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To: Apportionment and
Elections

HOUSE BILL NO. 34

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE LEGISLATURE, BY AND THROUGH
2 COMMITTEE, SHALL AT ITS REGULAR SESSION IN THE SECOND YEAR
3 FOLLOWING THE 2030 DECENNIAL CENSUS AND EVERY TEN YEARS
4 THEREAFTER, HAVE THE POWER TO ALTER THE BOUNDARIES OF THE
5 SUPERVISORS DISTRICTS, VOTING PRECINCTS, SUB-PRECINCTS AND THE
6 VOTING PLACES AND APPORTION THE COUNTIES, MUNICIPALITIES, COUNTY
7 SCHOOL DISTRICTS, CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICTS, CONGRESSIONAL
8 DISTRICT AND ANY OTHER DISTRICT IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE IN ACCORDANCE
9 WITH THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE; TO AMEND SECTIONS 23-15-283,
10 23-15-285, 19-3-1, 21-3-7, 21-5-5, 21-8-7, 21-9-15, 21-9-59,
11 37-5-1, 37-5-18 AND 37-7-207, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM
12 TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS
13 23-15-1037, 9-3-1, 9-4-5, 9-5-5, 9-5-7, 9-5-9, 9-5-11, 9-5-13,
14 9-5-15, 9-5-17, 9-5-19, 9-5-21, 9-5-22, 9-5-23, 9-5-25, 9-5-27,
15 9-5-29, 9-5-31, 9-5-33, 9-5-35, 9-5-36, 9-5-37, 9-5-38, 9-5-39,
16 9-5-40, 9-5-41, 9-5-43, 9-5-45, 9-5-47, 9-5-49, 9-5-50, 9-5-51,
17 9-5-53, 9-5-54, 9-5-55, 9-5-57, 9-5-58, 9-7-5, 9-7-7, 9-7-9,
18 9-7-11, 9-7-13, 9-7-14, 9-7-15, 9-7-17, 9-7-19, 9-7-20, 9-7-21,
19 9-7-23, 9-7-25, 9-7-27, 9-7-29, 9-7-30, 9-7-31, 9-7-32, 9-7-33,
20 9-7-34, 9-7-35, 9-7-37, 9-7-39, 9-7-41, 9-7-42, 9-7-43, 9-7-44,
21 9-7-45, 9-7-46, 9-7-47, 9-7-49, 9-7-51, 9-7-53, 9-7-54, 9-7-55,
22 9-7-57, 37-7-208 AND 23-15-39, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, FOR THE
23 PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

25 **SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
26 contrary, the Legislature, by and through committee, shall at its
27 regular session in the second year following the 2030 decennial
28 census and every ten (10) years thereafter, have the power to



29 alter the boundaries of the senatorial and representative
30 districts, supervisors districts, voting precincts, sub-precincts
31 and the voting places and apportion the counties, municipalities,
32 county school districts, consolidated school districts,
33 congressional district and any other district it deems appropriate
34 in accordance with the Constitution of the state.

35 **SECTION 2.** Section 23-15-283, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
36 amended as follows:

37 23-15-283. (1) The * * * Legislature shall have power to
38 alter the boundaries of the supervisors districts, voting
39 precincts, sub-precincts and the voting place therein. If
40 the * * * Legislature orders a change in the boundaries, they
41 shall notify the election commissioners, who shall at once cause
42 the voter rolls as electronically maintained by the Statewide
43 Elections Management System of voting precincts affected by the
44 order to be changed to conform to the change so as to contain only
45 the names of the qualified electors in the voting precincts as
46 made by the change of boundaries. Upon the order of change from
47 the Legislature in the boundaries of any voting precinct or the
48 voting place therein, the board of supervisors shall notify the
49 Office of the Secretary of State and provide the Office of the
50 Secretary of State a legal description and a map of any boundary
51 change. No change shall be implemented or enforced until the
52 requirements of this section have been met.



53 (2) Only officials certified by the Secretary of State shall
54 be authorized to implement boundary line changes in the Statewide
55 Elections Management System. The training and certification
56 required under this subsection (2) shall be available to the
57 circuit clerk, county election commissioners or any other
58 individual designated by the board of supervisors to be
59 responsible for implementing boundary line changes into the
60 Statewide Elections Management System.

61 (3) Once the Legislature adopts, amends or changes boundary
62 lines, any governmental entity * * * shall immediately forward all
63 changed boundary lines to the appropriate circuit clerk, who
64 shall, if authorized under subsection (2), implement the boundary
65 line changes in the Statewide Elections Management System. If the
66 circuit clerk is not the appropriate person to implement the
67 boundary line changes, the clerk shall immediately forward a copy
68 of all materials to the appropriate person. Copies of any
69 boundary line changes within the county shall be maintained in the
70 office of the circuit clerk and made available for public
71 inspection. No change shall be implemented or enforced until the
72 requirements of this section have been met.

73 (4) Precinct boundary changes affected by the authority of
74 this section or of any other provision of law shall not be
75 implemented during any decade after the last day of September of
76 the year ending in eight (8). Precinct boundaries in force and
77 effect at such time shall remain in effect and unalterable until



78 the last day of December in the next year ending in zero. This
79 prohibition shall not bar the creation or modification of
80 sub-precinct boundaries.

81 **SECTION 3.** Section 23-15-285, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
82 amended as follows:

83 23-15-285. The board of supervisors shall cause an entry to
84 be made on the minutes of the board at some meeting, as early as
85 convenient, defining the boundaries of the several supervisors
86 districts, sub-precincts and voting precincts in the county, and
87 designating the voting place in each voting precinct; and as soon
88 as practicable after any change by the Legislature is made in any
89 supervisors district, sub-precincts, voting precinct or any voting
90 place, the board of supervisors shall cause the change to be
91 entered on the minutes of the board in such manner as to be easily
92 understood. Precinct boundaries may be changed only during the
93 times provided in Section 23-15-283.

94 No voting precinct shall have more than five hundred (500)
95 qualified electors residing in its boundaries. Subject to the
96 provisions of this section, * * * the Legislature of this state
97 shall, as soon as practical * * *, alter or change the boundaries
98 of the various voting precincts to comply herewith and shall from
99 time to time make such changes in the boundaries of voting
100 precincts so that there shall never be more than five hundred
101 (500) qualified electors within the boundaries of the various
102 voting precincts of this state; provided further, this limitation



103 shall not apply to voting precincts that are so divided,
104 alphabetically or otherwise, so as to have less than five hundred
105 (500) qualified electors in any one (1) box within a voting
106 precinct. However, the limitation of five hundred (500) qualified
107 electors to the voting precinct shall not apply to voting
108 precincts in which voting machines are used at all elections held
109 in that voting precinct. No change in any supervisors district,
110 sub-precinct or voting precinct shall take effect less than thirty
111 (30) days before the qualifying deadline for the office of county
112 supervisor.

113 **SECTION 4.** Section 19-3-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
114 amended as follows:

115 19-3-1. Each county shall be divided into five (5)
116 districts, with due regard to equality of population and
117 convenience of situation for the election of members of the boards
118 of supervisors, but the districts as now existing shall continue
119 until changed. The qualified electors of each district shall
120 elect, at the next general election, and every four (4) years
121 thereafter, in their districts one (1) member of the board of
122 supervisors. * * *

123 If the boundaries of the districts are changed by * * * the
124 Legislature, the order shall be published in a newspaper having
125 general circulation in the county once each week for three (3)
126 consecutive weeks.



127 **SECTION 5.** Section 21-3-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
128 amended as follows:

129 21-3-7. (1) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this
130 section, in all municipalities having a population of less than
131 ten thousand (10,000) according to the latest * * * federal
132 decennial census, there shall be five (5) aldermen, which aldermen
133 may be elected from the municipality at large, or, in the
134 discretion of the municipal authority, the municipality may be
135 divided into four (4) wards, with one (1) alderman to be selected
136 from each ward and one (1) from the municipality at large. On a
137 petition of twenty percent (20%) of the qualified electors of any
138 such municipality, the provisions of this section as to whether or
139 not the aldermen shall be elected from wards or from the
140 municipality at large shall be determined by the vote of the
141 majority of the qualified electors of the municipality voting in a
142 special election called for that purpose. All aldermen shall be
143 selected by vote of the entire electorate of the municipality.
144 Those municipalities which determine to select one (1) alderman
145 from each of the four (4) wards shall select one (1) from the
146 candidates for alderman from each particular ward who shall be a
147 resident of said ward by majority vote of the entire electorate of
148 the municipality.

