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To: Judiciary, Division A

## SENATE BILL NO. 2756

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 9-5-1 AND 9-5-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
2 1972, TO COMPLY WITH THE CONSTITUTIONAL MANDATE TO REDISTRIC THE  
3 TRIAL COURTS FOLLOWING THE FEDERAL DECENNIAL CENSUS; TO AMEND  
4 SECTION 9-5-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CREATE A SECOND  
5 CHANCELLORSHIP IN THE FOURTH CHANCERY DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTIONS  
6 9-5-11, 9-5-13, 9-5-17, 9-5-21, 9-5-31, 9-5-37, 9-5-39, 9-5-43 AND  
7 9-5-51, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM AND TO AMEND THE  
8 PRECINCT LISTS FOR THE SUBDISTRICTS OF THE FIFTH, NINTH, ELEVENTH,  
9 FOURTEENTH AND SEVENTEENTH CHANCERY DISTRICTS TO CONFORM TO THE  
10 PRECINCT BOUNDARIES AS THEY EXISTED AT THE TIME OF THE 2010  
11 FEDERAL DECENNIAL CENSUS AND TO MOVE LEAKE COUNTY FROM THE  
12 ELEVENTH TO THE SIXTEENTH CHANCERY DISTRICT AND TO MOVE KEMPER  
13 COUNTY FROM THE SIXTH TO THE TWELFTH CHANCERY DISTRICT; TO AMEND  
14 SECTIONS 9-5-5, 9-5-7, 9-5-9, 9-5-13, 9-5-19, 9-5-23, 9-5-25,  
15 9-5-27, 9-5-33, 9-5-35, 9-5-36, 9-5-38, 9-5-41, 9-5-45, 9-5-47,  
16 9-5-49, 9-5-53, 9-5-55 AND 9-5-57, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
17 CONFORM; TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 9-5-22, 9-5-29, 9-5-40, 9-5-50,  
18 9-5-54 AND 9-5-58, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, FOR PURPOSES OF  
19 AMENDMENT; TO AMEND SECTIONS 9-7-1 AND 9-7-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
20 1972, TO COMPLY WITH THE CONSTITUTIONAL MANDATE TO REDISTRIC THE  
21 TRIAL COURTS FOLLOWING THE FEDERAL DECENNIAL CENSUS; TO AMEND  
22 SECTION 9-7-54, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ADD A THIRD JUDGE TO  
23 THE TWENTIETH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-7-35,  
24 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ADD A SECOND JUDGE TO THE TWELFTH  
25 CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTIONS 9-7-47 AND 9-7-31,  
26 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE COMPOSITION OF THE TENTH  
27 AND EIGHTEENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICTS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 9-7-15,  
28 9-7-17, 9-7-21, 9-7-23, 9-7-29 AND 9-7-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
29 1972, TO AMEND THE PRECINCT LISTS FOR THE SUBDISTRICTS OF THE  
30 FOURTH, SIXTH, SEVENTH, NINTH AND ELEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICTS  
31 TO CONFORM TO THE PRECINCT BOUNDARIES AS THEY EXISTED AT THE TIME  
32 OF THE 2010 FEDERAL DECENNIAL CENSUS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 9-7-5,  
33 9-7-7, 9-7-9, 9-7-13, 9-7-14, 9-7-19, 9-7-21, 9-7-25, 9-7-27,  
34 9-7-30, 9-7-34, 9-7-37, 9-7-39, 9-7-41, 9-7-43, 9-7-44, 9-7-45,



35 9-7-46, 9-7-49, 9-7-53, 9-7-55 AND 9-7-57 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
36 1972, TO CONFORM; TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 9-7-11, 9-7-20,  
37 9-7-32, 9-7-42 AND 9-7-51, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, FOR PURPOSES  
38 OF AMENDMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

39 WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Legislature under  
40 Section 152 of the Mississippi Constitution of 1890 to divide the  
41 state into an appropriate number of circuit and chancery court  
42 districts; and

43 WHEREAS, the Legislature has investigated the state of the  
44 trial courts and the trial court districts and has considered the  
45 needs of the state according to all the criteria imposed by the  
46 Constitution and by general law; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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

50 9-5-1. A chancellor shall be elected for and from each of  
51 the chancery court districts as provided in this chapter and \* \* \*  
52 may hold court in any other district with the consent of the  
53 chancellor thereof when in their opinion the public interest may  
54 be thereby promoted. The terms of all chancellors elected at the  
55 regular election for the year 1930 shall begin on the first day of  
56 January, 1931, and their terms of office shall continue for four  
57 (4) years. A chancellor shall be a resident of the district in  
58 which he serves but shall not be required to be a resident of a  
59 subdistrict if the district is divided into subdistricts. Unless  
60 specifically provided otherwise, the boundaries of the  
61 subdistricts described in this chapter shall be the boundaries of



62 the precincts as those boundaries are contained in the Census  
63 Bureau's 2010 TIGER/Line Shapefiles released in November 2010.

64 **SECTION 2.** Section 9-5-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
65 amended as follows:

66 9-5-3. (1) The state shall be divided into an appropriate  
67 number of chancery court districts, severally numbered and \* \* \*  
68 composed of the counties as set forth in the sections which  
69 follow. A court to be styled "The Chancery Court of the County of  
70 \_\_\_\_" shall be held in each county, and within each judicial  
71 district of a county having two (2) judicial districts, at least  
72 twice a year. \* \* \* Court shall be held in chancery court  
73 districts consisting of a single county \* \* \* on the same dates  
74 state agencies and political subdivisions are open for business  
75 excluding legal holidays. The dates upon which terms shall  
76 commence and the number of days for which terms shall continue in  
77 chancery court districts consisting of more than one (1) county  
78 shall be set by order of the chancellor in accordance with the  
79 provisions of subsection (2) of this section. A matter in court  
80 may extend past \* \* \* a term if the interest of justice so  
81 requires.

82 (2) An order establishing the commencement and continuation  
83 of terms of court for each of the counties within a chancery court  
84 district consisting of more than one (1) county shall be entered  
85 annually and not later than October 1 of the year immediately  
86 preceding the calendar year for which \* \* \* the terms of court are



87 to become effective. Notice of the dates upon which \* \* \* terms  
88 of court shall commence and the number of days for which \* \* \* the  
89 terms shall continue in each of the counties within a chancery  
90 court district shall be posted in the office of the chancery clerk  
91 of each county within the district and mailed to the office of the  
92 Secretary of State for publication and distribution to all  
93 Mississippi Bar members. \* \* \* If an order is not timely  
94 entered \* \* \*, the terms of court for each of the counties  
95 within \* \* \* the chancery court district shall remain unchanged  
96 for the next calendar year.

97 (3) The number of chancellorships for each chancery court  
98 district shall be determined by the Legislature based upon the  
99 following criteria:

- 100 (a) The population of the district;  
101 (b) The number of cases filed in the district;  
102 (c) The caseload of each chancellor in the district;  
103 (d) The geographic area of the district;  
104 (e) An analysis of the needs of the district by the  
105 court personnel of the district; and  
106 (f) Any other appropriate criteria.

107 (4) The Judicial College of the University of Mississippi  
108 Law Center and the Administrative Office of Courts shall determine  
109 the appropriate:

- 110 (a) Specific data to be collected as a basis for  
111 applying the above criteria;



112 (b) Method of collecting and maintaining the specified  
113 data; and

114 (c) Method of assimilating the specified data.

