTAIN CHANCELLORSHIPS; TO PROVIDE NEW CHANCELLORS IN
7 CERTAIN CHANCERY COURT DISTRICTS; TO CREATE SUBDISTRICTS IN
8 CERTAIN CHANCERY COURT DISTRICTS; TO CODIFY SECTION 9-5-42,
9 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL CHANCELLOR FOR
10 THE THIRTEENTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-7-1,
11 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE 2000 CENSUS; TO AMEND
12 SECTIONS 9-7-1, 9-7-7, 9-7-14, 9-7-15, 9-7-20, 9-7-21, 9-7-23,
13 9-7-25, 9-7-29, 9-7-32, 9-7-33, 9-7-42, 9-7-44, 9-7-46, 9-7-53 AND
14 9-7-54, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REDISTRIBUTE CERTAIN CIRCUIT
15 COURT DISTRICTS; TO CREATE SUBDISTRICTS IN CERTAIN CIRCUIT COURT
16 DISTRICTS; TO REVISE CERTAIN JUDGESHIPS; TO PROVIDE NEW JUDGES IN
17 CERTAIN CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICTS; TO CREATE SECTION 9-7-59 AND
18 9-7-60, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CREATE THE TWENTY-THIRD
19 CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTIONS 23-15-982 AND 23-15-983,
20 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY THERETO; AND FOR RELATED
21 PURPOSES.

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

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

25 9-5-1. A chancellor shall be elected for and from each of
26 the chancery court districts as provided in this chapter and the
27 listing of individual precincts shall be those precincts as they
28 existed on October 1, 2000. He shall hold court in any other
29 district with the consent of the chancellor thereof when in their
30 opinion the public interest may be thereby promoted. The terms of
31 all chancellors elected at the regular election for the year 1930
32 shall begin on the first day of January, 1931, and their terms of
33 office shall continue for four (4) years. A chancellor shall be a
34 resident of the district in which he serves but shall not be
35 required to be a resident of a subdistrict if the district is
36 divided into subdistricts.

37 **SECTION 2.** Section 9-5-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
38 amended as follows:

39 9-5-7. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the
40 First Chancery Court District.

41 (2) For purposes of appointment and election, the four (4)
42 chancellorships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for
43 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One," "Place
44 Two," "Place Three" and "Place Four." The chancellor to fill
45 Place One shall be a resident of Alcorn, Prentiss or Tishomingo
46 County. The chancellor to fill Place Two shall be a resident of
47 Itawamba, Lee, Monroe, Pontotoc or Union County. The chancellors
48 to fill Place Three and Place Four shall be residents of Alcorn,
49 Itawamba, Lee, Monroe, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Tishomingo or Union
50 Counties. Election of the four (4) offices of chancellor shall be
51 by election to be held in every county within the First Chancery
52 Court District of Mississippi.

53 **SECTION 3.** Section 9-5-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
54 amended as follows:

55 9-5-11. * * * The Third Chancery Court District shall be
56 comprised of the following counties:

- 57 (a) DeSoto County;
- 58 (b) Grenada County;
- 59 (c) Montgomery County;
- 60 (d) Panola County;
- 61 (e) Tate County; and
- 62 (f) Yalobusha County.

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64 **SECTION 4.** Section 9-5-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
65 amended as follows:

66 9-5-13. (1) There shall be three (3) chancellors for the
67 Third Chancery Court District.

68 * * *

69 (2) For purposes of appointment and election, the three (3)
70 chancellorships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for
71 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One," "Place
72 Two" and "Place Three."

73 **SECTION 5.** Section 9-5-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
74 amended as follows:

75 9-5-17. (1) The Fifth Chancery Court District shall be
76 comprised of Hinds County.

77 (2) The Fifth Chancery Court District shall be divided into
78 the following four (4) subdistricts:

79 (a) Subdistrict 5-1 shall consist of the following
80 precincts in Hinds County: Precincts 33, 34, 35, 36, 44, 45, 46,
81 78, 79, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 92, 93, 96, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9,
82 10, 32, 47 and 97.

83 (b) Subdistrict 5-2 shall consist of the following
84 precincts in Hinds County: Precincts 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43,
85 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, * * * 27, * * *
86 29, 30 and 85, Brownsville, Cynthia, Pocahontas and Tinnin
87 Precincts.

88 (c) Subdistrict 5-3 shall consist of the following
89 precincts in Hinds County: Precincts 21, 22, 23, 25, 28, 31, 86,
90 58, 59, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 89, 24, 26, 54, 55, 56, 57, 60,
91 61, 62, 18, 19, 20, 50, 51, 52, 53, 63 and 64 and Jackson State
92 Precinct.