149 (2) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, in
150 all municipalities having a population of ten thousand (10,000) or
151 more, according to the latest * * * federal decennial census,



152 there shall be seven (7) aldermen, which aldermen may be elected
153 from the municipality at large, or, in the discretion of the
154 municipal authority, the municipality may be divided into six (6)
155 wards, with one (1) alderman to be selected from each ward and one
156 (1) from the municipality at large. On a petition of twenty
157 percent (20%) of the qualified electors of any such municipality,
158 the provisions of this section as to whether or not the aldermen
159 shall be elected from wards or from the municipality at large
160 shall be determined by the vote of the majority of the qualified
161 electors of the municipality voting in a special election called
162 for that purpose. This section in no way affects the number of
163 aldermen, councilmen, or commissioners of any city operating under
164 a special charter. All aldermen shall be selected by vote of the
165 entire electorate of the municipality. Those municipalities which
166 determine to select one (1) alderman from each of the six (6)
167 wards shall select one (1) of the candidates for alderman from
168 each particular ward by majority vote of the entire electorate of
169 the municipality.

170 (3) In any municipality having a population of five hundred
171 (500) or less according to the latest * * * federal decennial
172 census, there may be three (3) aldermen. The change from five (5)
173 aldermen to three (3) aldermen shall be approved by a majority of
174 the qualified electors of the municipality voting in a special
175 election held for this purpose.



176 (4) If a municipality has a population according to the 2010
177 federal decennial census that is less than ten thousand (10,000)
178 and whose population according to the 2020 federal decennial
179 census is ten thousand (10,000) or more, the municipality may
180 elect to continue with five (5) aldermen and not increase to seven
181 (7) aldermen by the adoption of a resolution by a majority of the
182 board of aldermen expressing the intent to continue with five (5)
183 aldermen and not increase to seven (7) aldermen. Before the
184 adoption of such resolution, the proposed resolution shall be
185 published for three (3) consecutive weeks in at least one (1)
186 newspaper published in the municipality. The first publication of
187 such resolution shall be made not less than twenty-one (21) days
188 prior to the date fixed in such resolution for the adoption of the
189 same and the last publication shall be made not more than seven
190 (7) days prior to such date. If no newspaper be published in the
191 municipality, then such notice shall be given by publishing the
192 resolution for the required time in some newspaper having a
193 general circulation in such municipality and, in addition, by
194 posting a copy of such resolution for at least twenty-one (21)
195 days next preceding the date fixed to adopt the resolution at
196 three (3) public places in such municipality. If ten percent
197 (10%) of the qualified electors of the municipality or fifteen
198 hundred (1,500) whichever is lesser, shall file a written protest
199 against the resolution on or before the date specified in the
200 resolution, then an election on the question shall be called.



201 Notice of such election shall be signed by the clerk of the
202 municipality and shall be published once a week for at least three
203 (3) consecutive weeks in at least one (1) newspaper published in
204 the municipality. The first publication of such notice shall be
205 made not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the date fixed
206 for such election and the last publication shall be made not more
207 than seven (7) days prior to such date. If no newspaper be
208 published in the municipality, then such notice shall be given by
209 publishing the same for the required time in some newspaper having
210 a general circulation in such municipality and, in addition, by
211 posting a copy of such notice for at least twenty-one (21) days
212 next preceding the date fixed to adopt the resolution at three (3)
213 public places in such municipality. At the election, all
214 qualified electors of such municipality may vote, and the ballots
215 used in the election shall have printed thereon a brief statement
216 of the purpose of the increase in the number of aldermen and the
217 words "FOR THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF ALDERMEN FROM 5 TO 7" and
218 on a separate line, "AGAINST THE INCREASE IN NUMBER OF ALDERMEN
219 FROM 5 TO 7" and the voters shall vote by placing a cross (X) or
220 check (✓) opposite their choice on the proposition. The results
221 of the election shall be certified by the municipal election
222 commissions and spread on the minutes of the municipality. If a
223 majority of electors who voted in the election vote in favor of
224 maintaining five (5) aldermen and not increasing the number to
225 seven (7) aldermen, the number of aldermen shall remain at five



226 (5) and shall not be increased except by special election called
227 for such purpose. If a majority of electors who voted in the
228 election vote against maintaining five (5) aldermen and in favor
229 of increasing the number to seven (7) aldermen, the number of
230 aldermen for such municipality shall be increased to seven (7)
231 aldermen and the number shall not be decreased except by act of
232 the Legislature.

233 **SECTION 6.** Section 21-5-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
234 amended as follows:

235 21-5-5. The mayor and councilmen (or commissioners) of all
236 cities operated under the commission form of government shall be
237 elected from the city at large, but the * * * Legislature may
238 establish as many wards and as many voting precincts in each ward
239 as may be necessary or desirable. No person shall be eligible to
240 the office of mayor or councilman unless he is a qualified elector
241 of such city and shall have been a bona fide resident thereof for
242 a period of at least one (1) year next preceding the date of the
243 commencement of his term of office.

244 In the event the council should ordain that the councilmen
245 posts shall be separated, as provided in Section 21-5-11, such
246 post shall be so separated for election purposes and persons
247 seeking the office of councilman shall qualify and seek election
248 for a specific post, as designated by ordinance, and each post
249 shall be voted on separately by the qualified electors of the
250 municipality voting in said election.



251 In the event there should be but one (1) candidate for one of
252 such election posts, or only one (1) candidate for each of such
253 posts, then such candidate or candidates shall be declared to be
254 elected.

255 **SECTION 7.** Section 21-8-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
256 amended as follows:

257 21-8-7. (1) Each municipality operating under the
258 mayor-council form of government shall be governed by an elected
259 council and an elected mayor. Other officers and employees shall
260 be duly appointed pursuant to this chapter, general law or
261 ordinance.

262 (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4) of this
263 section, the mayor and council members shall be elected by the
264 voters of the municipality at a regular municipal election held on
265 the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June as provided in
266 Section 21-11-7, and shall serve for a term of four (4) years
267 beginning on the first day of July next following the election
268 that is not on a weekend.

269 (3) The terms of the initial mayor and council members shall
270 commence at the expiration of the terms of office of the elected
271 officials of the municipality serving at the time of adoption of
272 the mayor-council form.

273 (4) (a) The council shall consist of five (5), seven (7) or
274 nine (9) members. In the event there are five (5) council
275 members, the municipality shall be divided into either five (5) or



276 four (4) wards. In the event there are seven (7) council members,
277 the municipality shall be divided into either seven (7), six (6)
278 or five (5) wards. In the event there are nine (9) council
279 members, the municipality shall be divided into seven (7) or nine
280 (9) wards. If the municipality is divided into fewer wards than
281 it has council members, the other council member or members shall
282 be elected from the municipality at large. The total number of
283 council members and the number of council members elected from
284 wards shall be established by the petition or petitions presented
285 pursuant to Section 21-8-3. One (1) council member shall be
286 elected from each ward by the voters of that ward. Council
287 members elected to represent wards must be residents of their
288 wards at the time of qualification for election, and any council
289 member who removes the member's residence from the municipality or
290 from the ward from which elected shall vacate that office.
291 However, any candidate for council member who is properly
292 qualified as a candidate under applicable law shall be deemed to
293 be qualified as a candidate in whatever ward the member resides if
294 the ward has changed after the * * * Legislature has redistricted
295 the municipality as provided in paragraph (c)(ii) of this
296 subsection (4), and if the wards have been so changed, any person
297 may qualify as a candidate for council member, using the person's
298 existing residence or by changing the person's residence, not less
299 than fifteen (15) days before the first party primary or special



300 party primary, as the case may be, notwithstanding any other
301 residency or qualification requirements to the contrary.

302 (b) The * * * Legislature shall designate the
303 geographical boundaries of the wards within one hundred twenty
304 (120) days after the election in which the mayor-council form of
305 government is selected. In designating the geographical
306 boundaries of the wards, each ward shall contain, as nearly as
307 possible, the population factor obtained by dividing the
308 municipality's population as shown by the most recent decennial
309 census by the number of wards into which the municipality is to be
310 divided.