115 (5) In a district having more than one (1) office of  
116 chancellor, there shall be no distinction whatsoever in the  
117 powers, duties and emoluments of those offices except that the  
118 chancellor who has been for the longest time continuously a  
119 chancellor of that court or, should no chancellor have served  
120 longer in office than the others, the chancellor who has been for  
121 the longest time a member of The Mississippi Bar \* \* \* shall be  
122 the senior chancellor. The senior chancellor shall have the right  
123 to assign causes and dockets and to set terms in districts  
124 consisting of more than one (1) county.

125 **SECTION 3.** Section 9-5-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
126 amended as follows:

127 \* \* \*

128 9-5-15. (1) The Fourth Chancery Court District shall  
129 be \* \* \* composed of the following counties:

- 130 (a) Amite County;  
131 (b) Franklin County;  
132 (c) Pike County; and  
133 (d) Walthall County.

134 (2) The Fourth Chancery Court District shall be divided into  
135 two (2) subdistricts as follows:



136 (a) Subdistrict 4-1 shall consist of Franklin County  
137 and the following precincts in the following counties:

138 (i) Amite County: East Fork, East Gloster, East  
139 Liberty, Homochitto, Liberty, New Zion, Oneil, Smithdale,  
140 Tangipahoa and Zion Hill Precincts;

141 (ii) Pike County: Precincts 3, 4, 14, 15, 20, 21,  
142 22, 23, 25, 26 and 27; and

143 (iii) Walthall County: Darbun, Dexter, District 3  
144 Tylertown, District 4 Tylertown, District 4 West, East Tylertown,  
145 Enon, Improve, Lexie, Mesa, Midway, North Kirklin, North Knoxo,  
146 Sartinville, South Kirklin, South Knoxo and Varnell Precincts.

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

149 (i) Amite County: Amite River, Ariel, Berwick,  
150 Crosby, East Centreville, Gloster, Riceville, South Liberty,  
151 Street, Tickfaw and Walls Precincts;

152 (ii) Pike County: Precincts 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9,  
153 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 24, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32; and

154 (iii) Walthall County: Dinan, Hope, Saint Paul  
155 and West Tylertown Precincts.

156 (3) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the Fourth  
157 Chancery Court District. One (1) chancellor shall be elected by  
158 the voters of each subdistrict.

159 **SECTION 4.** Section 9-5-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
160 amended as follows:



161 9-5-11. (1) The Third Chancery Court District shall  
162 be \* \* \* composed of the following counties:

- 163 (a) DeSoto County;
- 164 (b) Grenada County;
- 165 (c) Montgomery County;
- 166 (d) Panola County;
- 167 (e) Tate County; and
- 168 (f) Yalobusha County.

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

- 171 (a) Subdistrict 3-1 shall consist of DeSoto County.
- 172 (b) Subdistrict 3-2 shall consist of Grenada County,  
173 Montgomery County, Panola County, Tate County and Yalobusha  
174 County.

175 **SECTION 5.** Section 9-5-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
176 amended as follows:

177 9-5-13. (1) There shall be three (3) chancellors for the  
178 Third Chancery Court District.

179 (2) (a) The chancellor of Subdistrict 3-1 shall be  
180 elected \* \* \* by the voters of DeSoto County. The two (2)  
181 chancellors of Subdistrict 3-2 shall be elected \* \* \* by the  
182 voters of Grenada County, Montgomery County, Panola County, Tate  
183 County and Yalobusha County.

184 (b) For purposes of appointment and election, the three  
185 (3) chancellorships shall be separate and distinct. The



186 chancellorship in Subdistrict 3-1 shall be denominated only as  
187 "Place One," and the chancellorships in Subdistrict 3-2 shall be  
188 denominated only as "Place Two" and "Place Three."

189         **SECTION 6.** Section 9-5-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
190 amended as follows:

191             9-5-17. (1) The Fifth Chancery Court District shall  
192 be \* \* \* Hinds County.

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

195                 (a) Subdistrict 5-1 shall consist of the following  
196 precincts in Hinds County: Precincts 33, 34, 35, 36, 44, 45, 46,  
197 78, 79, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 92, 93, 96, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9,  
198 10, 32, 47 and 97.

199                 (b) Subdistrict 5-2 shall consist of the following  
200 precincts in Hinds County: Precincts 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43,  
201 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30  
202 and 85, Brownsville, Cynthia, Pocahontas and Tinnin Precincts.

203                 (c) Subdistrict 5-3 shall consist of the following  
204 precincts in Hinds County: Precincts 21, 22, 25, 31, 86, 58, 59,  
205 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 89, 24, 26, 54, 55, 56, 57, 60, 61, 62,  
206 18, 19, 20, 50, 51, 52, 53, 63 \* \* \*, 64 and Jackson State.

207                 (d) Subdistrict 5-4 shall consist of the following  
208 precincts in Hinds County: Precincts 94, 95, 87, 88, 90 and 91,  
209 Bolton, Edwards, Pinehaven, Utica 1, Utica 2, Byram 1, Byram 2,  
210 Cayuga, Learned, Clinton 1, Clinton 2, Clinton 3, Clinton 4,





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

213 **SECTION 7.** Section 9-5-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
214 amended as follows:

215 9-5-31. (1) The Ninth Chancery Court District shall  
216 be \* \* \* composed of the following counties:

- 217 (a) Humphreys County;
- 218 (b) Issaquena County;
- 219 (c) Sharkey County;
- 220 (d) Sunflower County;
- 221 (e) Warren County; and
- 222 (f) Washington County.

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

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

227 (i) Sunflower County: Indianola 2 East\*,  
228 Indianola 3 North\*, Indianola 3 Northeast\*, Indianola 3 South\*,  
229 Ruleville, Boyer-Linn, Fairview-Hale, Rome, Sunflower Plantation,  
230 Drew and Ruleville North Precincts; and

231 (ii) Washington County: Buster Brown Community  
232 Center, Darlove Baptist Church\*, Extension Building, \* \* \* Grace  
233 Methodist Church\*, Brent Center, \* \* \* American Legion, Metcalf  
234 City Hall, Elks Club, Leland Health Department Clinic,



235 Leland \* \* \* Rotary Club, Potter House Church and Greenville  
236 Industrial College Precincts.

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

239 (i) Sunflower County: Inverness, \* \* \* Moorhead,  
240 Indianola 2 West, Indianola 2 East\*, Sunflower 3, Sunflower 4,  
241 Indianola 3 North\*, Indianola 3 Northeast\*, Indianola 3 South\*,  
242 Indianola Southeast and Doddsville Precincts; and

243 (ii) Washington County: Christ Wesleyan Methodist  
244 Church, St. James Episcopal Church, Swiftwater Baptist Church,  
245 Glen Allan Health Clinic, \* \* \* Ward's Recreation Center, \* \* \*  
246 Arcola City Hall, \* \* \* Hollandale City Hall, Darlove Baptist  
247 Church\*, \* \* \* Tampa Drive and Grace Methodist Church\* Precincts.

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

250 **SECTION 8.** Section 9-5-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
251 amended as follows:

252 9-5-37. (1) The Eleventh Chancery Court District shall  
253 be \* \* \* composed of the following counties:

254 (a) Holmes County;

255 \* \* \*

256 ( \* \* \*b) Madison County; and

257 ( \* \* \*c) Yazoo County.