93 (d) Subdistrict 5-4 shall consist of the following
94 precincts in Hinds County: Precincts 94, 95, 87, 88, 90 and 91,
95 Bolton, Edwards, Pine Haven, Utica 1, Utica 2, Byram 1, Byram 2,
96 Cayuga, Learned, Clinton 1, Clinton 2, Clinton 3, Clinton 4,
97 Clinton 5, Clinton 6, Raymond 1, Raymond 2, Spring Ridge, St.
98 Thomas, Old Byram, Terry, Chapel Hill and Dry Grove Precincts.

99 **SECTION 6.** Section 9-5-22, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
100 amended as follows:

101 9-5-22. (1) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the
102 Sixth Chancery Court District.

103 (2) For purposes of appointment and election, the two (2)
104 chancellorships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for
105 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One" and
106 "Place Two."

107 **SECTION 7.** Section 9-5-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
108 amended as follows:

109 9-5-23. (1) The Seventh Chancery Court District shall be
110 comprised of the following counties:

- 111 (a) Bolivar County;
- 112 (b) Coahoma County;
- 113 (c) Leflore County;
- 114 (d) Quitman County;
- 115 (e) Tallahatchie County; and
- 116 (f) Tunica County.

117 (2) The Seventh Chancery Court District shall be divided
118 into three (3) subdistricts as follows:

119 (a) Subdistrict 7-1 shall consist of Quitman County;
120 Tunica County; the following precincts in Coahoma County: Lula,
121 Coahoma, Lyon, Clarksdale 1-4, Clarksdale 2-4, Jonestown and
122 Clarksdale 4-3 Precincts; the following precincts in Leflore
123 County: North Greenwood, Money and Northeast Greenwood Precincts;
124 and the following precincts in Tallahatchie County: Teasdale,
125 Enid, Springhill, Charleston Beat 1, Charleston Beat 2, Charleston
126 Beat 3, Paynes, Leverrette, Cascilla, Murphreesboro, Rosebloom and
127 Philipp Precincts.

128 (b) Subdistrict 7-2 shall consist of Bolivar County and
129 the following precincts in Coahoma County: Friars Point, Forrell,
130 Sherard, Rena Lara and Clarksdale 5-4 Precincts.

131 (c) Subdistrict 7-3 shall consist of the following
132 precincts in Coahoma County: Dublin, Clarksdale 3-3, Clarksdale
133 3-4, Cagle Crossing, Clarksdale 4-2, Bobo and Roundway Precincts;

134 the following precincts in Leflore County: Minter City, East
135 Greenwood Sub-A, East Greenwood Sub-B, Schlater, Central
136 Greenwood, West Greenwood, Mississippi Valley State University,
137 North Itta Bena, South Itta Bena, Southwest Greenwood, Rising Sun,
138 Southeast Greenwood, Sidon, Morgan City, Swiftown and South
139 Greenwood Precincts; and the following precincts in Tallahatchie
140 County: Brazil, Webb Beat 2, Sumner Beat 2, Cowart, Tippto,
141 Glendora, Webb Beat 4, Webb Beat 5, Sumner Beat 5 and Tutwiler
142 Precincts.

143 **SECTION 8.** Section 9-5-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
144 amended as follows:

145 9-5-25. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the Seventh
146 Chancery Court District. One (1) chancellor shall be elected from
147 each subdistrict.

148 **SECTION 9.** Section 9-5-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
149 amended as follows:

150 9-5-31. (1) The Ninth Chancery Court District shall be
151 comprised of the following counties:

- 152 (a) Humphreys County;
- 153 (b) Issaquena County;
- 154 (c) Sharkey County;
- 155 (d) Sunflower County;
- 156 (e) Warren County; and
- 157 (f) Washington County.

158 (2) The Ninth Chancery Court District shall be divided into
159 three (3) subdistricts as follows:

160 (a) Subdistrict 9-1 shall consist of the following
161 precincts in the following counties:

- 162 (i) Sunflower County: Indianola 3 North,
163 Indianola 3 South, Ruleville, Boyer-Linn, Fairview-Hale, Rome,
164 Sunflower Plantation, Drew and Ruleville North Precincts; and
- 165 (ii) Washington County: Buster Brown Community
166 Center, Extension Building, Faith Lutheran Church, Brent Center,

167 William Percy Library, American Legion, Metcalf City Hall, Elks
168 Club, Leland Health Department Clinic, Leland Light and Water
169 Plant and Greenville Industrial College Precincts.

