

**Amends by Reference
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

Senate Bill No. 2339

BY: Committee

**Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting
in lieu thereof the following:**

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. (1) 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.

63 (2) The Third Chancery Court District shall be divided into
64 two (2) subdistricts as follows:

65 (a) Subdistrict 3-1 shall be comprised of Desoto County
66 and no chancellor shall be elected from said subdistrict; and

67 (b) Subdistrict 3-2 which shall be comprised of
68 Grenada * * *, Montgomery * * *, Panola * * *, Tate * * * and
69 Yalobusha * * * Counties from which subdistrict two (2) chancery
70 judges shall be elected by post designation with no post being
71 denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as

72 "Place One" and one (1) post being denominated for purposes of
73 appointment and election only as "Place Two."

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

76 9-5-13. * * * There shall be three (3) chancellors for the
77 Third Chancery Court District.

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

81 9-5-17. (1) The Fifth Chancery Court District shall be
82 comprised of Hinds County.

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

85 (a) Subdistrict 5-1 shall consist of the following
86 precincts in Hinds County: Precincts 33, 34, 35, 36, 44, 45, 46,
87 78, 79, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 92, 93, 96, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9,
88 10, 32, 47 and 97.

89 (b) Subdistrict 5-2 shall consist of the following
90 precincts in Hinds County: Precincts 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43,
91 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, * * * 27, * * *
92 29, 30 and 85, Brownsville, Cynthia, Pocahontas and Tinnin
93 Precincts.

94 (c) Subdistrict 5-3 shall consist of the following
95 precincts in Hinds County: Precincts 21, 22, 23, 25, 28, 31, 86,
96 58, 59, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 89, 24, 26, 54, 55, 56, 57, 60,
97 61, 62, 18, 19, 20, 50, 51, 52, 53, 63 and 64 and Jackson State
98 Precinct.

99 (d) Subdistrict 5-4 shall consist of the following
100 precincts in Hinds County: Precincts 94, 95, 87, 88, 90 and 91,
101 Bolton, Edwards, Pine Haven, Utica 1, Utica 2, Byram 1, Byram 2,
102 Cayuga, Learned, Clinton 1, Clinton 2, Clinton 3, Clinton 4,

103 Clinton 5, Clinton 6, Raymond 1, Raymond 2, Spring Ridge, St.
104 Thomas, Old Byram, Terry, Chapel Hill and Dry Grove Precincts.

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

107 9-5-22. (1) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the
108 Sixth Chancery Court District.

109 (2) For purposes of appointment and election, the two (2)
110 chancellorships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for
111 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One" and
112 "Place Two."

113 **SECTION 7.** Section 9-5-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
114 amended as follows:

115 9-5-25. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the Seventh
116 Chancery Court District. One (1) chancellor shall be elected from
117 Subdistrict 7-1 and two (2) chancellors shall be elected from
118 Subdistrict 7-2. For purposes of appointment and election, the
119 two (2) chancellorships for Subdistrict 7-2 shall be separate and
120 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election
121 only as "Place One" and "Place Two."

122 **SECTION 8.** Section 9-5-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
123 amended as follows:

124 9-5-31. (1) The Ninth Chancery Court District shall be
125 comprised of the following counties:

- 126 (a) Humphreys County;
- 127 (b) Issaquena County;
- 128 (c) Sharkey County;
- 129 (d) Sunflower County;
- 130 (e) Warren County; and
- 131 (f) Washington County.

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

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

136 (i) Sunflower County: Indianola 3 North,
137 Indianola 3 South, Ruleville, Boyer-Linn, Fairview-Hale, Rome,
138 Sunflower Plantation, Drew and Ruleville North Precincts; and

139 (ii) Washington County: Buster Brown Community
140 Center, Extension Building, Faith Lutheran Church, Brent Center,
141 William Percy Library, American Legion, Metcalf City Hall, Elks
142 Club, Leland Health Department Clinic, Leland Light and Water
143 Plant and Greenville Industrial College Precincts.