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



260 (a) Subdistrict 11-1 shall consist of Holmes County,  
261 Yazoo County and Bible Church, Madison County Baptist Family Life  
262 Center, Canton Precinct 4, Canton Precinct 5, Smith School,  
263 Magnolia Heights and Flora Precincts of Madison County;

264 (b) Subdistrict 11-2 shall consist of \* \* \* Trace  
265 Harbor, Canton Precinct 1, Canton Precinct 2, Canton Precinct 3,  
266 Canton Precinct \* \* \* 7, Cedar Grove, Cobblestone, Highland Colony  
267 Baptist Church, Liberty, Luther Branson School, Main Harbor, New  
268 Industrial Park, North Bay, Ratliff Ferry, Bear Creek, Madison 1,  
269 Madison 2, Madison 3, Ridgeland 1, Ridgeland 3, Ridgeland 4,  
270 Ridgeland First Methodist Church, Ridgeland Tennis Center,  
271 Sunnybrook, Tougaloo, Victory Baptist Church, Whisper Lake,  
272 Yandell Road, Gluckstadt, Lorman/Cavalier, Virililia, Cameron,  
273 Couparle, Camden and Sharon Precincts of Madison County.

274 **SECTION 9.** Section 9-5-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
275 amended as follows:

276 9-5-21. The Sixth Chancery Court District shall be \* \* \*  
277 composed of the following counties:

- 278 (a) Attala County;  
279 (b) Carroll County;  
280 (c) Choctaw County;  
281 (d) \* \* \* Leake County;  
282 (e) Neshoba County; and  
283 (f) Winston County.



284           **SECTION 10.** Section 9-5-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
285 amended as follows:

286           9-5-39. The Twelfth Chancery Court District shall be \* \* \*  
287 composed of the following counties:

- 288                   (a) Clarke County; \* \* \*
- 289                   (b) Kemper County; and
- 290                   ( \* \* \*c) Lauderdale County.

291           **SECTION 11.** Section 9-5-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
292 amended as follows:

293           9-5-43. (1) The Fourteenth Chancery Court District shall  
294 be \* \* \* composed of the following counties:

- 295                   (a) Chickasaw County;
- 296                   (b) Clay County;
- 297                   (c) Lowndes County;
- 298                   (d) Noxubee County;
- 299                   (e) Oktibbeha County; and
- 300                   (f) Webster County.

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

- 303                   (a) Subdistrict 14-1 shall consist of Chickasaw County,  
304 Webster County and the following precincts in Oktibbeha County:  
305 Bell Schoolhouse\*, Central Starkville\*, West Starkville\*, North  
306 Adaton, South Adaton, North Longview, Self Creek, Double Springs,  
307 Northeast Starkville, East Starkville\*, North Starkville 2\*, North  
308 Starkville 3, Gillespie Street Center\*, Maben, South Starkville\*,



309 South Longview, Craig Springs, Bradley, Center Grove and Sturgis  
310 Precincts.

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

313 (i) Clay County: Vinton, East West Point, Siloam,  
314 Central West Point, South West Point and Cedar Bluff Precincts;  
315 and

316 (ii) Lowndes County: Caledonia, Steens A, Steens  
317 B, Steens C, \* \* \* Sale A, Sale B, Sale C, Rural Hill B, \* \* \*  
318 Brandon A, Brandon B, Brandon C, Brandon D, Columbus High School  
319 A, Columbus High School B, Columbus High School C, Columbus High  
320 School D, Dowdle Gas Training Center B, Fairgrounds F, Fairgrounds  
321 C, Fairgrounds E, Hunt C, Lee Middle School, \* \* \* Air Base A, Air  
322 Base B, Air Base C, Air Base D, Air Base E, Steens C, Rural Hill  
323 A, Rural Hill C, New Hope A, Mitchell A, New Hope B, New Hope C,  
324 New Hope D, New Hope E, Trinity B, Union Academy \* \* \* B, Union  
325 Academy C and University A Precincts.

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

328 (i) Clay County: North West Point, Union Star,  
329 Tibbee, Cairo, Caradine, \* \* \* West West Point, Pheba and Pine  
330 Bluff Precincts;

331 (ii) Lowndes County: \* \* \* Fair Grounds G,  
332 Fairgrounds A, Fairgrounds B, Fairgrounds D, Coleman A, Coleman B,  
333 Mitchell B, Plum Grove A, Crawford A, Hunt B, Hunt A, Union



334 Academy \* \* \* A, University B, West Lowndes A, West Lowndes B,  
335 Artesia, \* \* \* New Hope \* \* \* F, Plum Grove B, Propst Park  
336 Community Hut, Plum Grove C and Trinity A Precincts; and  
337 (iii) Oktibbeha County: Osborn, Hickory Grove,  
338 Bell Schoolhouse\*, Central Starkville\*, East Starkville\*, North  
339 Starkville 2\*, South Starkville\*, West Starkville\*, Southeast  
340 Oktibbeha, Gillespie Street Center\*, Sessums and Oktoc Precincts.

341 **SECTION 12.** Section 9-5-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
342 amended as follows:

343 9-5-51. (1) The Seventeenth Chancery Court District shall  
344 be \* \* \* composed of the following counties:

- 345 (a) Adams County;  
346 (b) Claiborne County;  
347 (c) Jefferson County; and  
348 (d) Wilkinson County.

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

351 (a) Subdistrict 17-1 shall consist of Claiborne County,  
352 Jefferson County, and the following precincts in Adams County:  
353 Carpenter\*, Convention Center\*, Foster Mound, Maryland \* \* \*\*,  
354 Palestine, Northside School, Thompson, Pine Ridge, Airport \* \* \*  
355 and Washington\* Precincts.

356 (b) Subdistrict 17-2 shall consist of Wilkinson County  
357 and the following precincts in Adams County: Courthouse, By-Pass  
358 Fire Station, \* \* \* Bellemont, Carpenter \* \* \*\*, Duncan Park, Beau



359 Pre, Kingston, Concord, Convention Center\*, Liberty Park,  
360 Maryland\*, Morgantown \* \* \*, Oakland and Washington\* Precincts.

361 (3) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the Seventeenth  
362 Chancery Court District. One (1) chancellor shall be elected from  
363 each subdistrict.

364 **SECTION 13.** Section 9-5-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
365 amended as follows:

366 9-5-5. The First Chancery Court District shall be \* \* \*  
367 composed of the following counties:

- 368 (a) Alcorn County;
- 369 (b) Itawamba County;
- 370 (c) Lee County;
- 371 (d) Monroe County;
- 372 (e) Pontotoc County;
- 373 (f) Prentiss County;
- 374 (g) Tishomingo County; and
- 375 (h) Union County.

376 **SECTION 14.** Section 9-5-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
377 amended as follows:

378 9-5-7. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the  
379 First Chancery Court District.

380 (2) For purposes of appointment and election, the four (4)  
381 chancellorships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for  
382 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One," "Place  
383 Two," "Place Three" and "Place Four." The chancellor to fill



384 Place One \* \* \* must be a resident of Alcorn, Prentiss or  
385 Tishomingo County. The chancellors to fill Place Two and Place  
386 Three \* \* \* must reside in Itawamba, Lee, Monroe, Pontotoc or  
387 Union County. The chancellor to fill Place Four \* \* \* may be a  
388 resident of any county in the district. Election of the four (4)  
389 offices of chancellor shall be by election to be held in every  
390 county within the First Chancery Court District of Mississippi.

391 **SECTION 15.** Section 9-5-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
392 amended as follows:

393 9-5-9. The Second Chancery Court District shall be \* \* \*  
394 composed of the following counties:

- 395 (a) Jasper County;  
396 (b) Newton County; and  
397 (c) Scott County.