170 (b) Subdistrict 9-2 shall consist of Humphreys County
171 and the following precincts in the following counties:

172 (i) Sunflower County: Inverness, Indianola 1,
173 Moorhead, Indianola 2 West, Indianola 2 East, Sunflower, Indianola
174 3 Northeast, Doddsville and Sunflower 4 Precincts; and

175 (ii) Washington County: St. James Episcopal
176 Church, Swiftwater Baptist Church, Glen Allan Health Clinic,
177 Italian Club, Ward's Recreation Center, Avon Health Center, Arcola
178 City Hall, Kapco Co., Hollandale City Hall, Darlove Baptist
179 Church, Mangelardi Bourbon Store and Grace Methodist Church
180 Precincts.

181 (c) Subdistrict 9-3 shall consist of Issaquena County,
182 Sharkey County and Warren County.

183 **SECTION 10.** Section 9-5-36, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
184 amended as follows:

185 9-5-36. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the
186 Tenth Chancery Court District.

187 (2) For purposes of appointment and election, the four (4)
188 chancellorships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for
189 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One," "Place
190 Two," * * * "Place Three" and "Place Four," respectively. The
191 chancellor to fill Place One shall be a resident of Forrest,
192 Lamar, Marion, Pearl River or Perry County. The chancellor to
193 fill Place Two shall be a resident of Lamar, Marion, Pearl River
194 or Perry County. The chancellor to fill Place Three shall be a
195 resident of Forrest County. The chancellor to fill Place Three
196 shall be a resident of Forrest, Lamar, Marion, Pearl River or
197 Perry County. Election of the four (4) offices of chancellor
198 shall be by election to be held in every county within the Tenth
199 Chancery Court District of Mississippi.

200 **SECTION 11.** Section 9-5-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
201 amended as follows:

202 9-5-37. (1) The Eleventh Chancery Court District shall be
203 comprised of the following counties:

- 204 (a) Holmes County;
- 205 (b) Leake County;
- 206 (c) Madison County; and
- 207 (d) Yazoo County.

208 (2) The Eleventh Chancery Court District shall be divided
209 into two (2) subdistricts as follows:

210 (a) Subdistrict 11-1 shall consist of Holmes County,
211 Yazoo County and Canton Precinct 4, Canton Precinct 5, Smith
212 School, Magnolia Heights, Flora and Bible Church Precincts of
213 Madison County;

214 (b) Subdistrict 11-2 shall consist of Leake County and
215 Ratliff Ferry, Madisonville, Trace Harbor, Canton Precinct 1,
216 Canton Precinct 2, Canton Precinct 3, Canton Precinct 7, Cameron
217 Street, Main Harbor, Victory Baptist Church, Bear Creek, Madison
218 1, Madison 2, Madison 3, Ridgeland 1, Ridgeland 3, Ridgeland 4,
219 Ridgeland First Methodist Church, Gluckstadt, Lorman/Cavalier,
220 Tougaloo, Cobblestone Church of God, Highland Colony Baptist
221 Church, Whisper Lake, Virililia, Liberty, New Industrial Park,
222 Madison County Baptist Family Life Center, Cameron, Couparle,
223 Camden, Sharon and Luther Branson School Precincts of Madison
224 County.

225 **SECTION 12.** Section 9-5-40, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
226 amended as follows:

227 9-5-40. (1) There shall be two (2) judges for the Twelfth
228 Chancery Court District.

229 (2) For purposes of appointment and election, the two (2)
230 chancellorships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for
231 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One" and
232 "Place Two."

233 **SECTION 13.** The following shall be codified as Section
234 9-5-42, Mississippi Code of 1972:

235 9-5-42. (1) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the
236 Thirteenth Chancery Court District.

237 (2) For purposes of appointment and election, the two (2)
238 chancellorships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for
239 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One" and
240 "Place Two."

241 **SECTION 14.** Section 9-5-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
242 amended as follows:

243 9-5-43. (1) The Fourteenth Chancery Court District shall be
244 comprised of the following counties:

- 245 (a) Chickasaw County;
- 246 (b) Clay County;
- 247 (c) Lowndes County;
- 248 (d) Noxubee County;
- 249 (e) Oktibbeha County; and
- 250 (f) Webster County.