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

146 (i) Sunflower County: Inverness, Indianola 1,
147 Moorhead, Indianola 2 West, Indianola 2 East, Sunflower, Indianola
148 3 Northeast, Doddsville and Sunflower 4 Precincts; and

149 (ii) Washington County: St. James Episcopal
150 Church, Swiftwater Baptist Church, Glen Allan Health Clinic,
151 Italian Club, Ward's Recreation Center, Avon Health Center, Arcola
152 City Hall, Kapco Co., Hollandale City Hall, Darlove Baptist
153 Church, Mangelardi Bourbon Store and Grace Methodist Church
154 Precincts.

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

157 **SECTION 9.** Section 9-5-36, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
158 amended as follows:

159 9-5-36. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the
160 Tenth Chancery Court District.

161 (2) For purposes of appointment and election, the four (4)
162 chancellorships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for
163 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One," "Place
164 Two," * * * "Place Three" and "Place Four," respectively. The
165 chancellor to fill Place One shall be a resident of Forrest,

166 Lamar, Marion, Pearl River or Perry County. The chancellor to
167 fill Place Two shall be a resident of Lamar, Marion, Pearl River
168 or Perry County. The chancellor to fill Place Three shall be a
169 resident of Forrest County. The chancellor to fill Place Three
170 shall be a resident of Forrest, Lamar, Marion, Pearl River or
171 Perry County. Election of the four (4) offices of chancellor
172 shall be by election to be held in every county within the Tenth
173 Chancery Court District of Mississippi.

174 **SECTION 10.** Section 9-5-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
175 amended as follows:

176 9-5-37. (1) The Eleventh Chancery Court District shall be
177 comprised of the following counties:

- 178 (a) Holmes County;
179 (b) Leake County;
180 (c) Madison County; and
181 (d) Yazoo County.

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

184 (a) Subdistrict 11-1 shall consist of Holmes County,
185 Yazoo County and Canton Precinct 4, Canton Precinct 5, Smith
186 School, Magnolia Heights, Flora and Bible Church Precincts of
187 Madison County;

188 (b) Subdistrict 11-2 shall consist of Leake County and
189 Ratliff Ferry, Madisonville, Trace Harbor, Canton Precinct 1,
190 Canton Precinct 2, Canton Precinct 3, Canton Precinct 7, Cameron
191 Street, Main Harbor, Victory Baptist Church, Bear Creek, Madison
192 1, Madison 2, Madison 3, Ridgeland 1, Ridgeland 3, Ridgeland 4,
193 Ridgeland First Methodist Church, Gluckstadt, Lorman/Cavalier,
194 Tougaloo, Cobblestone Church of God, Highland Colony Baptist
195 Church, Whisper Lake, Virililia, Liberty, New Industrial Park,
196 Madison County Baptist Family Life Center, Cameron, Couparle,

197 Camden, Sharon and Luther Branson School Precincts of Madison
198 County.

199 **SECTION 11.** Section 9-5-40, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
200 amended as follows:

201 9-5-40. (1) There shall be two (2) judges for the Twelfth
202 Chancery Court District.

203 (2) For purposes of appointment and election, the two (2)
204 chancellorships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for
205 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One" and
206 "Place Two."

207 **SECTION 12.** The following shall be codified as Section
208 9-5-42, Mississippi Code of 1972:

209 9-5-42. (1) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the
210 Thirteenth Chancery Court District.

211 (2) For purposes of appointment and election, the two (2)
212 chancellorships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for
213 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One" and
214 "Place Two."

215 **SECTION 13.** Section 9-5-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
216 amended as follows:

217 9-5-43. (1) The Fourteenth Chancery Court District shall be
218 comprised of the following counties:

- 219 (a) Chickasaw County;
- 220 (b) Clay County;
- 221 (c) Lowndes County;
- 222 (d) Noxubee County;
- 223 (e) Oktibbeha County; and
- 224 (f) Webster County.

