To: Judiciary A

By: Representative Banks

HOUSE BILL NO. 624

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 9-7-23 AND 9-7-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE 2 OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE FIVE JUDGES IN THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT 3 DISTRICT; TO REVISE THE SUBDISTRICTS OF THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: **SECTION 1.** Section 9-7-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 6 7 amended as follows: 9-7-23. (1) The Seventh Circuit Court District shall be 8 9 Hinds County. 10 (2) The Seventh Circuit Court District shall be divided into * * * five (5) subdistricts in Hinds County as follows: 11 12 (a) Subdistrict 7-1 shall * * * have the same 13 boundaries as Hinds County Supervisor District 1. 14 (b) Subdistrict 7-2 shall * * * have the same boundaries as Hinds County Supervisor District 2. 15 (c) Subdistrict 7-3 shall * * * have the same 16 17 boundaries as Hinds County Supervisor District 3.

(d) Subdistrict 7-4 shall * * * have the same

boundaries as Hinds County Supervisor District 4.

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20 (e)	Subdistrict	7-5	shall	have	the	same	boundaries	as
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- 21 Hinds County Supervisor District 5.
- SECTION 2. Section 9-7-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 23 amended as follows:
- 24 9-7-25. (1) There shall be \star \star five (5) circuit judges
- 25 for the Seventh Circuit Court District. One (1) judge shall be
- 26 elected from each subdistrict.
- 27 (2) While there shall be no limitation whatsoever upon the
- 28 powers and duties of the said judges other than as cast upon them
- 29 by the Constitution and laws of this state, the court in the First
- 30 Judicial District of Hinds County, in the discretion of the senior
- 31 circuit judge, may be divided into civil and criminal divisions as
- 32 a matter of convenience, by the entry of an order upon the minutes
- 33 of the court.
- 34 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 35 and after July 1, 2018.