398 **SECTION 16.** Section 9-5-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
399 amended as follows:

400 9-5-19. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the  
401 Fifth Chancery Court District. One (1) chancellor shall be  
402 elected \* \* \* by the voters of each subdistrict.

403 (2) While there shall be no limitation whatsoever upon the  
404 powers and duties of the said chancellors other than as cast upon  
405 them by the Constitution and laws of this state, the court in the  
406 First Judicial District of Hinds County, in the discretion of the  
407 senior chancellor, may be divided into four (4) divisions as a





408 matter of convenience by the entry of an order upon the minutes of  
409 the court.

410 **SECTION 17.** Section 9-5-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
411 amended as follows:

412 9-5-23. (1) The Seventh Chancery Court District shall  
413 be \* \* \* composed of the following counties:

- 414 (a) Bolivar County;
- 415 (b) Coahoma County;
- 416 (c) Leflore County;
- 417 (d) Quitman County;
- 418 (e) Tallahatchie County; and
- 419 (f) Tunica County.

420 (2) The Seventh Chancery Court District shall be divided  
421 into two (2) subdistricts as follows:

- 422 (a) Subdistrict 7-1 shall consist of Bolivar County and  
423 Coahoma County;
- 424 (b) Subdistrict 7-2 shall consist of Leflore County,  
425 Quitman County, Tallahatchie County and Tunica County.

426 **SECTION 18.** Section 9-5-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
427 amended as follows:

428 \* \* \*

429 9-5-25. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the Seventh  
430 Chancery Court District. The three (3) chancellorships shall be  
431 separate and distinct. One (1) chancellor shall be elected \* \* \*  
432 by the voters of Subdistrict 7-1 and shall be denominated for



433 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One," and two  
434 (2) chancellors shall be elected \* \* \* by the voters of  
435 Subdistrict 7-2 and shall be denominated for purposes of  
436 appointment and election only as "Place Two" and "Place Three."

437 **SECTION 19.** Section 9-5-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
438 amended as follows:

439 9-5-27. The Eighth Chancery Court District shall be \* \* \*  
440 composed of the following counties:

- 441 (a) Hancock County;
- 442 (b) Harrison County; and
- 443 (c) Stone County.

444 **SECTION 20.** Section 9-5-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
445 amended as follows:

446 9-5-33. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the Ninth  
447 Chancery Court District. One (1) chancellor shall be  
448 elected \* \* \* by the voters of each subdistrict.

449 **SECTION 21.** Section 9-5-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
450 amended as follows:

451 9-5-35. The Tenth Chancery Court District shall be \* \* \*  
452 composed of the following counties:

- 453 (a) Forrest County;
- 454 (b) Lamar County;
- 455 (c) Marion County;
- 456 (d) Pearl River County; and
- 457 (e) Perry County.



458           **SECTION 22.** Section 9-5-36, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
459 amended as follows:

460           9-5-36. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the  
461 Tenth Chancery Court District.

462           (2) For purposes of appointment and election, the four (4)  
463 chancellorships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for  
464 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One," "Place  
465 Two," "Place Three" and "Place Four." The chancellor to fill  
466 Place One and Place Four \* \* \* may be a resident of any county in  
467 the district. The chancellor to fill Place Two \* \* \* must be a  
468 resident of Lamar, Marion, Pearl River or Perry County. The  
469 chancellor to fill Place Three \* \* \* must be a resident of Forrest  
470 County. Election of the four (4) offices of chancellor shall be  
471 by election to be held in every county within the Tenth Chancery  
472 Court District of Mississippi.

473           **SECTION 23.** Section 9-5-38, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
474 amended as follows:

475           9-5-38. There shall be two (2) chancellors for the Eleventh  
476 Chancery Court District. One (1) chancellor shall be  
477 elected \* \* \* by the voters of each subdistrict.

478           **SECTION 24.** Section 9-5-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
479 amended as follows:

480           9-5-41. (1) The Thirteenth Chancery Court District shall  
481 be \* \* \* composed of the following counties:

482           (a) Covington County;



- 483 (b) Jefferson Davis County;  
484 (c) Lawrence County;  
485 (d) Simpson County; and  
486 (e) Smith County.

487 (2) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the Thirteenth  
488 Chancery Court District. For purposes of appointment and  
489 election, the two (2) chancellorships shall be separate and  
490 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election  
491 only as "Place One" and "Place Two."

492 **SECTION 25.** Section 9-5-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
493 amended as follows:

494 9-5-45. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the  
495 Fourteenth Chancery Court District. One (1) chancellor shall be  
496 elected \* \* \* by the voters of each subdistrict.

497 **SECTION 26.** Section 9-5-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
498 amended as follows:

499 9-5-47. The Fifteenth Chancery Court District shall be \* \* \*  
500 composed of the following counties:

- 501 (a) Copiah County; and  
502 (b) Lincoln County.

503 **SECTION 27.** Section 9-5-49, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
504 amended as follows:

505 9-5-49. The Sixteenth Chancery Court District shall be \* \* \*  
506 composed of the following counties:

- 507 (a) George County;



508 (b) Greene County; and

509 (c) Jackson County.

510 **SECTION 28.** Section 9-5-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
511 amended as follows:

512 9-5-53. The Eighteenth Chancery Court District shall  
513 be \* \* \* composed of the following counties:

514 (a) Benton County;

515 (b) Calhoun County;

516 (c) Lafayette County;

517 (d) Marshall County; and

518 (e) Tippah County.

519 **SECTION 29.** Section 9-5-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
520 amended as follows:

521 9-5-55. The Nineteenth Chancery Court District shall  
522 be \* \* \* composed of the following counties:

523 (a) Jones County; and

524 (b) Wayne County.

525 **SECTION 30.** Section 9-5-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
526 amended as follows:

527 9-5-57. The Twentieth Chancery Court District shall be \* \* \*  
528 Rankin County.

529 **SECTION 31.** Section 9-5-22, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
530 brought forward as follows:

531 9-5-22. (1) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the  
532 Sixth Chancery Court District.



533           (2) For purposes of appointment and election, the two (2)  
534 chancellorships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for  
535 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One" and  
536 "Place Two."

537           **SECTION 32.** Section 9-5-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
538 brought forward as follows:

539           9-5-29. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the  
540 Eighth Chancery Court District.

541           (2) For purposes of appointment and election, the four (4)  
542 chancellorships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for  
543 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One," "Place  
544 Two," "Place Three" and "Place Four."

545           (3) While there shall be no limitation whatsoever upon the  
546 powers and duties of said chancellors other than as cast upon them  
547 by the Constitution and laws of this state, the court in the  
548 Eighth Chancery Court District, in the discretion of the senior  
549 chancellor, may be divided into four (4) divisions as a matter of  
550 convenience by the entry of an order upon the minutes of the  
551 court.

552           **SECTION 33.** Section 9-5-40, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
553 brought forward as follows:

554           9-5-40. (1) There shall be two (2) judges for the Twelfth  
555 Chancery Court District.

556           (2) For purposes of appointment and election, the two (2)  
557 chancellorships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for



558 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One" and  
559 "Place Two."

560 **SECTION 34.** Section 9-5-50, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
561 brought forward as follows:

562 9-5-50. (1) There shall be three (3) chancellors for the  
563 Sixteenth Chancery Court District.

564 (2) For the purposes of appointment and election, the three  
565 (3) chancellorships shall be separate and distinct and denominated  
566 for purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One,"  
567 "Place Two" and "Place Three."

568 **SECTION 35.** Section 9-5-54, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
569 brought forward as follows:

570 9-5-54. (1) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the  
571 Eighteenth Chancery Court District.