311 (c) (i) It shall be the mandatory duty of the * * *
312 Legislature to redistrict the municipality by ordinance, which
313 ordinance may not be vetoed by the mayor, within six (6) months
314 after the official publication by the United States of the
315 population of the municipality as enumerated in each decennial
316 census, and within six (6) months after the effective date of any
317 expansion of municipal boundaries; however, if the publication of
318 the most recent decennial census or effective date of an expansion
319 of the municipal boundaries occurs six (6) months or more before
320 the first party primary of a general municipal election, then
321 the * * * Legislature shall redistrict the municipality by
322 ordinance not less than sixty (60) days before the first party
323 primary.



324 (ii) If the publication of the most recent
325 decennial census occurs less than six (6) months before the first
326 primary of a general municipal election, the election shall be
327 held with regard to the existing defined wards; reapportioned
328 wards based on the census shall not serve as the basis for
329 representation until the next regularly scheduled election in
330 which council members shall be elected.

331 (d) If annexation of additional territory into the
332 municipal corporate limits of the municipality occurs less than
333 six (6) months before the first party primary of a general
334 municipal election, the * * * Legislature shall, by ordinance
335 adopted within three (3) days of the effective date of the
336 annexation, assign the annexed territory to an adjacent ward or
337 wards so as to maintain as nearly as possible substantial equality
338 of population between wards; any subsequent redistricting of the
339 municipality by ordinance as required by this chapter shall not
340 serve as the basis for representation until the next regularly
341 scheduled election for municipal council members.

342 (5) Vacancies occurring in the council shall be filled as
343 provided in Section 23-15-857.

344 (6) The mayor shall maintain an office at the city hall.
345 The council members shall not maintain individual offices at the
346 city hall; however, in a municipality having a population of one
347 hundred thousand (100,000) and above according to the latest
348 federal decennial census, council members may have individual



349 offices in the city hall. Clerical work of council members in the
350 performance of the duties of their office shall be performed by
351 municipal employees or at municipal expense, and council members
352 shall be reimbursed for the reasonable expenses incurred in the
353 performance of the duties of their office.

354 **SECTION 8.** Section 21-9-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
355 amended as follows:

356 21-9-15. (1) (a) The legislative power of any city in
357 which the council-manager plan of government is in effect under
358 this chapter shall be vested in a council consisting of a mayor
359 and five (5) councilmen.

360 (b) Any city with a larger or smaller number of
361 councilmen, prior to September 30, 1962, may retain this larger or
362 smaller number of councilmen or may adopt the council size of five
363 (5) as prescribed herein. This option shall be exercised through
364 the enactment of an appropriate ordinance by the municipal
365 governing body prior to the election to adopt the council-manager
366 plan of government. In the event the council fails to exercise
367 this option, the council shall consist of five (5) councilmen.

368 (c) At the next regular municipal election which takes
369 place after the adoption of the council-manager form of
370 government, the mayor shall be elected at large by the voters of
371 the entire city. Also, the councilmen shall be elected at large
372 by the voters of the entire city to represent a city-wide
373 district, or each of four (4) councilmen may be elected from a



374 ward to represent such ward and one (1) councilman may be elected
375 to represent a city-wide district. This option shall be exercised
376 by an appropriate ordinance enacted by the city governing body
377 prior to the election to adopt the council-manager plan of
378 government. In the event the council fails to exercise this
379 option, the councilmen shall be elected at large to represent the
380 city-wide district. In its discretion at any time after adoption
381 and implementation of the council-manager plan of government the
382 council may provide for the election of councilmen by wards as
383 provided herein, which shall become effective at the next
384 regularly scheduled election for city councilmen.

385 (d) Councilmen elected to represent wards must be
386 residents of their wards; and in cities having more or fewer than
387 five (5) councilmen, prior to September 30, 1962, the city
388 governing body shall determine the number of councilmen to
389 represent the wards and the number of councilmen to represent the
390 city-wide district.

391 (e) The council of any municipality having a population
392 exceeding forty-five thousand (45,000) inhabitants according to
393 the 1970 decennial census which is situated in a Class 1 county
394 bordering on the State of Alabama and which is governed by a
395 council-manager plan of government on January 1, 1977, may, in its
396 discretion, adopt an ordinance to require the election of four (4)
397 of the five (5) council members from wards and not from the city
398 at large. The four (4) council members shall be elected one (1)



399 each from the wards in which they reside in the municipality, and
400 shall be elected only by the registered voters residing within the
401 ward in which the council member resides. The mayor and fifth
402 council member may continue to be elected from the city at large.
403 Any council member who shall remove his residence from the ward
404 from which he was elected shall, by operation of law, vacate his
405 seat on the council.

406 After publication of the population of the municipality
407 according to the * * * decennial census, the * * * Legislature
408 shall designate the geographical boundaries of new wards as
409 provided in this subparagraph. Each ward shall contain as nearly
410 as possible the population factor obtained by dividing by four (4)
411 the city's population as shown by the 1980 and each most recent
412 decennial census thereafter. It shall be the mandatory duty of
413 the * * * Legislature to redistrict the city by ordinance, which
414 ordinance may not be vetoed by the mayor, within six (6) months
415 after the official publication by the United States of the
416 population of the city as enumerated in each decennial census, and
417 within six (6) months after the effective date of any expansion of
418 municipal boundaries; provided, however, if the publication of the
419 most recent decennial census or effective date of an expansion of
420 the municipal boundaries occurs six (6) months or more prior to
421 the first primary of a general municipal election, then the * * *
422 Legislature shall redistrict the city by ordinance within at least
423 sixty (60) days of such first primary. If the publication of the



424 most recent decennial census occurs less than six (6) months prior
425 to the first primary of a general municipal election, the election
426 shall be held with regard to currently defined wards; and
427 reapportioned wards based on the census shall not serve as the
428 basis for representation until the next regularly scheduled
429 election in which council members shall be elected. If annexation
430 of additional territory into the municipal corporate limits of the
431 city shall occur less than six (6) months prior to the first
432 primary of a general municipal election, the city council shall,
433 by ordinance adopted within three (3) days of the effective date
434 of such annexation, assign such annexed territory to an adjacent
435 ward or wards so as to maintain as nearly as possible substantial
436 equality of population between wards. Any subsequent
437 redistricting of the city by * * * the Legislature as required by
438 this section shall not serve as the basis for representation until
439 the next regularly scheduled election for city councilmen.

440 (2) However, in any municipality situated in a Class 1
441 county bordering on the Mississippi Sound and the State of
442 Alabama, traversed by U.S. Highway 90, the legislative power of
443 such municipality in which the council-manager plan of government
444 is in effect shall be vested in a council consisting of a mayor
445 and six (6) councilmen. In the next regular municipal election in
446 such municipality, the mayor shall be elected at large by the
447 voters of the entire municipality. Also, the councilmen shall be
448 elected at large by the voters of the entire municipality to



449 represent a municipality-wide district, or each of five (5)
450 councilmen may be elected from one (1) of five (5) wards to
451 represent said ward and one (1) councilman shall be elected to
452 represent a municipality-wide district. This option as to wards
453 shall be exercised by an appropriate ordinance enacted by the
454 municipal governing body. In the event the council fails to
455 exercise this option, the councilmen shall be elected at large to
456 represent the municipality-wide district. Councilmen elected to
457 represent wards must be residents of their wards.

458 The method of electing the mayor and councilmen shall be the
459 same as otherwise provided by law except as provided in this
460 chapter. The mayor and councilmen elected hereunder shall hold
461 office for a term of four (4) years and until their successors are
462 elected and qualified. No person shall be eligible to the office
463 of mayor or councilman unless he is a qualified elector of such
464 city.

465 (3) (a) In the event a city with a population of one
466 hundred thousand (100,000) or more inhabitants according to the
467 last decennial census adopts the council-manager form of
468 government, the legislative power of said city shall be vested in
469 a council consisting of a mayor and eight (8) councilmen.

470 (b) At the next regular municipal election which takes
471 place after the adoption of the council-manager form of
472 government, the mayor shall be elected at large by the voters of
473 the entire municipality. The municipality shall be divided into



474 five (5) wards with one (1) councilman to be elected from each
475 ward by the voters of that ward, and three (3) councilmen to be
476 elected from the municipality at large. Councilmen elected to
477 represent wards must be residents of their wards at the time of
478 qualification for election, and any councilman who removes his
479 residence from the city or from the ward from which he was elected
480 shall vacate his office.

