

By: Representative Ellington

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1335

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-11-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 INCREASE 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 [Until July 1, 2007, this section shall read as follows:]

8 9-11-9. Justice court judges shall have jurisdiction of all  
9 actions for the recovery of debts or damages or personal property,  
10 where the principal of the debt, the amount of the demand, or the  
11 value of the property sought to be recovered shall not exceed  
12 Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00).

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

15 [From and after July 1, 2007, and until July 1, 2008, this  
16 section shall read as follows:]

17 9-11-9. Justice court judges shall have jurisdiction of all  
18 actions for the recovery of debts or damages or personal property,  
19 where the principal of the debt, the amount of the demand, or the  
20 value of the property sought to be recovered shall not exceed Five  
21 Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

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

24 [From and after July 1, 2009, this section shall read as  
25 follows:]

26 9-11-9. Justice court judges shall have jurisdiction of all  
27 actions for the recovery of debts or damages or personal property,

28 where the principal of the debt, the amount of the demand, or the  
29 value of the property sought to be recovered shall not exceed  
30 Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00).

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

33 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
34 and after July 1, 2006.