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

- 227 (a) Subdistrict 14-1 shall consist of Chickasaw County,
228 Webster County and the following precincts in Oktibbeha County:

229 West Starkville, Adaton, North Longview, Self Creek, Double
230 Springs, Northeast Starkville, East Starkville, North Starkville,
231 Maben, South Starkville, South Longview, Craig Springs, Bradley,
232 Center Grove and Sturgis Precincts.

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

235 (i) Clay County: Vinton, East West Point, Siloam,
236 Central West Point, South West Point and Cedar Bluff Precincts;
237 and

238 (ii) Lowndes County: Caledonia, Steens A, Steens
239 B, Caldwell, Stokes Beard B, Fairview, Sale, Rural Hill B, Lee
240 High, Brandon A, Brandon B, Franklin A, Franklin B, Air Base A,
241 Air Base B, Air Base C, Air Base D, Steens C, Rural Hill A, New
242 Hope A, Mitchell, New Hope B, Union Academy A and University A
243 Precincts.

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

246 (i) Clay County: North West Point, Union Star,
247 Tibbee, Cairo, Caradine, Una, West Point, Pheba and Pine Bluff
248 Precincts;

249 (ii) Lowndes County: Co-op A, Co-op B, Trinity,
250 Coleman, Stokes Beard A, Fairgrounds A, Fairgrounds B, Fairgrounds
251 C, Coleman, Plum Grove A, Crawford A, Hunt C, Hunt B, Hunt A,
252 Union Academy B, University B, West Lowndes, Artesia, Mayhew,
253 Crawford B, Crawford C, New Hope C, Plum Grove B and Plum Grove C
254 Precincts; and

255 (iii) Oktibbeha County: Osborn, Hickory Grove,
256 Bell Schoolhouse, Central Starkville, Gillespie Street Center,
257 Sessums and Oktoc Precincts.

258 **SECTION 14.** Section 9-5-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
259 amended as follows:

260 9-5-51. (1) The Seventeenth Chancery Court District shall
261 be comprised of the following counties:

- 262 (a) Adams County;
- 263 (b) Claiborne County;
- 264 (c) Jefferson County; and
- 265 (d) Wilkinson County.

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

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

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

277 (3) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the Seventeenth
278 Chancery Court District. One (1) chancellor shall be elected from
279 each subdistrict.

280 **SECTION 15.** Section 9-5-54, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
281 amended as follows:

282 9-5-54. (1) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the
283 Eighteenth Chancery Court District.

284 (2) For the purposes of appointment and election, the two
285 (2) chancellorships shall be separate and distinct and denominated
286 for purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One" and
287 "Place Two."

288 **SECTION 16.** Section 9-5-58, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
289 amended as follows:

290 9-5-58. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the
291 Twentieth Chancery Court District. For purposes of appointment

292 and election the three (3) chancellorships shall be separate and
293 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election
294 only as "Place One," * * * "Place Two" and "Place Three."

295 **SECTION 17.** Section 9-7-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
296 amended as follows:

297 9-7-1. A circuit judge shall be elected for and from each
298 circuit court district and the listing of individual precincts
299 shall be those precincts as they existed on October 1, 2000. He
300 may hold court in any other district with the consent of the judge
301 thereof, when in their opinion the public interest may require.
302 The terms of all circuit judges hereafter elected shall begin on
303 the first day of January 1931, and their terms of office shall
304 continue for four (4) years. A circuit judge shall be a resident
305 of the district in which he or she serves but shall not be
306 required to be a resident of a subdistrict if the district is
307 divided into subdistricts.

308 **SECTION 18.** Section 9-7-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
309 amended as follows:

310 9-7-7. (1) There shall be four (4) judges for the First
311 Circuit Court District.

312 (2) For purposes of appointment and election, the four (4)
313 judgeships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for
314 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One," "Place
315 Two," "Place Three" and "Place Four." The judge to fill Place One
316 shall be a resident of Alcorn, Prentiss or Tishomingo County. The
317 judge to fill Place Two shall be a resident of Itawamba, Lee,
318 Monroe or Pontotoc County. The judges to fill Place Three and
319 Place Four shall be residents of Alcorn, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe,
320 Pontotoc, Prentiss or Tishomingo Counties. Election of the four
321 (4) offices of judge shall be by election to be held in every
322 county within the First Circuit Court District of Mississippi.