572 (2) For purposes of appointment and election, the two (2)  
573 chancellorships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for  
574 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One" and  
575 "Place Two."

576 **SECTION 36.** Section 9-5-58, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
577 brought forward as follows:

578 9-5-58. There shall be two (2) chancellors for the Twentieth  
579 Chancery Court District. For purposes of appointment and election  
580 the two (2) chancellorships shall be separate and distinct and  
581 denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as  
582 "Place One" and "Place Two."



583           **SECTION 37.** Section 9-7-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
584 amended as follows:

585           9-7-1. A circuit judge shall be elected for and from each  
586 circuit court district and \* \* \* may hold court in any other  
587 district with the consent of the judge thereof \* \* \* when in their  
588 opinion the public interest may require. The terms of all circuit  
589 judges hereafter elected shall begin on the first day of January  
590 1931, and their terms of office shall continue for four (4) years.  
591 A circuit judge shall be a resident of the district in which he or  
592 she serves but shall not be required to be a resident of a  
593 subdistrict if the district is divided into subdistricts. Unless  
594 specifically provided otherwise, the boundaries of the  
595 subdistricts described in this chapter shall be the boundaries of  
596 the precincts as those boundaries are contained in the Census  
597 Bureau's 2010 TIGER/Line Shapefiles released in November 2010.

598           **SECTION 38.** Section 9-7-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
599 amended as follows:

600           9-7-3. (1) The state is divided into an appropriate number  
601 of circuit court districts severally numbered and \* \* \* composed  
602 of the counties as set forth in the sections which follow. A  
603 court to be styled "The Circuit Court of the County of \_\_\_\_" shall  
604 be held in each county, and within each judicial district of a  
605 county having two (2) judicial districts, at least twice a  
606 year. \* \* \* Court shall be held in circuit court districts  
607 consisting of a single county \* \* \* on the same dates state





608 agencies and political subdivisions are open for business  
609 excluding legal holidays. The dates upon which terms shall  
610 commence and the number of days for which \* \* \* the terms shall  
611 continue in circuit court districts consisting of more than one  
612 (1) county shall be set by order of the circuit court judge in  
613 accordance with the provisions of subsection (2) of this section.  
614 A matter in court may extend past \* \* \* a term if the interest of  
615 justice so requires.

616 (2) An order establishing the commencement and continuation  
617 of terms of court for each of the counties within a circuit court  
618 district consisting of more than one (1) county shall be entered  
619 annually and not later than October 1 of the year immediately  
620 preceding the calendar year for which \* \* \* the terms of court are  
621 to become effective. Notice of the dates upon which the terms of  
622 court shall commence and the number of days for which \* \* \* the  
623 terms shall continue in each of the counties within a circuit  
624 court district shall be posted in the office of the circuit clerk  
625 of each county within the district and mailed to the office of the  
626 Secretary of State for publication and distribution to all  
627 Mississippi Bar members. \* \* \* If an order is not timely  
628 entered \* \* \*, the terms of court for each of the counties within  
629 any \* \* \* circuit court district shall remain unchanged for the  
630 next calendar year. A certified copy of any order entered under  
631 the provisions of this subsection shall, immediately upon the  
632 entry thereof, be delivered to the clerk of the board of



633 supervisors in each of the counties within the circuit court  
634 district.

635 (3) The number of judges in each circuit court district  
636 shall be determined by the Legislature based upon the following  
637 criteria:

- 638 (a) The population of the district;
- 639 (b) The number of cases filed in the district;
- 640 (c) The case load of each judge in the district;
- 641 (d) The geographic area of the district;
- 642 (e) An analysis of the needs of the district by the  
643 court personnel of the district; and
- 644 (f) Any other appropriate criteria.

645 (4) The Judicial College of the University of Mississippi  
646 Law Center and the Administrative Office of Courts shall determine  
647 the appropriate:

- 648 (a) Specific data to be collected as a basis for  
649 applying the above criteria;
- 650 (b) Method of collecting and maintaining the specified  
651 data; and
- 652 (c) Method of assimilating the specified data.

653 (5) In a district having more than one (1) office of circuit  
654 judge, there shall be no distinction whatsoever in the powers,  
655 duties and emoluments of those offices except that the judge who  
656 has been for the longest time continuously a judge of that court  
657 or, should no judge have served longer in office than the others,



658 the judge who has been for the longest time a member of The  
659 Mississippi Bar, shall be the senior judge. The senior judge  
660 shall have the right to assign causes and dockets and to set terms  
661 in districts consisting of more than one (1) county. A circuit  
662 court judge shall have the right to assign criminal matters to  
663 county court as provided in Section 9-9-21.

664 **SECTION 39.** Section 9-7-54, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
665 amended as follows:

666 9-7-54. (1) There shall be \* \* \* three (3) judges for the  
667 Twentieth Circuit Court District.

668 (2) For purposes of appointment and election, the \* \* \*  
669 three (3) judgeships shall be separate and distinct and  
670 denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as  
671 "Place One," \* \* \* "Place Two \* \* \*" and "Place Three."

672 **SECTION 40.** Section 9-7-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
673 amended as follows:

674 9-7-35. (1) The Twelfth Circuit Court District shall  
675 be \* \* \* composed of the following counties:

676 (a) Forrest County; and

677 (b) Perry County.

678 (2) There shall be two (2) circuit court judges for the  
679 Twelfth Circuit Court District. For purposes of appointment and  
680 election, the two (2) judgeships shall be separate and distinct  
681 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as  
682 "Place One" and "Place Two."



683           **SECTION 41.** Section 9-7-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
684 amended as follows:

685           9-7-47. The Eighteenth Circuit Court District shall be  
686 composed of the following counties:

687                   (a) Jones County; and

688                   (b) Wayne County.

689           **SECTION 42.** Section 9-7-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
690 amended as follows:

691           9-7-31. The Tenth Circuit Court District shall be \* \* \*  
692 composed of the following counties:

693                   (a) Clarke County;

694                   (b) Kemper County; and

695                   (c) Lauderdale County \* \* \*.

696           **SECTION 43.** Section 9-7-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
697 amended as follows:

698           9-7-15. (1) The Fourth Circuit Court District shall be  
699 composed of the following counties:

700                   (a) Leflore County;

701                   (b) Sunflower County; and

702                   (c) Washington County.

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

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



707 (i) Leflore County: Central Greenwood\*, Minter  
708 City, North Greenwood, Money, Northeast Greenwood, Schlater, West  
709 Greenwood\*, Mississippi Valley State University and Southeast  
710 Greenwood Precincts; and

711 (ii) Sunflower County: Ruleville, Rome, Sunflower  
712 Plantation, Drew, Doddsville, Boyer-Linn, Fairview-Hale\* and  
713 Ruleville North Precincts.

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

716 (i) Sunflower County: Fairview-Hale\*,  
717 Indianola \* \* \* 2 East\*, Sunflower 3, Sunflower 4, Indianola 3  
718 North, Indianola 3 South\*, Indianola Southeast and Indianola 3  
719 Northeast Precincts; and

720 (ii) Washington County: Buster Brown Community  
721 Center\*, Darlove Baptist Church\*, Extension Building\*, Grace  
722 Methodist Church\*, \* \* \* American Legion, Metcalfe City Hall, Elks  
723 Club, Leland Health Department Clinic, Leland\* \* \* Rotary Club,  
724 Potter House Church\*, St. James Episcopal Church\* and Greenville  
725 Industrial College\* Precincts.