251 (2) The Fourteenth Chancery Court District shall be divided
252 into three (3) subdistricts as follows:

253 (a) Subdistrict 14-1 shall consist of Chickasaw County,
254 Webster County and the following precincts in Oktibbeha County:
255 West Starkville, Adaton, North Longview, Self Creek, Double
256 Springs, Northeast Starkville, East Starkville, North Starkville,
257 Maben, South Starkville, South Longview, Craig Springs, Bradley,
258 Center Grove and Sturgis Precincts.

259 (b) Subdistrict 14-2 shall consist of the following
260 precincts in the following counties:

261 (i) Clay County: Vinton, East West Point, Siloam,
262 Central West Point, South West Point and Cedar Bluff Precincts;
263 and

264 (ii) Lowndes County: Caledonia, Steens A, Steens
265 B, Caldwell, Stokes Beard B, Fairview, Sale, Rural Hill B, Lee

266 High, Brandon A, Brandon B, Franklin A, Franklin B, Air Base A,
267 Air Base B, Air Base C, Air Base D, Steens C, Rural Hill A, New
268 Hope A, Mitchell, New Hope B, Union Academy A and University A
269 Precincts.

270 (c) Subdistrict 14-3 shall consist of Noxubee County
271 and the following precincts in the following counties:

272 (i) Clay County: North West Point, Union Star,
273 Tibbee, Cairo, Caradine, Una, West Point, Pheba and Pine Bluff
274 Precincts;

275 (ii) Lowndes County: Co-op A, Co-op B, Trinity,
276 Coleman, Stokes Beard A, Fairgrounds A, Fairgrounds B, Fairgrounds
277 C, Coleman, Plum Grove A, Crawford A, Hunt C, Hunt B, Hunt A,
278 Union Academy B, University B, West Lowndes, Artesia, Mayhew,
279 Crawford B, Crawford C, New Hope C, Plum Grove B and Plum Grove C
280 Precincts; and

281 (iii) Oktibbeha County: Osborn, Hickory Grove,
282 Bell Schoolhouse, Central Starkville, Gillespie Street Center,
283 Sessums and Oktoc Precincts.

284 **SECTION 15.** Section 9-5-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
285 amended as follows:

286 9-5-51. (1) The Seventeenth Chancery Court District shall
287 be comprised of the following counties:

- 288 (a) Adams County;
289 (b) Claiborne County;
290 (c) Jefferson County; and
291 (d) Wilkinson County.

292 (2) The Seventeenth Chancery Court District shall be divided
293 into two (2) subdistricts as follows:

294 (a) Subdistrict 17-1 shall consist of Claiborne County,
295 Jefferson County, and the following precincts in Adams
296 County: * * * Palestine, Northside School, Thompson, Pine Ridge,
297 Airport * * * and Washington Precincts.

298 (b) Subdistrict 17-2 shall consist of Wilkinson County
299 and the following precincts in Adams County: Courthouse, By-Pass
300 Fire Station, Cloverdale, Bellemont, Carpenter * * *, Duncan Park,
301 Beau Pre, Kingston, Concord, Convention Center, Maryland Heights,
302 Liberty Park, Morgantown, Foster Mound and Oakland Precincts.

303 (3) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the Seventeenth
304 Chancery Court District. One (1) chancellor shall be elected from
305 each subdistrict.

306 **SECTION 16.** Section 9-5-54, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
307 amended as follows:

308 9-5-54. (1) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the
309 Eighteenth Chancery Court District.

310 (2) For the purposes of appointment and election, the two
311 (2) chancellorships shall be separate and distinct and denominated
312 for purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One" and
313 "Place Two."

314 **SECTION 17.** Section 9-5-58, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
315 amended as follows:

316 9-5-58. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the
317 Twentieth Chancery Court District. For purposes of appointment
318 and election the three (3) chancellorships shall be separate and
319 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election
320 only as "Place One," * * * "Place Two" and "Place Three."

321 **SECTION 18.** Section 9-7-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
322 amended as follows:

323 9-7-1. A circuit judge shall be elected for and from each
324 circuit court district and the listing of individual precincts
325 shall be those precincts as they existed on October 1, 2000. He
326 may hold court in any other district with the consent of the judge
327 thereof, when in their opinion the public interest may require.
328 The terms of all circuit judges hereafter elected shall begin on
329 the first day of January 1931, and their terms of office shall
330 continue for four (4) years. A circuit judge shall be a resident

331 of the district in which he or she serves but shall not be
332 required to be a resident of a subdistrict if the district is
333 divided into subdistricts.

334 **SECTION 19.** Section 9-7-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
335 amended as follows:

336 9-7-7. (1) There shall be four (4) judges for the First
337 Circuit Court District.

