SENATE BILL NO. 2562

1   AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 9-7-81 AND 9-11-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE
2 OF 1972, TO REVISE THE JURISDICTIONAL AMOUNT OF JUSTICE COURT AND
3 TO CLARIFY THE EXCLUSIVENESS OF THAT JURISDICTION; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

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

6   **SECTION 1.** Section 9-7-81, Mississippi Code of 1972, is

7 amended as follows:

8   9-7-81. The circuit court shall have original jurisdiction

9 in all actions when the principal of the amount in controversy

10 exceeds Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00), and of all other

11 actions and causes, matters and things arising under the

12 Constitution and laws of this state which are not exclusively

13 cognizable in some other court, and such appellate jurisdiction as

14 prescribed by law. Such court shall have power to hear and

15 determine all prosecutions in the name of the state for treason,

16 felonies, crimes and misdemeanors, except such as may be

17 exclusively cognizable before some other court; and said court

18 shall have all the powers belonging to a court of oyer and

19 terminer and general jail delivery, and may do and perform all

20 other acts properly pertaining to a circuit court of law.

21   **SECTION 2.** Section 9-11-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is

22 amended as follows:

23   9-11-9. Justice court judges shall have exclusive

24 jurisdiction of all actions for the recovery of debts or damages

25 or personal property, where the principal of the debt, the amount

26 of the demand, or the value of the property sought to be recovered

27 shall not exceed Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00).

28   The justice court judges shall have no pecuniary interest in

29 the outcome of any action once suit has been filed.

30   **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from

31 and after July 1, 2006, and shall apply only to causes of action

32 filed after that date.