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

728 (i) Leflore County: East Greenwood \* \* \*, Central  
729 Greenwood\*, North Itta Bena, South Itta Bena, Southwest Greenwood,  
730 West Greenwood\*, Rising Sun, Sidon, Morgan City \* \* \*/Swiftown and  
731 South Greenwood Precincts;



732 (ii) Sunflower County: Moorhead, Inverness,  
733 Indianola 3 South\*, Indianola 2 West and Indianola 2 East\*  
734 Precincts; and

735 (iii) Washington County: Arcola City Hall\*,  
736 Hollandale City Hall \* \* \* and Darlove Baptist Church\* \* \* \*  
737 Precincts.

738 (d) Subdistrict 4-4 shall consist of the following  
739 precincts in Washington County: Arcola City Hall\*, Christ  
740 Wesleyan Methodist Church, Extension Building\*, Greenville  
741 Industrial College\*, Potter House Church\*, St. James Episcopal  
742 Church\*, Swiftwater Baptist Church, Tampa Drive, Glen Allan Health  
743 Clinic, \* \* \* Ward's Recreation Center, Buster Brown Community  
744 Center\*, \* \* \* Brent Center \* \* \* and Grace Methodist Church\*  
745 Precincts.

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

749 **SECTION 44.** Section 9-7-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
750 amended as follows:

751 9-7-17. There shall be four (4) circuit judges for the  
752 Fourth Circuit Court District. One (1) circuit judge shall be  
753 elected \* \* \* by the voters of each subdistrict.

754 **SECTION 45.** Section 9-7-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
755 amended as follows:



756 9-7-21. (1) The Sixth Circuit Court District shall be \* \* \*

757 composed of the following counties:

758 (a) Adams County;

759 (b) Amite County;

760 (c) Franklin County; and

761 (d) Wilkinson County.

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

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

766 (i) Adams County: Courthouse\*, By-Pass Fire  
767 Station, \* \* \* Carpenter \* \* \*, Concord\*, Duncan Park\*, Foster  
768 Mound, Maryland\* \* \* \*, Northside School, Thompson, Pine Ridge,  
769 Washington\* and Airport \* \* \* Precincts; and

770 (ii) Amite County: Gloster\*, Ariel, Homochitto,  
771 Crosby, East Centreville, East Gloster\*, South Liberty\*, Street  
772 and Berwick Precincts.

773 (b) Subdistrict 6-2 shall consist of Franklin  
774 County \* \* \* and the following precincts in the following  
775 counties:

776 (i) Adams County: Bellemont, Concord\*, Convention  
777 Center, Courthouse\*, Duncan Park\*, Beau Pre, Kingston, Liberty  
778 Park, Maryland\*, Palestine, Morgantown, Oakland and Washington\*  
779 Precincts \* \* \*; and



780                   (ii) Amite County: Amite River, East Fork, East  
781 Gloster\*, East Liberty, Gloster\*, Liberty, New Zion, Oneil,  
782 Riceville, Smithdale, South Liberty\*, Tangipahoa, Tickfaw, Walls  
783 and Zion Hills Precincts.

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

787           **SECTION 46.** Section 9-7-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
788 amended as follows:

789           9-7-23. (1) The Seventh Circuit Court District shall  
790 be \* \* \* Hinds County.

791           (2) The Seventh Circuit Court District shall be divided into  
792 four (4) subdistricts in Hinds County as follows:

793           (a) Subdistrict 7-1 shall consist of the following  
794 precincts in Hinds County: Precincts 33, 34, 35, 36, 44, 45, 46,  
795 78, 79, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 92, 93, 96, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9,  
796 10, 32, 47 and 97.

797           (b) Subdistrict 7-2 shall consist of the following  
798 precincts in Hinds County: Precincts 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43,  
799 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30  
800 and 85, Brownsville, Cynthia, Pocahontas and Tinnin Precincts.

801           (c) Subdistrict 7-3 shall consist of the following  
802 precincts in Hinds County: Precincts 21, 22, 25, 31, 86, 58, 59,  
803 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 89, 24, 26, 54, 55, 56, 57, 60, 61, 62,





804 18, 19, 20, 50, 51, 52, 53, 63 \* \* \*, 64 and Jackson State  
805 Precinct.

806 (d) Subdistrict 7-4 shall consist of the following  
807 precincts in Hinds County: Precincts 94, 95, 87, 88, 90 and 91,  
808 Bolton, Edwards, Pinehaven, Utica 1, Utica 2, Byram 1, Byram 2,  
809 Cayuga, Learned, Clinton 1, Clinton 2, Clinton 3, Clinton 4,  
810 Clinton 5, Clinton 6, Raymond 1, Raymond 2, Spring Ridge, St.  
811 Thomas, Old Byram, Terry, Chapel Hill and Dry Grove Precincts.

812 **SECTION 47.** Section 9-7-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
813 amended as follows:

814 9-7-29. (1) The Ninth Circuit Court District shall be \* \* \*  
815 composed of the following counties:

- 816 (a) Issaquena County;  
817 (b) Sharkey County; and  
818 (c) Warren County.

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

821 (a) Subdistrict 9-1 shall consist of Issaquena County,  
822 Sharkey County and the following precincts in Warren County: 3-61  
823 Store\*, St. Aloysius, Kings\*, Cedar Grove\*, \* \* \* Auditorium,  
824 Brunswick, Number 7 Fire Station\*, Vicksburg Junior High School\*  
825 and American Legion Hall Precincts.

826 (b) Subdistrict 9-2 shall consist of the following  
827 precincts in Warren County: 3-61 Store\*, Beechwood, Cedar Grove\*,  
828 Kings\*, Oak Ridge, Bovina, Culkin, Redwood, Number 7 Fire



829 Station\*, Jett, Elks Lodge, Goodrum, \* \* \* Plumbers Hall, \* \* \*  
830 Moose Lodge, Vicksburg Junior High School\*, YMCA, Yokena and  
831 Tingleville Precincts.

832         **SECTION 48.** Section 9-7-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
833 amended as follows:

834         9-7-33. (1) The Eleventh Circuit Court District shall  
835 be \* \* \* composed of the following counties:

- 836                 (a) Bolivar County;
- 837                 (b) Coahoma County;
- 838                 (c) Quitman County; and
- 839                 (d) Tunica County.

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

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

844                         (i) Bolivar County: Gunnison, East Rosedale\*,  
845 West Rosedale, Pace, Benoit, Beulah, Choctaw, Scott, East-Central  
846 Cleveland\*, Cleveland Courthouse, \* \* \* East Cleveland\*, West  
847 Cleveland, West Central Cleveland, Longshot, North Cleveland,  
848 Northwest Cleveland\*, South Cleveland\*, Skene, Shaw, Boyle and  
849 Stringtown Precincts; and

850                         (ii) Coahoma County: Sherard\*, Clarksdale 2-4\*,  
851 Clarksdale 5-4\*, Farrell\*, Rena Lara, and Bobo Precincts.

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



854 (i) Bolivar County: \* \* \* Cleveland Eastgate,  
855 Duncan/Alligator, East Central Cleveland\*, Shelby, Mound Bayou,  
856 Winstonville, Merigold, Northwest Cleveland\*, Renova, South  
857 Cleveland\* and East Cleveland\* Precincts;

858 (ii) Coahoma County: Clarksdale 1-4\*, Clarksdale  
859 3-4, Clarksdale 4-2, \* \* \* Clarksdale 4-3, Clarksdale 3-3, Cagle  
860 Crossing, Dublin and Roundway Precincts; and

861 (iii) Quitman County: \* \* \* Belen\*, District 3  
862 South\*, Northwest Marks, Southwest Marks, West Lambert \* \* \* and  
863 Lambert \* \* \* Precincts.