338 (2) For purposes of appointment and election, the four (4)
339 judgeships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for
340 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One," "Place
341 Two," "Place Three" and "Place Four." The judge to fill Place One
342 shall be a resident of Alcorn, Prentiss or Tishomingo County. The
343 judge to fill Place Two shall be a resident of Itawamba, Lee,
344 Monroe or Pontotoc County. The judges to fill Place Three and
345 Place Four shall be residents of Alcorn, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe,
346 Pontotoc, Prentiss or Tishomingo Counties. Election of the four
347 (4) offices of judge shall be by election to be held in every
348 county within the First Circuit Court District of Mississippi.

349 **SECTION 20.** Section 9-7-14, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
350 amended as follows:

351 9-7-14. (1) There shall be two (2) circuit judges for the
352 Third Circuit Court District.

353 (2) For purposes of appointment and election, the two (2)
354 judgeships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for
355 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One" and
356 "Place Two."

357 **SECTION 21.** Section 9-7-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
358 amended as follows:

359 9-7-15. (1) The Fourth Circuit Court District shall be
360 composed of the following counties:

- 361 (a) Leflore County;
362 (b) Sunflower County; and
363 (c) Washington County.

364 (2) The Fourth Circuit Court District shall be divided into
365 four (4) subdistricts as follows:

366 (a) Subdistrict 4-1 shall consist of the following
367 precincts in the following counties:

368 (i) Leflore County: Minter City, North Greenwood,
369 Money, Northeast Greenwood, Schlater, West Greenwood, Mississippi
370 Valley State University and Southeast Greenwood Precincts; and

371 (ii) Sunflower County: Ruleville, Rome, Sunflower
372 Plantation, Drew, Doddsville, Boyer-Linn, Fairview-Hale and
373 Ruleville North Precincts.

374 (b) Subdistrict 4-2 shall consist of the following
375 precincts in the following counties:

376 (i) Sunflower County: Indianola 1, Sunflower,
377 Indianola 3 North, Indianola 3 South, Indianola 3 Northeast and
378 Sunflower 4 Precincts; and

379 (ii) Washington County: Extension Building, Faith
380 Lutheran Church, American Legion, Metcalfe City Hall, Elks Club,
381 Leland Health Department Clinic, Leland Light and Water Plant and
382 Greenville Industrial College Precincts.

383 (c) Subdistrict 4-3 shall consist of the following
384 precincts in the following counties:

385 (i) Leflore County: East Greenwood Sub-A, East
386 Greenwood Sub-B, Central Greenwood, North Itta Bena, South Itta
387 Bena, Southwest Greenwood, Rising Sun, Sidon, Morgan City,
388 Swiftown and South Greenwood Precincts;

389 (ii) Sunflower County: Moorhead, Inverness,
390 Indianola 2 West and Indianola 2 East Precincts; and

391 (iii) Washington County: Arcola City Hall,
392 Hollandale City Hall, Darlove Baptist Church and Mangelardi
393 Bourbon Store Precincts.

394 (d) Subdistrict 4-4 shall consist of the following
395 precincts in Washington County: St. James Episcopal Church,
396 Swiftwater Baptist Church, Glen Allan Health Clinic, Italian Club,

397 Ward's Recreation Center, Buster Brown Community Center, Avon
398 Health Center, Kapco Company, Brent Center, William Percy Library
399 and Grace Methodist Church Precincts.

400 (3) The local contributions required for the maintenance of
401 the Fourth Circuit Court District shall be paid on a pro rata
402 basis each by Leflore, Sunflower and Washington Counties.

403 **SECTION 22.** Section 9-7-20, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
404 amended as follows:

405 9-7-20. (1) There shall be two (2) judges for the Fifth
406 Circuit Court District.

407 (2) For purposes of appointment and election, the two (2)
408 judgeships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for
409 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One" and
410 "Place Two."

411 **SECTION 23.** Section 9-7-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
412 amended as follows:

413 9-7-21. (1) The Sixth Circuit Court District shall be
414 comprised of the following counties:

- 415 (a) Adams County;
- 416 (b) Amite County;
- 417 (c) Franklin County; and
- 418 (d) Wilkinson County.

419 (2) The Sixth Circuit Court District shall be divided into
420 two (2) subdistricts as follows:

421 (a) Subdistrict 6-1 shall consist of Wilkinson County
422 and the following precincts in the following counties:

423 (i) Adams County: Courthouse, By-Pass Fire
424 Station, Cloverdale, Carpenter * * *, Concord, Maryland Heights,
425 Northside School, Thompson, Pine Ridge and Airport * * *
426 Precincts; and

427 (ii) Amite County: Gloster, Ariel, Homochitto,
428 Crosby, East Centreville, Street and Berwick Precincts.