481 (c) It shall be the duty of the * * * Legislature at
482 the time of the adoption of the council-manager form of government
483 to designate the geographical boundaries of the five (5) wards
484 within sixty (60) days after the election in which the
485 council-manager form is selected. In designating the geographical
486 boundaries of the five (5) wards, each ward shall contain as
487 nearly as possible the population factor obtained by dividing by
488 five (5) the city's population as shown by the most recent
489 decennial census. It shall be the mandatory duty of the * * *
490 Legislature to redistrict the city by ordinance, which ordinance
491 may not be vetoed by the mayor, within six (6) months after the
492 official publication by the United States of the population of the
493 city as enumerated in each decennial census, and within six (6)
494 months after the effective date of any expansion of municipal
495 boundaries; however, if the publication of the most recent
496 decennial census or effective date of an expansion of the
497 municipal boundaries occurs six (6) months or more prior to the
498 first primary of a general municipal election, then the council



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500 days of such first primary. If the publication of the most recent
501 decennial census occurs less than six (6) months prior to the
502 first primary of a general municipal election, the election shall
503 be held with regard to currently defined wards; and reapportioned
504 wards based on the census shall not serve as the basis for
505 representation until the next regularly scheduled election in
506 which city councilmen shall be elected. If annexation of
507 additional territory into the municipal corporate limits of the
508 city shall occur less than six (6) months prior to the first
509 primary of a general municipal election, the city council shall,
510 by ordinance adopted within three (3) days of the effective date
511 of such annexation, assign such annexed territory to an adjacent
512 ward or wards so as to maintain as nearly as possible substantial
513 equality of population between wards; any subsequent redistricting
514 of the city by ordinance as required by this section shall not
515 serve as the basis for representation until the next regularly
516 scheduled election for city councilmen.

517 (4) The method of electing the mayor and councilmen shall be
518 the same as otherwise provided by law, except as provided in this
519 chapter. The mayor and councilmen elected hereunder shall hold
520 office for a term of four (4) years and until their successors are
521 elected and qualified. No person shall be eligible to the office
522 of mayor or councilman unless he is a qualified elector of such
523 city.



524 **SECTION 9.** Section 21-9-59, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
525 amended as follows:

526 21-9-59. The * * * Legislature is authorized to
527 provide * * * for the division of the wards, or if there be no
528 wards, for the division of the municipality, into such number of
529 voting precincts as may be necessary, each as nearly as possible
530 containing the same number of qualified electors.

531 **SECTION 10.** Section 37-5-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
532 amended as follows:

533 37-5-1. (1) There is hereby established a county board of
534 education in each county of the State of Mississippi. * * * The
535 county board of education shall consist of five (5) members, one
536 (1) of which, subject to the further provisions of this chapter
537 and except as is otherwise provided in Section 37-5-1(2), shall be
538 elected by the qualified electors of each board of education
539 district of the county. Except as is otherwise provided in
540 Section 37-5-3, each member so elected shall be a resident and
541 qualified elector of the district from which he is elected.

542 (2) The * * * Legislature shall apportion the county school
543 district into five (5) single member board of education districts.
544 The county board of education shall place upon its minutes the
545 boundaries determined by the Legislature for the new five (5)
546 board of education districts. The board of education of * * * the
547 county shall thereafter publish the same in some newspaper of
548 general circulation within * * * the county for at least three (3)



549 consecutive weeks and after having given notice of publication and
550 recording the same upon the minutes of the board of education
551 of * * * the county, * * * the new district lines will thereafter
552 be effective. The * * * Legislature shall reapportion the board
553 of education districts in accordance with the procedure described
554 herein for the original apportionment of districts as soon as
555 practicable after the results of the * * * decennial census are
556 published and as soon as practicable after every decennial census
557 thereafter.

558 (3) In counties where the office of "administrative
559 superintendent" as defined in Section 37-6-3, Mississippi Code of
560 1972, has been abolished, there shall be no county board of
561 education.

562 **SECTION 11.** Section 37-5-18, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
563 amended as follows:

564 37-5-18. In any county bordering on the Mississippi Sound
565 and having therein at least four (4) municipal separate school
566 districts, each member of the county board of education
567 established by Section 37-5-1 for such county shall be elected
568 from and shall be a resident and qualified elector in a special
569 district determined in the following manner:

570 The * * * Legislature shall apportion the county into five
571 (5) board of education districts in the territory outside the
572 municipal separate school districts and these board of education
573 districts shall be divided as nearly equal as possible according



574 to population, incumbency and other factors heretofore pronounced
575 by the courts. The board of education shall place upon its
576 minutes the boundaries determined for the new five (5) board of
577 education districts. The board of education of * * * the county
578 shall thereafter publish the same in some newspaper of general
579 circulation within * * * the county for at least three (3)
580 consecutive weeks and after having given notice of publication and
581 recording the same upon the minutes of the board of education
582 of * * * the county, * * * the new district lines will thereafter
583 be effective.

584 All incumbents now holding office within the district as
585 presently constituted shall continue holding their respective
586 offices provided they reside within the new district for the
587 remainder of the term of office to which they have heretofore been
588 elected and all members from the respective district shall be
589 elected from the new board of education district constituted as
590 herein provided in the same manner provided by law for the
591 election of members of the county board of education. Any
592 vacancies in the office, whether occasioned by redistricting or by
593 other cause, shall be filled in the manner presently provided by
594 law for the filling of vacancies.

595 **SECTION 12.** Section 37-7-207, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
596 amended as follows:

597 37-7-207. (1) All school districts reconstituted or created
598 under the provisions of Article 1 of this chapter, and which lie



599 wholly within one (1) county, but not including municipal separate
600 and countywide districts, shall be governed by a board of five (5)
601 trustees. The first board of trustees of such districts shall be
602 appointed by the county board of education, and the original
603 appointments shall be so made that one (1) trustee shall be
604 appointed to serve until the first Saturday of March following
605 such appointments, one (1) for one (1) year longer, one (1) for
606 two (2) years longer, one (1) for three (3) years longer, and one
607 (1) for four (4) years longer. After such original appointments,
608 the trustees of such school districts shall be elected by the
609 qualified electors of such school districts in the manner provided
610 for in Sections 37-7-223 through 37-7-229, with each trustee to be
611 elected for a term of five (5) years. The five (5) members of the
612 board of trustees of such consolidated school district shall be
613 elected from special trustee election districts by the qualified
614 electors thereof, as herein provided. The * * * Legislature shall
615 apportion the consolidated school district into five (5) special
616 trustee election districts. The board of trustees of such school
617 district shall place upon its minutes the boundaries determined
618 for the new five (5) trustee election districts. The board of
619 trustees shall thereafter publish the same in a newspaper of
620 general circulation within * * * the school district for at least
621 three (3) consecutive weeks; and after having given notice of
622 publication and recording the same upon the minutes of the board



623 of trustees, * * * the new district lines shall thereafter be
624 effective.

625 On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, in
626 any year in which any consolidated school district shall elect
627 to * * * use the authority to create single member election
628 districts, an election shall be held in each such district in this
629 state for the purpose of electing the board of trustees of such
630 district. At * * * the election the member of the * * * board
631 from District One shall be elected for a term of one (1) year, the
632 member from District Two shall be elected for a term of two (2)
633 years, the member from District Three shall be elected for a term
634 of three (3) years, the member from District Four shall be elected
635 for a term of four (4) years, and the member from District Five
636 shall be elected for a term of five (5) years. Thereafter,
637 members shall be elected at general elections as vacancies occur
638 for terms of five (5) years each. Trustees elected from single
639 member election districts as provided above shall otherwise be
640 elected as provided for in Sections 37-7-223 through 37-7-229.
641 All members of the * * * board of trustees shall take office on
642 the first Monday of January following the date of their election.
643 All vacancies which may occur during a term shall be filled by
644 appointment of the consolidated school district trustees, but the
645 person so appointed shall serve only until the next general
646 election following such appointment, at which time a person shall
647 be elected for the remainder of the unexpired term at the same



648 time and in the same manner as a trustee is elected for the full
649 term then expiring. The person so elected to the unexpired term
650 shall take office immediately. * * * The appointee shall be
651 selected from the qualified electors of the district in which the
652 vacancy occurs. In the event the school district is under
653 conservatorship and no members of the board of trustees remain in
654 office, the Governor shall call a special election to fill the
655 vacancies and the * * * election will be conducted by the county
656 election commission.