323 **SECTION 19.** Section 9-7-14, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
324 amended as follows:

325 9-7-14. (1) There shall be three (3) circuit judges for the
326 Third Circuit Court District.

327 (2) For purposes of appointment and election, the three (3)
328 judgeships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for
329 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One, "Place
330 Two" and "Place Three." The judge for "Place Three" shall be a
331 resident of Benton, Marshall or Tippah County.

332 **SECTION 20.** Section 9-7-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
333 amended as follows:

334 9-7-15. (1) The Fourth Circuit Court District shall be
335 composed of the following counties:

- 336 (a) Leflore County;
337 (b) Sunflower County; and
338 (c) Washington County.

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

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

343 (i) Leflore County: Minter City, North Greenwood,
344 Money, Northeast Greenwood, Schlater, West Greenwood, Mississippi
345 Valley State University and Southeast Greenwood Precincts; and

346 (ii) Sunflower County: Ruleville, Rome, Sunflower
347 Plantation, Drew, Doddsville, Boyer-Linn, Fairview-Hale and
348 Ruleville North Precincts.

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

351 (i) Sunflower County: Indianola 1, Sunflower,
352 Indianola 3 North, Indianola 3 South, Indianola 3 Northeast and
353 Sunflower 4 Precincts; and

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

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

360 (i) Leflore County: East Greenwood Sub-A, East
361 Greenwood Sub-B, Central Greenwood, North Itta Bena, South Itta
362 Bena, Southwest Greenwood, Rising Sun, Sidon, Morgan City,
363 Swiftown and South Greenwood Precincts;

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

366 (iii) Washington County: Arcola City Hall,
367 Hollandale City Hall, Darlove Baptist Church and Mangelardi
368 Bourbon Store Precincts.

369 (d) Subdistrict 4-4 shall consist of the following
370 precincts in Washington County: St. James Episcopal Church,
371 Swiftwater Baptist Church, Glen Allan Health Clinic, Italian Club,
372 Ward's Recreation Center, Buster Brown Community Center, Avon
373 Health Center, Kapco Company, Brent Center, William Percy Library
374 and Grace Methodist Church Precincts.

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

378 **SECTION 21.** Section 9-7-20, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
379 amended as follows:

380 9-7-20. (1) There shall be two (2) judges for the Fifth
381 Circuit Court District.

382 (2) For purposes of appointment and election, the two (2)
383 judgeships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for
384 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One" and
385 "Place Two."

386 **SECTION 22.** Section 9-7-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
387 amended as follows:

388 9-7-21. (1) The Sixth Circuit Court District shall be
389 comprised of the following counties:

- 390 (a) Adams County;
- 391 (b) Amite County;
- 392 (c) Franklin County; and
- 393 (d) Wilkinson County.

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

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

398 (i) Adams County: Courthouse, By-Pass Fire
399 Station, Cloverdale, Carpenter * * *, Concord, Maryland Heights,
400 Northside School, Thompson, Pine Ridge and Airport * * *
401 Precincts; and

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

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

406 (i) Amite County: East Gloster, Liberty, New
407 Zion, Zion Hill, Amite River, Oneil, East Fork, East Liberty,
408 Smithdale, Tangipahoa, Riceville, South Liberty, Tickfaw and Walls
409 Precincts.

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

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

416 **SECTION 23.** Section 9-7-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
417 amended as follows:

418 9-7-23. (1) The Seventh Circuit Court District shall be
419 comprised of Hinds County.

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

422 (a) Subdistrict 7-1 shall consist of the following
423 precincts in Hinds County: Precincts 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 42,
424 43, 44, 45, 46, 78, * * * 72, * * * 76, 77, * * * 93, 96, 1, 2, 4,
425 5, 6, 8, 9, * * * 32, 47 and 97.