429 (b) Subdistrict 6-2 shall consist of Franklin County,
430 and the following precincts in the following counties:

431 (i) Amite County: East Gloster, Liberty, New
432 Zion, Zion Hill, Amite River, Oneil, East Fork, East Liberty,
433 Smithdale, Tangipahoa, Riceville, South Liberty, Tickfaw and Walls
434 Precincts.

435 (ii) Adams County: Bellemont, Duncan Park, Beau
436 Pre, Kingston, Convention Center, Liberty Park, Palestine,
437 Morgantown, Foster Mound, Oakland and Washington Precincts.

438 (3) There shall be two (2) circuit judges for the Sixth
439 Circuit Court District. One (1) judge shall be elected from each
440 subdistrict.

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

443 9-7-23. (1) The Seventh Circuit Court District shall be
444 comprised of Hinds County.

445 (2) The Seventh Circuit Court District shall be divided into
446 five (5) subdistricts in Hinds County as follows:

447 (a) Subdistrict 7-1 shall consist of the following
448 precincts in Hinds County: Precincts 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 42,
449 43, 44, 45, 46, 78, * * * 72, * * * 76, 77, * * * 93, 96, 1, 2, 4,
450 5, 6, 8, 9, * * * 32, 47 and 97.

451 (b) Subdistrict 7-2 shall consist of the following
452 precincts in Hinds County: Precincts * * * 39, 40, 41, 79, 80,
453 81, 82, 83, 84, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30 and
454 85, Brownsville, Cynthia, Pocahontas and Tinnin Precincts.

455 (c) Subdistrict 7-3 shall consist of the following
456 precincts in Hinds County: Precincts 10, 22, * * * 31, * * * 58,
457 59, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 89, * * * 26, 54, 55, 56, 57, * * *
458 18, 19, 20, 50, 51, 52, 53, 63, 64 and 89 and Jackson State
459 Precinct.

460 (d) Subdistrict 7-4 shall consist of the following
461 precincts in Hinds County: * * * Bolton, Edwards, Pine Haven,

462 Utica 1, Utica 2, Byram 1, Byram 2, Cayuga, Learned, Clinton 1,
463 Clinton 2, Clinton 3, Clinton 4, Clinton 5, Clinton 6, Raymond
464 1, * * * St. Thomas, Old Byram, Terry, Chapel Hill and Dry Grove
465 Precincts.

466 (e) Subdistrict 7-5 shall consist of the following
467 precincts in Hinds County: Precincts 21, 24, 25, 26, 60, 61, 62,
468 73, 74, 75, 86, 87, 88, 90, 91, 92, 94 and 95 and Raymond 2 and
469 Spring Ridge Precincts.

470 **SECTION 25.** Section 9-7-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
471 amended as follows:

472 9-7-25. (1) There shall be five (5) circuit judges for the
473 Seventh Circuit Court District. One (1) judge shall be elected
474 from each subdistrict.

475 (2) While there shall be no limitation whatsoever upon the
476 powers and duties of the said judges other than as cast upon them
477 by the Constitution and laws of this state, the court in the First
478 Judicial District of Hinds County, in the discretion of the senior
479 circuit judge, may be divided into civil and criminal divisions as
480 a matter of convenience, by the entry of an order upon the minutes
481 of the court.

482 **SECTION 26.** Section 9-7-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
483 amended as follows:

484 9-7-29. (1) The Ninth Circuit Court District shall be
485 comprised of the following counties:

- 486 (a) Issaquena County;
- 487 (b) Sharkey County; and
- 488 (c) Warren County.

489 (2) The Ninth Circuit Court District shall be divided into
490 two (2) subdistricts as follows:

491 (a) Subdistrict 9-1 shall consist of Issaquena County,
492 Sharkey County and the following precincts in Warren County: St.
493 Aloysius, Kings, Cedar Grove, 3-61 Store, Auditorium, Brunswick,
494 Vicksburg Junior High School and American Legion Precincts.

495 (b) Subdistrict 9-2 shall consist of the following
496 precincts in Warren County: Oak Ridge, Bovina, Culkin, Redwood,
497 Number 7 Firestation, Jett, Elks Club, Goodrum Church, Yokena,
498 Plumbers Hall, Beechwood, Y.M.C.A., Moose Lodge and Tingleville
499 Precincts.