657 (2) All school districts reconstituted and created under the
658 provisions of Article 1 of this chapter, which embrace territory
659 in two (2) or more counties, but not including municipal separate
660 school districts, shall be governed by a board of five (5)
661 trustees. In making the original appointments, the several county
662 boards of education shall appoint the trustee or trustees to which
663 the territory in such county is entitled, and, by agreement
664 between the county boards concerned, one (1) person shall be
665 appointed to serve until the first Saturday of March following,
666 one (1) for one (1) year longer, one (1) for two (2) years longer,
667 one (1) for three (3) years longer and one (1) for four (4) years
668 longer. Thereafter, such trustees shall be elected as is provided
669 for in Sections 37-7-223 through 37-7-229, for a term of five (5)
670 years. The five (5) members of the board of trustees of such line
671 consolidated school district shall be elected from special trustee
672 election districts by the qualified electors thereof, as herein



673 provided. The * * * Legislature shall apportion the line
674 consolidated school district into five (5) special trustee
675 election districts. The board of trustees shall place upon its
676 minutes the boundaries determined for the new five (5) trustee
677 election districts. The board of trustees shall thereafter
678 publish the same in a newspaper of general circulation
679 within * * * the school district for at least three (3)
680 consecutive weeks; and after having given notice of publication
681 and recording the same upon the minutes of the board of
682 trustees, * * * the new district lines shall thereafter be
683 effective. Provided, however, that in any line consolidated
684 school district encompassing two (2) or more counties created
685 pursuant to Laws, 1953, Extraordinary Session, Chapter 12, Section
686 8, in which, as a condition precedent to the creation of * * * the
687 district, each county belonging thereto was contractually
688 guaranteed to always have at least one (1) representative on * * *
689 the board, in order that * * * the condition precedent may be
690 honored and guaranteed, in any year in which the board of trustees
691 of such line consolidated school district does not have at least
692 one (1) member from each county or part thereof forming such
693 district, the board of trustees in such district shall be governed
694 by a board of a sufficient number of trustees to fulfill this
695 guarantee, five (5) of whom shall be elected from the five (5)
696 special trustee election districts which shall be as nearly equal
697 as possible and one (1) member trustee appointed at large from



698 each county not having representation on the elected board. In
699 such cases, the board of supervisors of each county shall make
700 written agreement to guarantee the manner of appointment of at
701 least one (1) representative from each county in the district,
702 placing such written agreement on the minutes of each board of
703 supervisors in each county.

704 On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, in
705 any year in which any line consolidated school district shall
706 elect to * * * use the authority to create single member election
707 districts, an election shall be held in each such district in this
708 state for the purpose of electing the board of trustees of such
709 district. At * * * the election the member of the * * * board
710 from District One shall be elected for a term of one (1) year, the
711 member from District Two shall be elected for a term of two (2)
712 years, the member from District Three shall be elected for a term
713 of three (3) years, the member from District Four shall be elected
714 for a term of four (4) years, and the member from District Five
715 shall be elected for a term of five (5) years. Thereafter,
716 members shall be elected at general elections as vacancies occur
717 for terms of five (5) years each. Trustees elected from single
718 member election districts as provided above shall otherwise be
719 elected as provided for in Sections 37-7-223 through 37-7-229.
720 All members of the * * * board of trustees shall take office on
721 the first Monday of January following the date of their election.
722 In all elections, the trustee elected shall be a resident and



723 qualified elector of the district entitled to the representation
724 upon the board, and he shall be elected only by the qualified
725 electors of such district. All vacancies which may occur during a
726 term of office shall be filled by appointment of the consolidated
727 line school district trustees, but the person so appointed shall
728 serve only until the next general election following such
729 appointment, at which time a person shall be elected for the
730 remainder of the unexpired term at the same time and in the same
731 manner as the trustee is elected for the full term then expiring.
732 The person so elected to the unexpired term shall take office
733 immediately. In the event the school district is under
734 conservatorship and no members of the board of trustees remain in
735 office, the Governor shall call a special election to fill the
736 vacancies and the * * * election will be conducted by the county
737 election commission.

738 **SECTION 13.** Section 23-15-1037, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
739 brought forward as follows:

740 23-15-1037. (1) The State of Mississippi is hereby divided
741 into five (5) congressional districts below:

742 **FIRST DISTRICT.** - The First Congressional District shall be
743 composed of the following counties and portions of counties:

744 Alcorn, Benton, Calhoun, Chickasaw, Choctaw, DeSoto,
745 Itawamba, Lafayette, Lee, Marshall, Monroe, Pontotoc, Prentiss,
746 Tate, Tippah, Tishomingo, Union, Webster, Yalobusha; in Grenada
747 County the precincts of Providence, Mt. Nebo, Hardy and Pea Ridge;



748 in Montgomery County the precincts of North Winona, Lodi, Stewart,
749 Nations and Poplar Creek; in Oktibbeha County, the precincts of
750 Double Springs, Maben and Sturgis; in Panola County the precincts
751 of East Sardis, South Curtis, Tocowa, Pope, Courtland, Cole's
752 Point, North Springport, South Springport, Eureka, Williamson,
753 East Batesville 4, West Batesville 4, Fern Hill, North Batesville
754 A, East Batesville 5 and West Batesville 5; and in Tallahatchie
755 County the precincts of Teasdale, Enid, Springhill, Charleston
756 Beat 1, Charleston Beat 2, Charleston Beat 3, Paynes, Leverette,
757 Cascilla, Murphreesboro and Rosebloom.

758 **SECOND DISTRICT.** - The Second Congressional District shall
759 be composed of the following counties and portions of counties:

760 Bolivar, Carroll, Claiborne, Coahoma, Holmes, Humphreys,
761 Issaquena, Jefferson, Leflore, Quitman, Sharkey, Sunflower,
762 Tunica, Warren, Washington, Yazoo; in Attala County the precincts
763 of Northeast, Hesterville, Possomneck, North Central, McAdams,
764 Newport, Sallis and Southwest; that portion of Grenada County not
765 included in the First Congressional District; in Hinds County
766 Precincts 11, 12, 13, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 40, 41, 83, 84 and
767 85, and the precincts of Bolton, Brownsville, Cayuga, Chapel Hill,
768 Cynthia, Edwards, Learned, Pine Haven, Pocahontas, St. Thomas,
769 Tinnin, Utica 1 and Utica 2; in Leake County the precincts of
770 Conway, West Carthage, Wiggins, Thomastown and Ofahoma; in Madison
771 County the precincts of Farmhaven, Canton Precinct 2, Canton
772 Precinct 3, Cameron Street, Canton Precinct 6, Bear Creek,



773 Gluckstadt, Smith School, Magnolia Heights, Flora, Virililia,
774 Canton Precinct 5, Cameron, Couparle, Camden, Sharon, Canton
775 Precinct 1 and Canton Precinct 4; that portion of Montgomery
776 County not included in the First Congressional District; that
777 portion of Panola County not included in the First Congressional
778 District; and that portion of Tallahatchie County not included in
779 the First Congressional District.

780 **THIRD DISTRICT.** - The Third Congressional District shall be
781 composed of the following counties and portions of counties:

782 Clarke, Clay, Jasper, Kemper, Lauderdale, Lowndes, Neshoba,
783 Newton, Noxubee, Rankin, Scott, Smith, Winston; that portion of
784 Attala County not included in the Second Congressional District;
785 in Jones County the precincts of Northwest High School, Shady
786 Grove, Sharon, Erata, Glade, Myrick School, Northeast High School,
787 Rustin, Sandersville Civic Center, Tuckers, Antioch and Landrum;
788 that portion of Leake County not included in the Second
789 Congressional District; that portion of Madison County not
790 included in the Second Congressional District; that portion of
791 Oktibbeha County not included in the First Congressional District;
792 and in Wayne County the precincts of Big Rock, Yellow Creek,
793 Hiwannee, Diamond, Chaparral, Matherville, Coit and Eucutta.