426 (b) Subdistrict 7-2 shall consist of the following
427 precincts in Hinds County: Precincts * * * 39, 40, 41, 79, 80,
428 81, 82, 83, 84, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30 and
429 85, Brownsville, Cynthia, Pocahontas and Tinnin Precincts.

430 (c) Subdistrict 7-3 shall consist of the following
431 precincts in Hinds County: Precincts 10, 22, * * * 31, * * * 58,
432 59, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 89, * * * 26, 54, 55, 56, 57, * * *
433 18, 19, 20, 50, 51, 52, 53, 63, 64 and 89 and Jackson State
434 Precinct.

435 (d) Subdistrict 7-4 shall consist of the following
436 precincts in Hinds County: * * * Bolton, Edwards, Pine Haven,
437 Utica 1, Utica 2, Byram 1, Byram 2, Cayuga, Learned, Clinton 1,
438 Clinton 2, Clinton 3, Clinton 4, Clinton 5, Clinton 6, Raymond
439 1, * * * St. Thomas, Old Byram, Terry, Chapel Hill and Dry Grove
440 Precincts.

441 (e) Subdistrict 7-5 shall consist of the following
442 precincts in Hinds County: Precincts 21, 24, 25, 26, 60, 61, 62,
443 73, 74, 75, 86, 87, 88, 90, 91, 92, 94 and 95 and Raymond 2 and
444 Spring Ridge Precincts.

445 **SECTION 24.** Section 9-7-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
446 amended as follows:

447 9-7-25. (1) There shall be five (5) circuit judges for the
448 Seventh Circuit Court District. One (1) judge shall be elected
449 from each subdistrict.

450 (2) While there shall be no limitation whatsoever upon the
451 powers and duties of the said judges other than as cast upon them
452 by the Constitution and laws of this state, the court in the First
453 Judicial District of Hinds County, in the discretion of the senior
454 circuit judge, may be divided into civil and criminal divisions as
455 a matter of convenience, by the entry of an order upon the minutes
456 of the court.

457 **SECTION 25.** Section 9-7-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
458 amended as follows:

459 9-7-29. (1) The Ninth Circuit Court District shall be
460 comprised of the following counties:

- 461 (a) Issaquena County;
- 462 (b) Sharkey County; and
- 463 (c) Warren County.

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

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

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

475 **SECTION 26.** Section 9-7-32, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
476 amended as follows:

477 9-7-32. (1) There shall be two (2) judges for the Tenth
478 Circuit Court District.

479 (2) For purposes of appointment and election, the two (2)
480 judgeships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for

481 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One" and
482 "Place Two."

483 **SECTION 27.** Section 9-7-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
484 amended as follows:

485 9-7-33. (1) The Eleventh Circuit Court District shall be
486 comprised of the following counties:

- 487 (a) Bolivar County;
- 488 (b) Coahoma County;
- 489 (c) Quitman County; and
- 490 (d) Tunica County.

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

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

- 495 (i) Bolivar County: Gunnison, West Rosedale, East
496 Rosedale, Pace, Beulah, Roundlake/Deeson, Benoit, Scott, Northwest
497 Cleveland, Cleveland Courthouse, West Central Cleveland, West
498 Cleveland, Longshot, South Cleveland, North Cleveland, Skene,
499 Shaw, Boyle, Choctaw and Stringtown Precincts; and

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

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

- 504 (i) Bolivar County: Pleasant Green,
505 Duncan/Alligator, Shelby, Mound Bayou, Winstonville, Merigold,
506 Renova, East Central Cleveland, Cleveland Eastgate, and East
507 Cleveland Precincts;

508 (ii) Coahoma County: Dublin, Clarksdale 3-3,
509 Clarksdale 3-4, Cagle Crossing, Clarksdale 4-2 and Roundway
510 Precincts; and

511 (iii) Quitman County: Southwest Marks, West
512 Lambert and Lambert * * * Precincts.