500 **SECTION 27.** Section 9-7-32, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
501 amended as follows:

502 9-7-32. (1) There shall be two (2) judges for the Tenth
503 Circuit Court District.

504 (2) For purposes of appointment and election, the two (2)
505 judgeships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for
506 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One" and
507 "Place Two."

508 **SECTION 28.** Section 9-7-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
509 amended as follows:

510 9-7-33. (1) The Eleventh Circuit Court District shall be
511 comprised of the following counties:

- 512 (a) Bolivar County;
- 513 (b) Coahoma County;
- 514 (c) Quitman County; and
- 515 (d) Tunica County.

516 (2) The Eleventh Circuit Court District shall be divided
517 into three (3) subdistricts as follows:

518 (a) Subdistrict 11-1 shall consist of the following
519 precincts from the following counties:

520 (i) Bolivar County: Gunnison, West Rosedale, East
521 Rosedale, Pace, Beulah, Roundlake/Deeson, Benoit, Scott, Northwest
522 Cleveland, Cleveland Courthouse, West Central Cleveland, West
523 Cleveland, Longshot, South Cleveland, North Cleveland, Skene,
524 Shaw, Boyle, Choctaw and Stringtown Precincts; and

525 (ii) Coahoma County: Sherard, Clarksdale 2-4,
526 Rena Lara, * * * Bobo and Clarksdale 5-4 Precincts.

527 (b) Subdistrict 11-2 shall consist of the following
528 precincts from the following counties:

529 (i) Bolivar County: Pleasant Green,
530 Duncan/Alligator, Shelby, Mound Bayou, Winstonville, Merigold,
531 Renova, East Central Cleveland, Cleveland Eastgate, and East
532 Cleveland Precincts;

533 (ii) Coahoma County: Dublin, Clarksdale 3-3,
534 Clarksdale 3-4, Cagle Crossing, Clarksdale 4-2 and Roundway
535 Precincts; and

536 (iii) Quitman County: Southwest Marks, West
537 Lambert and Lambert * * * Precincts.

538 (c) Subdistricts 11-3 shall consist of Tunica County
539 and the following precincts in the following counties:

540 (i) Coahoma County: Lula, Farrell, Friars Point,
541 Lyon, Clarksdale 1-4, Clarksdale 4-3, * * * Coahoma and Jonestown
542 Precincts; and

543 (ii) Quitman County: Crenshaw, Sledge, * * *
544 Darling, Belen, Northwest Marks, Northeast Marks, East Marks-NE
545 Lambert and Crowder Precincts.

546 **SECTION 29.** Section 9-7-42, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
547 amended as follows:

548 9-7-42. (1) There shall be three (3) judges for the
549 Fifteenth Circuit Court District.

550 (2) For the purposes of appointment and election, the three
551 (3) judgeships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for
552 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One," "Place
553 Two" and "Place Three."

554 **SECTION 30.** Section 9-7-44, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
555 amended as follows:

556 9-7-44. There shall be three (3) judges for the Sixteenth
557 Circuit Court District.

558 **SECTION 31.** Section 9-7-46, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
559 amended as follows:

560 9-7-46. (1) There shall be four (4) circuit judges for the
561 Seventeenth Circuit Court District.

562 (2) For the purpose of appointment and election, the four
563 (4) judgeships shall be separate and distinct, and two (2) judges
564 shall be elected from Subdistrict 17-1 and two (2) judges shall be
565 elected from Subdistrict 17-2. For purposes of appointment and
566 election, the two (2) judgeships in Subdistrict 17-1 shall be
567 separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment
568 and election only as "Place One" and "Place Two."

569 **SECTION 32.** Section 9-7-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
570 amended as follows:

571 9-7-53. The Twentieth Circuit Court District shall be * * *
572 Rankin County.

573 **SECTION 33.** Section 9-7-54, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
574 amended as follows:

575 9-7-54. (1) There shall be two (2) judges for the Twentieth
576 Circuit Court District.

577 (2) For the purposes of appointment and election, the two
578 (2) judgeships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for
579 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One" and
580 "Place Two."

581 **SECTION 34.** The following shall be codified as Section
582 9-7-59, Mississippi Code of 1972:

583 9-7-59. The Twenty-third Circuit Court District shall be
584 Madison County and shall be divided into two (2) subdistricts as
585 follows:

586 (a) (i) Subdistrict 23-1 shall consist of the
587 following precincts: Ratliff Ferry, Canton Precinct 2, Canton
588 Precinct 3, Canton Precinct 7, Smith School, Magnolia Heights,
589 Flora, Virililia, Canton Precinct 5, Liberty, New Industrial Park,
590 Madison County Baptist Family Life Center, Cameron, Couparle,
591 Camden, Sharon, Canton Precinct 1, Canton Precinct 4, Luther
592 Branson School and Bible Church Precincts.