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

866 (i) Coahoma County: Lula, Farrell\*, Friars Point,  
867 Lyon, Clarksdale 1-4\*, \* \* \* Clarksdale 2-4\*, Clarksdale 5-4\*,  
868 Coahoma, Sherard\* and Jonestown Precincts; and

869 (ii) Quitman County: Crenshaw, Sledge, \* \* \*  
870 Darling, Belen\*, \* \* \* District 3 North, District 3 South\* and  
871 Crowder Precincts.

872 **SECTION 49.** Section 9-7-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
873 amended as follows:

874 9-7-5. The First Circuit Court District shall be \* \* \*  
875 composed of the following counties:

- 876 (a) Alcorn County;
- 877 (b) Itawamba County;
- 878 (c) Lee County;



- 879 (d) Monroe County;  
880 (e) Pontotoc County;  
881 (f) Prentiss County; and  
882 (g) Tishomingo County.

883 **SECTION 50.** Section 9-7-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
884 amended as follows:

885 9-7-7. (1) There shall be four (4) judges for the First  
886 Circuit Court District.

887 (2) For purposes of appointment and election, the four (4)  
888 judgeships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for  
889 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One," "Place  
890 Two," "Place Three" and "Place Four." The judge to fill Place  
891 One \* \* \* may be a resident of Alcorn, Prentiss or Tishomingo  
892 County. The judges to fill Place Two and Place Three \* \* \* must  
893 reside in Itawamba, Lee, Monroe or Pontotoc County. The judge to  
894 fill Place Four \* \* \* may be a resident of any county in the  
895 district. Election of the four (4) offices of judge shall be by  
896 election to be held in every county within the First Circuit Court  
897 District.

898 **SECTION 51.** Section 9-7-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
899 amended as follows:

900 9-7-9. The Second Circuit Court District shall be \* \* \*  
901 composed of the following counties:

- 902 (a) Hancock County;  
903 (b) Harrison County; and



904 (c) Stone County.

905 **SECTION 52.** Section 9-7-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
906 amended as follows:

907 9-7-13. The Third Circuit Court District shall be \* \* \*  
908 composed of the following counties:

- 909 (a) Benton County;
- 910 (b) Calhoun County;
- 911 (c) Chickasaw County;
- 912 (d) Lafayette County;
- 913 (e) Marshall County;
- 914 (f) Tippah County; and
- 915 (g) Union County.

916 **SECTION 53.** Section 9-7-14, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
917 amended as follows:

918 9-7-14. (1) There shall be three (3) circuit judges for the  
919 Third Circuit Court District.

920 (2) For purposes of appointment and election, the three (3)  
921 judgeships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for  
922 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One," "Place  
923 Two" and "Place Three." The judge to fill "Place One" \* \* \* must  
924 be a resident of Calhoun, Chickasaw, Lafayette or Union \* \* \*  
925 County. The judge to fill "Place Two" \* \* \* must be a resident of  
926 Benton, Marshall or Tippah County. The judge to fill "Place  
927 Three" \* \* \* may be a resident of any county in the district.



928           **SECTION 54.** Section 9-7-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
929 amended as follows:

930           9-7-19. The Fifth Circuit Court District shall be \* \* \*  
931 composed of the following counties:

- 932           (a) Attala County;
- 933           (b) Carroll County;
- 934           (c) Choctaw County;
- 935           (d) Grenada County;
- 936           (e) Montgomery County;
- 937           (f) Webster County; and
- 938           (g) Winston County.

939           **SECTION 55.** Section 9-7-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
940 amended as follows:

941           9-7-21. (1) The Sixth Circuit Court District shall be \* \* \*  
942 composed of the following counties:

- 943           (a) Adams County;
- 944           (b) Amite County;
- 945           (c) Franklin County; and
- 946           (d) Wilkinson County.

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

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

- 951           (i) Adams County: Courthouse\*, By-Pass Fire  
952 Station, \* \* \* Carpenter \* \* \*, Concord\*, Duncan Park\*, Foster



953 Mound, Maryland\* \* \* \*, Northside School, Thompson, Pine Ridge,  
954 Washington\* and Airport \* \* \* Precincts; and

955 (ii) Amite County: Gloster\*, Ariel, Homochitto,  
956 Crosby, East Centreville, East Gloster\*, South Liberty\*, Street  
957 and Berwick Precincts.

958 (b) Subdistrict 6-2 shall consist of Franklin  
959 County \* \* \* and the following precincts in the following  
960 counties:

961 (i) Adams County: Bellemont, Concord\*, Convention  
962 Center, Courthouse\*, Duncan Park\*, Beau Pre, Kingston, Liberty  
963 Park, Maryland\*, Palestine, Morgantown, Oakland and Washington\*  
964 Precincts \* \* \*; and

965 (ii) Amite County: Amite River, East Fork, East  
966 Gloster\*, East Liberty, Gloster\*, Liberty, New Zion, Oneil,  
967 Riceville, Smithdale, South Liberty\*, Tangipahoa, Tickfaw, Walls  
968 and Zion Hills Precincts.

969 (3) There shall be two (2) circuit judges for the Sixth  
970 Circuit Court District. One (1) judge shall be elected \* \* \* by  
971 the voters each subdistrict.

972 **SECTION 56.** Section 9-7-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
973 amended as follows:

974 9-7-25. (1) There shall be four (4) circuit judges for the  
975 Seventh Circuit Court District. One (1) judge shall be  
976 elected \* \* \* by the voters of each subdistrict.



977 (2) While there shall be no limitation whatsoever upon the  
978 powers and duties of the said judges other than as cast upon them  
979 by the Constitution and laws of this state, the court in the First  
980 Judicial District of Hinds County, in the discretion of the senior  
981 circuit judge, may be divided into civil and criminal divisions as  
982 a matter of convenience, by the entry of an order upon the minutes  
983 of the court.

984 **SECTION 57.** Section 9-7-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
985 amended as follows:

986 9-7-27. (1) The Eighth Circuit Court District shall  
987 be \* \* \* composed of the following counties:

- 988 (a) Leake County;
- 989 (b) Neshoba County;
- 990 (c) Newton County; and
- 991 (d) Scott County.

992 (2) There shall be two (2) judges for the Eighth Circuit  
993 Court District.

994 \* \* \* For purposes of appointment and election, the two (2)  
995 judgeships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for  
996 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One" and  
997 "Place Two."

998 **SECTION 58.** Section 9-7-30, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
999 amended as follows:





1000 9-7-30. There shall be two (2) judges for the Ninth Circuit  
1001 Court District. One (1) judge shall be elected \* \* \* by the  
1002 voters of each subdistrict.

1003 **SECTION 59.** Section 9-7-34, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1004 amended as follows:

1005 9-7-34. There shall be three (3) judges for the Eleventh  
1006 Circuit Court District. One (1) judge shall be elected \* \* \* by  
1007 the voters of each subdistrict.

1008 **SECTION 60.** Section 9-7-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1009 amended as follows:

1010 9-7-37. The Thirteenth Circuit Court District shall be \* \* \*  
1011 composed of the following counties:

- 1012 (a) Covington County;
- 1013 (b) Jasper County;
- 1014 (c) Simpson County; and
- 1015 (d) Smith County.