794 **FOURTH DISTRICT.** - The Fourth Congressional District shall
795 be composed of the following counties and portions of counties:

796 Adams, Amite, Copiah, Covington, Franklin, Jefferson Davis,
797 Lawrence, Lincoln, Marion, Pike, Simpson, Walthall, Wilkinson;



798 that portion of Hinds County not included in the Second
799 Congressional District; and that portion of Jones County not
800 included in the Third Congressional District.

801 **FIFTH DISTRICT.** - The Fifth Congressional District shall be
802 composed of the following counties and portions of counties:

803 Forrest, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Lamar,
804 Pearl River, Perry, Stone; and that portion of Wayne County not
805 included in the Third Congressional District.

806 (2) The boundaries of the congressional districts described
807 in subsection (1) of this section shall be the boundaries of the
808 counties and precincts listed in subsection (1) as such boundaries
809 existed on October 1, 1990.

810 **SECTION 14.** Section 9-3-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
811 brought forward as follows:

812 9-3-1. The state shall be divided into three (3) Supreme
813 Court districts, as follows, to wit:

814 The counties of Bolivar, Claiborne, Copiah, Hinds, Holmes,
815 Humphreys, Issaquena, Jefferson, Kemper, Lauderdale, Leake,
816 Madison, Neshoba, Newton, Noxubee, Rankin, Scott, Sharkey,
817 Sunflower, Warren, Washington and Yazoo shall constitute the First
818 District.

819 The counties of Adams, Amite, Clarke, Covington, Forrest,
820 Franklin, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Jasper,
821 Jefferson Davis, Jones, Lamar, Lawrence, Lincoln, Marion, Pearl



822 River, Perry, Pike, Simpson, Smith, Stone, Walthall, Wayne, and
823 Wilkinson shall constitute the Second District.

824 The counties of Alcorn, Attala, Benton, Calhoun, Carroll,
825 Chickasaw, Choctaw, Clay, Coahoma, DeSoto, Grenada, Itawamba,
826 Lafayette, Lee, Leflore, Lowndes, Marshall, Monroe, Montgomery,
827 Oktibbeha, Panola, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Quitman, Tallahatchie,
828 Tate, Tippah, Tishomingo, Tunica, Union, Webster, Winston and
829 Yalobusha, shall constitute the Third District.

830 **SECTION 15.** Section 9-4-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
831 brought forward as follows:

832 9-4-5. (1) The term of office of judges of the Court of
833 Appeals shall be eight (8) years. An election shall be held on
834 the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 1994, to
835 elect the ten (10) judges of the Court of Appeals, two (2) from
836 each congressional district; provided, however, judges of the
837 Court of Appeals who are elected to take office after the first
838 Monday of January 2002, shall be elected from the Court of Appeals
839 Districts described in subsection (5) of this section. The judges
840 of the Court of Appeals shall begin service on the first Monday of
841 January 1995.

842 (2) (a) In order to provide that the offices of not more
843 than a majority of the judges of said court shall become vacant at
844 any one (1) time, the terms of office of six (6) of the judges
845 first to be elected shall expire in less than eight (8) years.
846 For the purpose of all elections of members of the court, each of



847 the ten (10) judges of the Court of Appeals shall be considered a
848 separate office. The two (2) offices in each of the five (5)
849 districts shall be designated Position Number 1 and Position
850 Number 2, and in qualifying for office as a candidate for any
851 office of judge of the Court of Appeals each candidate shall state
852 the position number of the office to which he aspires and the
853 election ballots shall so indicate.

854 (i) In Congressional District Number 1, the judge
855 of the Court of Appeals for Position Number 1 shall be that office
856 for which the term ends January 1, 1999, and the judge of the
857 Court of Appeals for Position Number 2 shall be that office for
858 which the term ends January 1, 2003.

859 (ii) In Congressional District Number 2, the judge
860 of the Court of Appeals for Position Number 1 shall be that office
861 for which the term ends on January 1, 2003, and the judge of the
862 Court of Appeals for Position Number 2 shall be that office for
863 which the term ends January 1, 2001.

864 (iii) In Congressional District Number 3, the
865 judge of the Court of Appeals for Position Number 1 shall be that
866 office for which the term ends on January 1, 2001, and the judge
867 of the Court of Appeals for Position Number 2 shall be that office
868 for which the term ends January 1, 1999.

869 (iv) In Congressional District Number 4, the judge
870 of the Court of Appeals for Position Number 1 shall be that office
871 for which the term ends on January 1, 1999, and the judge of the



872 Court of Appeals for Position Number 2 shall be that office for
873 which the term ends January 1, 2003.

874 (v) In Congressional District Number 5, the judge
875 of the Court of Appeals for Position Number 1 shall be that office
876 for which the term ends on January 1, 2003, and the judge of the
877 Court of Appeals for Position Number 2 shall be that office for
878 which the term ends January 1, 2001.

879 (b) The laws regulating the general elections shall
880 apply to and govern the elections of judges of the Court of
881 Appeals except as otherwise provided in Sections 23-15-974 through
882 23-15-985.

883 (c) In the year prior to the expiration of the term of
884 an incumbent, and likewise each eighth year thereafter, an
885 election shall be held in the manner provided in this section in
886 the district from which the incumbent Court of Appeals judge was
887 elected at which there shall be elected a successor to the
888 incumbent, whose term of office shall thereafter begin on the
889 first Monday of January of the year in which the term of the
890 incumbent he succeeds expires.

891 (3) No person shall be eligible for the office of judge of
892 the Court of Appeals who has not attained the age of thirty (30)
893 years at the time of his election and who has not been a
894 practicing attorney and citizen of the state for five (5) years
895 immediately preceding such election.



896 (4) Any vacancy on the Court of Appeals shall be filled by
897 appointment of the Governor for that portion of the unexpired term
898 prior to the election to fill the remainder of said term according
899 to provisions of Section 23-15-849, Mississippi Code of 1972.

900 (5) (a) The State of Mississippi is hereby divided into
901 five (5) Court of Appeals Districts as follows:

902 **FIRST DISTRICT.** The First Court of Appeals District shall be
903 composed of the following counties and portions of counties:
904 Alcorn, Benton, Calhoun, Chickasaw, Choctaw, DeSoto, Itawamba,
905 Lafayette, Lee, Marshall, Monroe, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Tate,
906 Tippah, Tishomingo, Union, Webster and Yalobusha; in Grenada
907 County the precincts of Providence, Mt. Nebo, Hardy and Pea Ridge;
908 in Montgomery County the precincts of North Winona, Lodi, Stewart,
909 Nations and Poplar Creek; in Panola County the precincts of East
910 Sardis, South Curtis, Tocowa, Pope, Courtland, Cole's Point, North
911 Springport, South Springport, Eureka, Williamson, East Batesville
912 4, West Batesville 4, Fern Hill, North Batesville A, East
913 Batesville 5 and West Batesville 5; and in Tallahatchie County the
914 precincts of Teasdale, Enid, Springhill, Charleston Beat 1,
915 Charleston Beat 2, Charleston Beat 3, Paynes, Leverette, Cascilla,
916 Murphreesboro and Rosebloom.

917 **SECOND DISTRICT.** The Second Court of Appeals District shall
918 be composed of the following counties and portions of counties:
919 Bolivar, Carroll, Claiborne, Coahoma, Holmes, Humphreys,
920 Issaquena, Jefferson, Leflore, Quitman, Sharkey, Sunflower,



921 Tunica, Warren, Washington and Yazoo; in Attala County the
922 precincts of Northeast, Hesterville, Possomneck, North Central,
923 McAdams, Newport, Sallis and Southwest; that portion of Grenada
924 County not included in the First Court of Appeals District; in
925 Hinds County Precincts 11, 12, 13, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 40, 41,
926 83, 84 and 85, and the precincts of Bolton, Brownsville, Cayuga,
927 Chapel Hill, Cynthia, Edwards, Learned, Pine Haven, Pocahontas,
928 St. Thomas, Tinnin, Utica 1 and Utica 2; in Leake County the
929 precincts of Conway, West Carthage, Wiggins, Thomastown and
930 Ofahoma; in Madison County the precincts of Farmhaven, Canton
931 Precinct 2, Canton Precinct 3, Cameron Street, Canton Precinct 6,
932 Bear Creek, Gluckstadt, Smith School, Magnolia Heights, Flora,
933 Virililia, Canton Precinct 5, Cameron, Couparle, Camden, Sharon,
934 Canton Precinct 1 and Canton Precinct 4; that portion of
935 Montgomery County not included in the First Court of Appeals
936 District; that portion of Panola County not included in the First
937 Court of Appeals District; and that portion of Tallahatchie County
938 not included in the First Court of Appeals District.