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

515 (i) Coahoma County: Lula, Farrell, Friars Point,
516 Lyon, Clarksdale 1-4, Clarksdale 4-3, * * * Coahoma and Jonestown
517 Precincts; and

518 (ii) Quitman County: Crenshaw, Sledge, * * *
519 Darling, Belen, Northwest Marks, Northeast Marks, East Marks-NE
520 Lambert and Crowder Precincts.

521 **SECTION 28.** Section 9-7-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
522 amended as follows:

523 9-7-39. (1) The Fourteenth Circuit Court District shall be
524 comprised of the following counties:

- 525 (a) Lincoln County;
526 (b) Pike County; and
527 (c) Walthall County.

528 (2) There shall be two (2) judges for the Fourteenth Circuit
529 Court District. For purposes of appointment and election, the two
530 (2) judgeships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for
531 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One" and
532 "Place Two."

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

535 9-7-42. (1) There shall be three (3) judges for the
536 Fifteenth Circuit Court District.

537 (2) For the purposes of appointment and election, the three
538 (3) judgeships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for
539 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One," "Place
540 Two" and "Place Three."

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

543 9-7-44. There shall be three (3) judges for the Sixteenth
544 Circuit Court District.

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

547 9-7-46. (1) There shall be four (4) circuit judges for the
548 Seventeenth Circuit Court District.

549 (2) For the purpose of appointment and election, the four
550 (4) judgeships shall be separate and distinct, and two (2) judges
551 shall be elected from Subdistrict 17-1 and two (2) judges shall be
552 elected from Subdistrict 17-2. For purposes of appointment and
553 election, the two (2) judgeships in Subdistrict 17-1 shall be
554 separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment
555 and election only as "Place One" and "Place Two." For purposes of
556 appointment and election, the two (2) judgeships in Subdistrict
557 17-2 shall be separate and distinct and denominated for purposes
558 of election and appointment as "Place One" and "Place Two."

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

561 9-7-53. The Twentieth Circuit Court District shall be * * *
562 Rankin County.

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

565 9-7-54. (1) There shall be two (2) judges for the Twentieth
566 Circuit Court District.

567 (2) For the purposes of appointment and election, the two
568 (2) judgeships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for
569 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One" and
570 "Place Two."

571 **SECTION 34.** The following shall be codified as Section
572 9-7-59, Mississippi Code of 1972:

573 9-7-59. The Twenty-third Circuit Court District shall be
574 Madison County and shall be divided into two (2) subdistricts as
575 follows:

576 (a) (i) Subdistrict 23-1 shall consist of the
577 following precincts: Ratliff Ferry, Canton Precinct 2, Canton
578 Precinct 3, Canton Precinct 7, Smith School, Magnolia Heights,
579 Flora, Virililia, Canton Precinct 5, Liberty, New Industrial Park,
580 Madison County Baptist Family Life Center, Cameron, Couparle,
581 Camden, Sharon, Canton Precinct 1, Canton Precinct 4, Luther
582 Branson School and Bible Church Precincts.

583 (ii) Subdistrict 23-1 shall consist of the
584 following partial precincts: Madisonville and Bear Creek
585 Precincts. The Split Precinct Block List developed in conjunction
586 with Chapter 761, Laws of 2002, that details portions of partial
587 or split precincts that are contained within a subdistrict by
588 census tract and block number and was utilized in developing the
589 partial or split precincts of this subdistrict is hereby
590 incorporated and shall be construed to be an integral part of this
591 section.

592 (b) (i) Subdistrict 23-2 shall consist of the
593 following precincts: Trace Harbor, Main Harbor, Victory Baptist
594 Church, Madison 1, Madison 2, Madison 3, Ridgeland 3, Ridgeland 4,
595 Ridgeland First Methodist Church, Gluckstadt, Lorman-Cavalier,
596 Ridgeland 1, Tougaloo, Cobblestone Church of God, Highland Colony
597 Baptist Church and Whisper Lake Precincts.