593 (ii) Subdistrict 23-1 shall consist of the
594 following partial precincts: Madisonville and Bear Creek
595 Precincts. The Split Precinct Block List developed in conjunction
596 with Chapter 761, Laws of 2002, that details portions of partial
597 or split precincts that are contained within a subdistrict by
598 census tract and block number and was utilized in developing the
599 partial or split precincts of this subdistrict is hereby
600 incorporated and shall be construed to be an integral part of this
601 section.

602 (b) (i) Subdistrict 23-2 shall consist of the
603 following precincts: Trace Harbor, Main Harbor, Victory Baptist
604 Church, Madison 1, Madison 2, Madison 3, Ridgeland 3, Ridgeland 4,
605 Ridgeland First Methodist Church, Gluckstadt, Lorman-Cavalier,
606 Ridgeland 1, Tougaloo, Cobblestone Church of God, Highland Colony
607 Baptist Church and Whisper Lake Precincts.

608 (ii) Subdistrict 23-2 shall consist of that
609 portion of the following partial precincts not included in
610 Subdistrict 23-1: Madisonville and Bear Creek Precincts.

611 **SECTION 35.** The following shall be codified as Section
612 9-7-60, Mississippi Code of 1972:

613 9-7-60. There shall be two (2) judges for the Twenty-third
614 Circuit Court District. One (1) judge shall be elected from each
615 subdistrict.

616 **SECTION 36.** Section 23-15-982, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
617 amended as follows:

618 23-15-982. (1) Majority of vote equals any excess of the
619 total vote for all candidates divided by the number of judgeships
620 to be filled divided by two (2).

621 If some or all candidates in a multijudge election do not
622 receive a majority of the vote, then candidates equal in number to
623 twice the number of remaining positions to be filled and having
624 the highest votes shall run in a runoff election. In such event,
625 if there is not a sufficient number of remaining candidates equal

626 to twice the number of remaining positions to be filled, then all
627 remaining candidates shall run in the runoff election.

628 (2) Any tie votes which require resolution to determine who
629 shall enter a runoff election shall be determined by the
630 commissioners of election in the manner prescribed by Sections
631 23-15-601 and 23-15-605.

632 Candidates equal to the remaining number of positions to be
633 filled who have the highest votes in the runoff election are
634 elected.

635 Any tie votes which must be determined in order to decide who
636 is elected as a result of a runoff election shall be determined by
637 the State Election Commission in the manner prescribed by Sections
638 23-15-601 and 23-15-605.

639 (3) The provisions of this section shall apply only to
640 districts and subdistricts which are multijudge districts except
641 for the chancery court districts with chancellorships designated
642 as places and the First, Second, Third, Fifth, Eighth, Tenth,
643 Fifteenth, Subdistrict 17-2 of the Seventeenth, Nineteenth and
644 Twentieth Circuit Court Districts.

645 **SECTION 37.** Section 23-15-983, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
646 amended as follows:

647 23-15-983. At the general election, the candidates equal to
648 the number of positions to be filled and having the highest votes
649 shall be elected.

650 Any tie votes in the general election which must be resolved
651 in order to determine who is elected shall be resolved in the
652 manner prescribed by Sections 23-15-601 and 23-15-605.

653 The provisions of this section shall apply only to districts
654 and subdistricts which are multijudge districts except for the
655 chancery court districts with chancellorships designated as places
656 and the First, Second, Third, Fifth, Eighth, Tenth, Fifteenth,
657 Subdistrict 17-2 of the Seventeenth, Nineteenth and Twentieth
658 Circuit Court Districts.

659 **SECTION 38.** No new judgeships or chancellorships created by
660 this act shall be filled until the judicial elections are
661 conducted in 2006. Any district attorneys for circuit court
662 districts created by this act whose term of office begins on
663 January 1, 2007, shall be elected at a special election to be held
664 at the same time as the judicial elections in 2006. Thereafter,
665 such district attorneys shall be elected at the time and in the
666 manner provided by law for electing district attorneys.

667 **SECTION 39.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
668 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
669 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the
670 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
671 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
672 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
673 extended.

674 **SECTION 40.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
675 and after January 1, 2006, provided that it is effectuated under
676 Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
677 extended.