939 **THIRD DISTRICT.** The Third Court of Appeals District shall be
940 composed of the following counties and portions of counties:
941 Clarke, Clay, Jasper, Kemper, Lauderdale, Lowndes, Neshoba,
942 Newton, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Rankin, Scott, Smith and Winston; that
943 portion of Attala County not included in the Second Court of
944 Appeals District; in Jones County the precincts of Northwest High
945 School, Shady Grove, Sharon, Erata, Glade, Myrick School,



946 Northeast High School, Rustin, Sandersville Civic Center, Tuckers,
947 Antioch and Landrum; that portion of Leake County not included in
948 the Second Court of Appeals District; that portion of Madison
949 County not included in the Second Court of Appeals District; and
950 in Wayne County the precincts of Big Rock, Yellow Creek, Hiwannee,
951 Diamond, Chaparral, Matherville, Coit and Eucutta.

952 **FOURTH DISTRICT.** The Fourth Court of Appeals District shall
953 be composed of the following counties and portions of counties:
954 Adams, Amite, Copiah, Covington, Franklin, Jefferson Davis,
955 Lawrence, Lincoln, Marion, Pike, Simpson, Walthall and Wilkinson;
956 that portion of Hinds County not included in the Second Court of
957 Appeals District; and that portion of Jones county not included in
958 the Third Court of Appeals District.

959 **FIFTH DISTRICT.** The Fifth Court of Appeals District shall be
960 composed of the following counties and portions of counties:
961 Forrest, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Lamar, Pearl
962 River, Perry and Stone; and that portion of Wayne County not
963 included in the Third Court of Appeals District.

964 (b) The boundaries of the Court of Appeals Districts
965 described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall be the
966 boundaries of the counties and precincts listed in paragraph (a)
967 of this subsection as such boundaries existed on October 1, 1990.

968 **SECTION 16.** Section 9-5-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
969 brought forward as follows:



970 9-5-5. The First Chancery Court District is composed of the
971 following counties:

- 972 (a) Alcorn County;
- 973 (b) Itawamba County;
- 974 (c) Lee County;
- 975 (d) Monroe County;
- 976 (e) Pontotoc County;
- 977 (f) Prentiss County;
- 978 (g) Tishomingo County; and
- 979 (h) Union County.

980 **SECTION 17.** Section 9-5-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
981 brought forward as follows:

982 9-5-7. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the
983 First Chancery Court District.

984 (2) The four (4) chancellorships shall be separate and
985 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election
986 only as "Place One," "Place Two," "Place Three" and "Place Four."
987 The chancellor to fill Place One must be a resident of Alcorn,
988 Prentiss or Tishomingo County. The chancellors to fill Place Two
989 and Place Three must reside in Itawamba, Lee, Monroe, Pontotoc or
990 Union County. The chancellor to fill Place Four may be a resident
991 of any county in the district. Election of the four (4) offices
992 of chancellor shall be by election to be held in every county
993 within the First Chancery Court District.



994 **SECTION 18.** Section 9-5-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
995 brought forward as follows:

996 9-5-9. The Second Chancery Court District is composed of the
997 following counties:

- 998 (a) Jasper County;
- 999 (b) Newton County; and
- 1000 (c) Scott County.

1001 **SECTION 19.** Section 9-5-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1002 brought forward as follows:

1003 9-5-11. (1) The Third Chancery Court District is composed
1004 of the following counties:

- 1005 (a) DeSoto County;
- 1006 (b) Grenada County;
- 1007 (c) Montgomery County;
- 1008 (d) Panola County;
- 1009 (e) Tate County; and
- 1010 (f) Yalobusha County.

1011 (2) The Third Chancery Court District shall be divided into
1012 two (2) subdistricts as follows:

- 1013 (a) Subdistrict 3-1 shall consist of DeSoto County.
- 1014 (b) Subdistrict 3-2 shall consist of Grenada County,
1015 Montgomery County, Panola County, Tate County and Yalobusha
1016 County.

1017 **SECTION 20.** Section 9-5-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1018 brought forward as follows:



1019 **[Until January 1, 2027, this section shall read as follows:]**

1020 9-5-13. (1) There shall be three (3) chancellors for the
1021 Third Chancery Court District.

1022 (2) (a) The chancellor of Subdistrict 3-1 shall be elected
1023 from DeSoto County. The two (2) chancellors of Subdistrict 3-2
1024 shall be elected from Grenada County, Montgomery County, Panola
1025 County, Tate County and Yalobusha County.

1026 (b) For purposes of appointment and election, the three
1027 (3) chancellorships shall be separate and distinct. The
1028 chancellorship in Subdistrict 3-1 shall be denominated only as
1029 "Place One," and the chancellorships in Subdistrict 3-2 shall be
1030 denominated only as "Place Two" and "Place Three."

1031 **[From and after January 1, 2027, this section shall read as**
1032 **follows:]**

1033 9-5-13. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the
1034 Third Chancery Court District.

1035 (2) (a) The two (2) chancellors of Subdistrict 3-1 shall be
1036 elected from DeSoto County. The two (2) chancellors of
1037 Subdistrict 3-2 shall be elected from Grenada County, Montgomery
1038 County, Panola County, Tate County and Yalobusha County.

1039 (b) For purposes of appointment and election, the four
1040 (4) chancellorships shall be separate and distinct and denominated
1041 as "Place One," "Place Two," "Place Three" and "Place Four". The
1042 chancellorships in Subdistrict 3-1 shall be denominated only as
1043 "Place One" and "Place Four" and the chancellorships in



1044 Subdistrict 3-2 shall be denominated only as "Place Two" and
1045 "Place Three."

1046 **SECTION 21.** Section 9-5-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1047 brought forward as follows:

1048 9-5-15. (1) The Fourth Chancery Court District is composed
1049 of the following counties:

- 1050 (a) Amite County;
- 1051 (b) Franklin County;
- 1052 (c) Pike County; and
- 1053 (d) Walthall County.

1054 (2) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the Fourth
1055 Chancery Court District. The two (2) chancellorships shall be
1056 separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment
1057 and election only as "Place One" and "Place Two."

1058 **SECTION 22.** Section 9-5-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1059 brought forward as follows:

1060 9-5-17. (1) The Fifth Chancery Court District is composed
1061 of Hinds County.

1062 (2) The Fifth Chancery Court District shall be divided into
1063 the following four (4) subdistricts:

- 1064 (a) Subdistrict 5-1 shall consist of the following
1065 precincts in Hinds County: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 32, 33, 34,
1066 35, 36, 44, 45, 46, 47, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 92, 93, 96
1067 and 97.



1068 (b) Subdistrict 5-2 shall consist of the following
1069 precincts in Hinds County: 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 23, 27,
1070 28, 29, 30, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85,
1071 Brownsville, Cynthia, Pocahontas and Tinnin.

1072 (c) Subdistrict 5-3 shall consist of the following
1073 precincts in Hinds County: 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 31,
1074 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 66,
1075 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 86, 89 and Jackson State.

1076 (d) Subdistrict 5-4 shall consist of the following
1077 precincts in Hinds County: 87, 88, 90, 91, 94, 95, Bolton, Byram
1078 1, Byram 2, Cayuga, Chapel Hill, Clinton 1, Clinton 2, Clinton 3,
1079 Clinton 4, Clinton 5, Clinton 6, Dry Grove, Edwards, Learned, Old
1080 Byram, Pinehaven, Raymond 1, Raymond 2, Spring Ridge, St. Thomas,
1081 Terry, Utica 1 and Utica 2.

1082 **SECTION 23.** Section 9-5-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1083 brought forward as follows:

1084 9-5-19. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the
1085 Fifth Chancery Court District. One (1) chancellor shall be
1086 elected from each subdistrict.

1087 (2) While there shall be no limitation whatsoever upon the
1088 powers and duties of the said chancellors other than as cast upon
1089 them by the Constitution and laws of this state, the court in the
1090 First Judicial District of Hinds County, in the discretion of the
1091 senior chancellor, may be divided into four (4) divisions as a



1092 matter of convenience by the entry of an order upon the minutes of
1093 the court.