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

601 **SECTION 35.** The following shall be codified as Section
602 9-7-60, Mississippi Code of 1972:

603 9-7-60. There shall be two (2) judges for the Twenty-third
604 Circuit Court District. One (1) judge shall be elected from each
605 subdistrict.

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

608 23-15-982. (1) Majority of vote equals any excess of the
609 total vote for all candidates divided by the number of judgeships
610 to be filled divided by two (2).

611 If some or all candidates in a multijudge election do not
612 receive a majority of the vote, then candidates equal in number to
613 twice the number of remaining positions to be filled and having
614 the highest votes shall run in a runoff election. In such event,
615 if there is not a sufficient number of remaining candidates equal
616 to twice the number of remaining positions to be filled, then all
617 remaining candidates shall run in the runoff election.

618 (2) Any tie votes which require resolution to determine who
619 shall enter a runoff election shall be determined by the
620 commissioners of election in the manner prescribed by Sections
621 23-15-601 and 23-15-605.

622 Candidates equal to the remaining number of positions to be
623 filled who have the highest votes in the runoff election are
624 elected.

625 Any tie votes which must be determined in order to decide who
626 is elected as a result of a runoff election shall be determined by
627 the State Election Commission in the manner prescribed by Sections
628 23-15-601 and 23-15-605.

629 (3) The provisions of this section shall apply only to
630 districts and subdistricts which are multijudge districts except
631 for the chancery court districts with chancellorships designated
632 as places and the First, Second, Third, Fifth, Eighth, Tenth,
633 Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Subdistrict 17-2 of the Seventeenth,
634 Nineteenth and Twentieth Circuit Court Districts.

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

637 23-15-983. At the general election, the candidates equal to
638 the number of positions to be filled and having the highest votes
639 shall be elected.

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

643 The provisions of this section shall apply only to districts
644 and subdistricts which are multijudge districts except for the
645 chancery court districts with chancellorships designated as places
646 and the First, Second, Third, Fifth, Eighth, Tenth, Fifteenth,
647 Sixteenth, Subdistrict 17-2 of the Seventeenth, Nineteenth and
648 Twentieth Circuit Court Districts.

649 **SECTION 38.** No new judgeships or chancellorships created by
650 this act shall be filled until the judicial elections are
651 conducted in 2006. Any district attorneys for circuit court
652 districts created by this act whose term of office begins on
653 January 1, 2007, shall be elected at a special election to be held
654 at the same time as the judicial elections in 2006. Thereafter,
655 such district attorneys shall be elected at the time and in the
656 manner provided by law for electing district attorneys.

657 **SECTION 39.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
658 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
659 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the
660 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
661 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
662 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
663 extended.

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

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

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, 9-5-25, 9-5-31, 9-5-36, 9-5-37,

4 9-5-40, 9-5-43, 9-5-51, 9-5-54 AND 9-5-58, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
5 1972, TO REDISTRIBUTE CERTAIN CHANCERY COURT DISTRICTS; TO REVISE
6 CERTAIN CHANCELLORSHIPS; TO PROVIDE NEW CHANCELLORS IN CERTAIN
7 CHANCERY COURT DISTRICTS; TO CREATE SUBDISTRICTS IN CERTAIN
8 CHANCERY COURT DISTRICTS; TO CODIFY SECTION 9-5-42, MISSISSIPPI
9 CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL CHANCELLOR FOR THE
10 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, 9-7-39, 9-7-42, 9-7-44, 9-7-46,
14 9-7-53 AND 9-7-54, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REDISTRIBUTE CERTAIN
15 CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICTS; TO CREATE SUBDISTRICTS IN CERTAIN CIRCUIT
16 COURT DISTRICTS; TO REVISE CERTAIN JUDGESHIPS; TO PROVIDE NEW
17 JUDGES IN CERTAIN CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICTS; TO CREATE SECTION
18 9-7-59 AND 9-7-60, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CREATE THE
19 TWENTY-THIRD CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTIONS 23-15-982
20 AND 23-15-983, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY THERETO;
21 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.