1016 **SECTION 61.** Section 9-7-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1017 amended as follows:

1018 9-7-39. (1) The Fourteenth Circuit Court District shall  
1019 be \* \* \* composed of the following counties:

- 1020 (a) Lincoln County;
- 1021 (b) Pike County; and
- 1022 (c) Walthall County.

1023 (2) (a) There shall be two (2) judges for the Fourteenth  
1024 Circuit Court District.



1025 (b) For purposes of appointment and election, the two  
1026 (2) judgeships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for  
1027 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One" and  
1028 "Place Two."

1029 **SECTION 62.** Section 9-7-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1030 amended as follows:

1031 9-7-41. The Fifteenth Circuit Court District shall be \* \* \*  
1032 composed of the following counties:

- 1033 (a) Jefferson Davis County;
- 1034 (b) Lamar County;
- 1035 (c) Lawrence County;
- 1036 (d) Marion County; and
- 1037 (e) Pearl River County.

1038 **SECTION 63.** Section 9-7-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1039 amended as follows:

1040 9-7-43. The Sixteenth Circuit Court District shall be \* \* \*  
1041 composed of the following counties:

- 1042 (a) Clay County;
- 1043 (b) Lowndes County;
- 1044 (c) Noxubee County; and
- 1045 (d) Oktibbeha County.

1046 **SECTION 64.** Section 9-7-44, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1047 amended as follows:

1048 9-7-44. (1) There shall be three (3) judges for the  
1049 Sixteenth Circuit Court District.



1050 (2) For purposes of appointment and election, the three (3)  
1051 judgeships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for  
1052 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One," "Place  
1053 Two" and "Place Three." The judge to fill Place One \* \* \* must be  
1054 a resident of Lowndes County. The judge to fill Place Two \* \* \*  
1055 must be a resident of Oktibbeha County. The judge to fill Place  
1056 Three \* \* \* must be a resident of either Clay or Noxubee County.  
1057 Election of the three (3) offices of judge shall be by election to  
1058 be held in every county within the Sixteenth Circuit Court  
1059 District.

1060 **SECTION 65.** Section 9-7-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1061 amended as follows:

1062 9-7-45. The Seventeenth Circuit Court District shall be  
1063 divided into two (2) subdistricts as follows:

1064 (a) Subdistrict 17-1 shall \* \* \* be composed of DeSoto  
1065 County; and

1066 (b) Subdistrict 17-2 shall \* \* \* be composed of Panola  
1067 County, Tallahatchie County, Tate County and Yalobusha County.

1068 **SECTION 66.** Section 9-7-46, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1069 amended as follows:

1070 9-7-46. (1) There shall be four (4) circuit judges for the  
1071 Seventeenth Circuit Court District.

1072 (2) For the purpose of appointment and election, the four  
1073 (4) judgeships shall be separate and distinct, and one (1) judge  
1074 shall be elected \* \* \* by the voters of Subdistrict 17-1, two (2)



1075 judges shall be elected \* \* \* by the voters of Subdistrict 17-2,  
1076 and one (1) judge shall be elected \* \* \* by the voters every  
1077 county in the district. The two (2) judgeships in Subdistrict  
1078 17-2 shall be denominated as "Place One" and "Place Two," the  
1079 judgeship in Subdistrict 17-1 shall be denominated as "Place  
1080 Three," and the at-large judgeship shall be denominated as "Place  
1081 Four."

1082       **SECTION 67.** Section 9-7-49, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1083 amended as follows:

1084       9-7-49. (1) The Nineteenth Circuit Court District shall  
1085 be \* \* \* composed of the following counties:

- 1086               (a) George County;
- 1087               (b) Greene County; and
- 1088               (c) Jackson County.

1089       (2) The local contribution required for the maintenance of  
1090 the Nineteenth Circuit Court District shall not exceed, as to  
1091 George and Greene Counties, the amount of their present local  
1092 contribution in their present respective circuit court districts,  
1093 and any excess shall be paid by Jackson County.

1094       **SECTION 68.** Section 9-7-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1095 amended as follows:

1096       9-7-53. The Twentieth Circuit Court District shall be \* \* \*  
1097 composed of the following counties:

- 1098               (a) Madison County; and
- 1099               (b) Rankin County.



1100           **SECTION 69.** Section 9-7-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1101 amended as follows:

1102           9-7-55. The Twenty-first Circuit Court District shall  
1103 be \* \* \* composed of the following counties:

- 1104                   (a) Holmes County;
- 1105                   (b) Humphreys County; and
- 1106                   (c) Yazoo County.

1107           **SECTION 70.** Section 9-7-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1108 amended as follows:

1109           9-7-57. The Twenty-second Circuit Court District shall  
1110 be \* \* \* composed of the following counties:

- 1111                   (a) Claiborne County;
- 1112                   (b) Covich County; and
- 1113                   (c) Jefferson County.

1114           **SECTION 71.** Section 9-7-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1115 brought forward as follows:

1116           9-7-11. (1) There shall be four (4) circuit judges for the  
1117 Second Circuit Court District.

1118           (2) For the purposes of appointment and election the four  
1119 (4) judgeships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for  
1120 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One," "Place  
1121 Two," "Place Three" and "Place Four."

1122           **SECTION 72.** Section 9-7-20, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1123 brought forward as follows:



1124 9-7-20. (1) There shall be two (2) judges for the Fifth  
1125 Circuit Court District.

1126 (2) For purposes of appointment and election, the two (2)  
1127 judgeships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for  
1128 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One" and  
1129 "Place Two."

1130 **SECTION 73.** Section 9-7-32, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1131 brought forward as follows:

1132 9-7-32. (1) There shall be two (2) judges for the Tenth  
1133 Circuit Court District.

1134 (2) For purposes of appointment and election, the two (2)  
1135 judgeships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for  
1136 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One" and  
1137 "Place Two."

1138 **SECTION 74.** Section 9-7-42, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1139 brought forward as follows:

1140 9-7-42. (1) There shall be two (2) judges for the Fifteenth  
1141 Circuit Court District.

1142 (2) For purposes of appointment and election, the two (2)  
1143 judgeships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for  
1144 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One" and  
1145 "Place Two."

1146 **SECTION 75.** Section 9-7-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1147 brought forward as follows:



1148 9-7-51. (1) There shall be three (3) circuit judges for the  
1149 Nineteenth Circuit Court District. For the purposes of  
1150 appointment and election, the three (3) judgeships shall be  
1151 separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment  
1152 and election only as "Place One," "Place Two" and "Place Three."

1153 (2) The senior judge of the Nineteenth Circuit Court  
1154 District may divide the court of any county within the district  
1155 into civil, criminal and appellate court divisions as a matter of  
1156 convenience by the entry of an order upon the minutes of the  
1157 court.

1158 **SECTION 76.** The boundaries of the subdistricts described in  
1159 this act shall be the boundaries of the precincts as those  
1160 boundaries are contained in the Census Bureau's 2010 TIGER/Line  
1161 Shapefiles released in November 2010.

1162 **SECTION 77.** The Standing Joint Legislature Committee on  
1163 Reapportionment is directed to provide the counties all  
1164 information necessary to assist the counties in identifying the  
1165 boundaries of any subdistricts created or amended in this act.

1166 **SECTION 78.** Candidates for the new chancellorships and  
1167 circuit judgeships created by this act shall qualify for candidacy  
1168 and run for election in the judicial elections of November 2018 as  
1169 is provided by Sections 23-15-974 through 23-15-985 (Nonpartisan  
1170 Judicial Election Act).

1171 **SECTION 79.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
1172 and after January 1, 2019, except that Sections 76, 77 and 78 of



1173 this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
1174 passage.

