

**Adopted
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

House Bill No. 904

BY: Committee

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

12 **SECTION 1.** Section 9-7-14, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
13 amended as follows:

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

16 (2) The three (3) judgeships shall be separate and distinct
17 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as
18 "Place One," "Place Two" and "Place Three." * * *

19 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this act applies to the regular
20 judicial election to be held in November 2022 for the Third
21 Circuit Court District, to any special election held before



22 November 2022, and to any election that occurs thereafter for the
23 Third Circuit Court District.

24 **SECTION 3.** Section 9-7-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
25 amended as follows:

26 9-7-15. (1) The Fourth Circuit Court District shall be
27 composed of the following counties:

- 28 (a) Leflore County;
- 29 (b) Sunflower County; and
- 30 (c) Washington County.

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

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

35 (i) Leflore County: Central Greenwood*, Minter
36 City, Mississippi Valley State University, Money, North Greenwood,
37 Northeast Greenwood, Schlater, Southeast Greenwood, Southwest
38 Greenwood* and West Greenwood* * * * Precincts; and

39 (ii) Sunflower County: Boyer-Linn, Doddsville,
40 Drew, Fairview-Hale*, Rome, Ruleville, Ruleville North, Sunflower
41 3* and Sunflower Plantation * * * Precincts.

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

44 (i) Sunflower County: Fairview-Hale*,
45 Indianola * * * 2 East*, Indianola 3 North, Indianola 3 Northeast,



46 Indianola 3 South*, Indianola Southeast*, Sunflower 3* and
47 Sunflower 4 Precincts; and

48 (ii) Washington County: Buster Brown Community
49 Center*, Darlove Baptist Church*, Elks Club*, Extension
50 Building*, * * * Grace Methodist Church*, Greenville Industrial
51 College*, Potter House Church* and St. James Episcopal Church*
52 Precincts.

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

55 (i) Leflore County: Central Greenwood*, East
56 Greenwood * * *, Morgan City/Swiftown*, North Itta Bena, Rising
57 Sun, Sidon, * * * South Greenwood*, South Itta Bena, Southwest
58 Greenwood* and West Greenwood* Precincts;

59 (ii) Sunflower County: Indianola 2 East*,
60 Indianola 2 West * * *, Indianola 3 South*, Indianola Southeast*,
61 Inverness * * * and Moorhead * * * Precincts; and

62 (iii) Washington County: Arcola City Hall* * * *
63 and Darlove Baptist Church* * * * Precincts.

64 (d) Subdistrict 4-4 shall consist of the following
65 precincts in Washington County: Arcola City Hall*, Buster Brown
66 Community Center*, Elks Club*, Extension Building*, Grace
67 Methodist Church*, Greenville Industrial College*, Potter House
68 Church*, St. James Episcopal Church* * * * and Ward's Recreation
69 Center * * * Precincts.



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

73 **SECTION 4.** The boundaries of the precincts described in
74 Section 3 of this act shall be the boundaries of the precincts as
75 those boundaries are contained in the Census Bureau's 2010
76 TIGER/Line Shapefiles released in November 2010. Partial or split
77 precincts are identified by an asterisk (*).

78 **SECTION 5.** (1) The Standing Joint Legislative Committee on
79 Reapportionment is directed to provide the counties census block
80 equivalency files and maps necessary to assist the counties in
81 identifying the boundaries of any subdistricts within a chancery
82 or circuit court district.

83 (2) (a) The Split Precinct Block List developed in
84 conjunction with House Bill No. 703, 2015 Regular Session, that
85 details the portions of the partial or split precincts that are
86 contained within a judicial subdistrict by census block number as
87 that list is utilized to detail partial or split precincts for
88 judicial subdistricts in this act is hereby incorporated into and
89 shall be construed to be an integral part of Section 3 of this
90 act. A partial or split precinct contained in Section 3 of this
91 act is identified by an asterisk (*) following its designation
92 within any judicial subdistrict.

93 (3) (a) Section 3 of this act shall be liberally construed
94 to effectuate the purposes hereof and to redistrict the trial



95 courts of this state in compliance with constitutional
96 requirements.

97 (b) It is intended that no subdistrict shall include
98 any of the area included within the description of any other
99 subdistrict.

100 (c) (i) If the district or subdistricts described in
101 Section 3 of this act do not carry out the purposes hereof because
102 of: omissions; duplication; overlapping areas; erroneous
103 nomenclature; lack of adequate maps or descriptions of political
104 subdivisions, wards or other divisions thereof, or of their
105 boundary lines; then the Secretary of State, at the joint request
106 of the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House, by order,
107 shall correct any omissions, overlaps, erroneous nomenclature or
108 other defects in the description of the districts and subdistricts
109 so as to accomplish the purposes and objectives of this act.

110 (ii) In promulgating any order under this
111 subsection (3), the Secretary of State, in addition to ensuring
112 that all areas of the state are completely and accurately
113 encompassed in the districts and subdistricts, shall be guided by
114 the following standards:

115 1. Gaps in the description of any district or
116 subdistrict shall be completed in a manner that results in a total
117 description of the district or subdistrict that is consonant with
118 the description of adjacent districts or subdistricts and results
119 in complete contiguity of districts and subdistricts;



120 2. In any allocation of area or correction of
121 descriptions made pursuant to this subsection, the Secretary of
122 State shall, consistent with the foregoing standards, preserve the
123 contiguity and compactness of districts and subdistricts and avoid
124 the unnecessary division of political subdivisions.

125 (d) A copy of any order issued under this subsection
126 shall be filed by the Secretary of State in his own office and in
127 the offices of the affected commissioners of election and
128 registrars. The Secretary of State may adopt reasonable rules
129 regulating the procedure for applications for orders under this
130 act and the manner of serving and filing any notice or copy of
131 orders. Upon the filing of an order, the description of any
132 affected district or subdistrict shall be deemed to have been
133 corrected to the full extent as if the correction had been
134 contained in the original description set forth in Section 3 of
135 this act.

136 **SECTION 6.** House Bill No. 703, 2015 Regular Session: (a)
137 did not update precinct names in the judicial redistricting
138 legislation for the Fourth Circuit Court District due to pending
139 litigation, and (b) retained all judicial subdistrict boundaries
140 of the 1990 census as set forth in Sections 9-5-1 and 9-7-1,
141 Mississippi Code of 1972.

142 **SECTION 7.** It being the intent of the Legislature that
143 Section 3 of this act be retroactive, Sections 3, 4, 5 and 6 of
144 this act shall take effect and be in force from and after April



145 22, 2015. The remainder of this act shall take effect and be in
146 force from and after its passage.

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

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-7-14, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REMOVE THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR JUDGES IN THE THIRD CIRCUIT
3 COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-7-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
4 TO UPDATE PRECINCTS AND PRECINCT NAMES IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT
5 DISTRICT TO CONFORM TO THE 2010 CENSUS DATA; TO PROVIDE THAT
6 REVISED PRECINCTS ARE FROM THE 2010 CENSUS, BUT THAT SUBDISTRICT
7 BOUNDARIES CONFORM TO THE 1990 PRECINCTS AS REQUIRED BY LAW; TO
8 REQUIRE THE STANDING JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON
9 REAPPORTIONMENT TO ASSIST THE COUNTIES IN IDENTIFYING THE
10 BOUNDARIES OF SUBDISTRICTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