1094 **SECTION 24.** Section 9-5-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1095 brought forward as follows:

1096 9-5-21. The Sixth Chancery Court District is composed of the
1097 following counties:

- 1098 (a) Attala County;
- 1099 (b) Carroll County;
- 1100 (c) Choctaw County;
- 1101 (d) Kemper County;
- 1102 (e) Neshoba County; and
- 1103 (f) Winston County.

1104 **SECTION 25.** Section 9-5-22, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1105 brought forward as follows:

1106 9-5-22. (1) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the
1107 Sixth Chancery Court District.

1108 (2) The two (2) chancellorships shall be separate and
1109 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election
1110 only as "Place One" and "Place Two."

1111 **SECTION 26.** Section 9-5-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1112 brought forward as follows:

1113 9-5-23. (1) The Seventh Chancery Court District is composed
1114 of the following counties:

- 1115 (a) Bolivar County;
- 1116 (b) Coahoma County;



- 1117 (c) Leflore County;
- 1118 (d) Quitman County;
- 1119 (e) Tallahatchie County; and
- 1120 (f) Tunica County.

1121 (2) The Seventh Chancery Court District shall be divided
1122 into two (2) subdistricts as follows:

1123 (a) Subdistrict 7-1 shall consist of Bolivar County and
1124 Coahoma County;

1125 (b) Subdistrict 7-2 shall consist of Leflore County,
1126 Quitman County, Tallahatchie County and Tunica County.

1127 **SECTION 27.** Section 9-5-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1128 brought forward as follows:

1129 9-5-25. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the Seventh
1130 Chancery Court District. The three (3) chancellorships shall be
1131 separate and distinct. One (1) chancellor shall be elected from
1132 Subdistrict 7-1 and shall be denominated for purposes of
1133 appointment and election only as "Place One," and two (2)
1134 chancellors shall be elected from Subdistrict 7-2 and shall be
1135 denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as
1136 "Place Two" and "Place Three."

1137 **SECTION 28.** Section 9-5-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1138 brought forward as follows:

1139 9-5-27. The Eighth Chancery Court District is composed of
1140 the following counties:

- 1141 (a) Hancock County;



1142 (b) Harrison County; and

1143 (c) Stone County.

1144 **SECTION 29.** Section 9-5-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1145 brought forward as follows:

1146 9-5-29. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the
1147 Eighth Chancery Court District.

1148 (2) The four (4) chancellorships shall be separate and
1149 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election
1150 only as "Place One," "Place Two," "Place Three" and "Place Four."

1151 (3) While there shall be no limitation whatsoever upon the
1152 powers and duties of the chancellors other than as cast upon them
1153 by the Constitution and laws of this state, the court in the
1154 Eighth Chancery Court District, in the discretion of the senior
1155 chancellor, may be divided into four (4) divisions as a matter of
1156 convenience by the entry of an order upon the minutes of the
1157 court.

1158 **SECTION 30.** Section 9-5-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1159 brought forward as follows:

1160 9-5-31. (1) The Ninth Chancery Court District is composed
1161 of the following counties:

1162 (a) Humphreys County;

1163 (b) Issaquena County;

1164 (c) Sharkey County;

1165 (d) Sunflower County;

1166 (e) Warren County; and



1167 (f) Washington County.

1168 (2) The Ninth Chancery Court District shall be divided into
1169 three (3) subdistricts as follows:

1170 (a) Subdistrict 9-1 shall consist of the following
1171 precincts in the following counties:

1172 (i) Sunflower County: Boyer-Linn, Drew,
1173 Fairview-Hale, Indianola 2 East*, Indianola 3 North*, Indianola 3
1174 Northeast*, Indianola 3 South*, Rome, Ruleville, Ruleville North
1175 and Sunflower Plantation; and

1176 (ii) Washington County: American Legion, Brent
1177 Center, Buster Brown Community Center, Darlove Baptist Church*,
1178 Elks Club, Extension Building, Grace Methodist Church*, Greenville
1179 Industrial College, Leland Health Department Clinic, Leland Rotary
1180 Club, Metcalf City Hall and Potter House Church.

1181 (b) Subdistrict 9-2 shall consist of Humphreys County
1182 and the following precincts in the following counties:

1183 (i) Sunflower County: Doddsville, Indianola 2
1184 East*, Indianola 2 West, Indianola 3 North*, Indianola 3
1185 Northeast*, Indianola 3 South*, Indianola Southeast, Inverness,
1186 Moorhead, Sunflower 3 and Sunflower 4; and

1187 (ii) Washington County: Arcola City Hall, Christ
1188 Wesleyan Methodist Church, Darlove Baptist Church*, Glen Allan
1189 Health Clinic, Grace Methodist Church*, Hollandale City Hall, St.
1190 James Episcopal Church, Swiftwater Baptist Church, Tampa Drive and
1191 Ward's Recreation Center.



1192 (c) Subdistrict 9-3 shall consist of Issaquena County,
1193 Sharkey County and Warren County.

1194 **SECTION 31.** Section 9-5-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1195 brought forward as follows:

1196 9-5-33. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the Ninth
1197 Chancery Court District. One (1) chancellor shall be elected from
1198 each subdistrict.

1199 **SECTION 32.** Section 9-5-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1200 brought forward as follows:

1201 9-5-35. The Tenth Chancery Court District is composed of the
1202 following counties:

- 1203 (a) Forrest County;
- 1204 (b) Lamar County;
- 1205 (c) Marion County;
- 1206 (d) Pearl River County; and
- 1207 (e) Perry County.

1208 **SECTION 33.** Section 9-5-36, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1209 brought forward as follows:

1210 9-5-36. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the
1211 Tenth Chancery Court District.

1212 (2) The four (4) chancellorships shall be separate and
1213 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election
1214 only as "Place One," "Place Two," "Place Three" and "Place Four."
1215 The chancellor to fill Place One and Place Four may be a resident
1216 of any county in the district. The chancellor to fill Place Two



1217 must be a resident of Lamar, Marion, Pearl River or Perry County.
1218 The chancellor to fill Place Three must be a resident of Forrest
1219 County. Election of the four (4) offices of chancellor shall be
1220 by election to be held in every county within the Tenth Chancery
1221 Court District.

1222 **SECTION 34.** Section 9-5-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1223 brought forward as follows:

1224 9-5-37. (1) The Eleventh Chancery Court District is
1225 composed of the following counties:

- 1226 (a) Holmes County;
- 1227 (b) Leake County;
- 1228 (c) Madison County; and
- 1229 (d) Yazoo County.

1230 (2) The Eleventh Chancery Court District shall be divided
1231 into two (2) subdistricts as follows:

1232 (a) Subdistrict 11-1 shall consist of Holmes County,
1233 Yazoo County and the following precincts in Madison County: Bible
1234 Church, Canton 4, Canton 5, Flora, Madison County Baptist Family
1235 Life Center, Magnolia Heights and Smith School;

1236 (b) Subdistrict 11-2 shall consist of Leake County and
1237 the following precincts in Madison County: Bear Creek, Camden,
1238 Cameron, Canton 1, Canton 2, Canton 3, Canton 7, Cedar Grove,
1239 Cobblestone, Couparle, Gluckstadt, Highland Colony Baptist Church,
1240 Liberty, Lorman/Cavalier, Luther Branson School, Madison 1,
1241 Madison 2, Madison 3, Main Harbor, New Industrial Park, North Bay,



1242 Ratliff Ferry, Ridgeland 1, Ridgeland 3, Ridgeland 4, Ridgeland
1243 First Methodist Church, Ridgeland Tennis Center, Sharon,
1244 Sunnybrook, Tougaloo, Trace Harbor, Victory Baptist Church,
1245 Virililia, Whisper Lake and Yandell Road.

1246 **SECTION 35.** Section 9-5-38, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1247 brought forward as follows:

1248 9-5-38. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the
1249 Eleventh Chancery Court District. The three (3) chancellorships
1250 shall be separate and distinct. One (1) chancellor shall be
1251 elected from Subdistrict 11-1 and denominated for purposes of
1252 appointment and election only as "Place One," one (1) chancellor
1253 shall be elected from Subdistrict 11-2 and denominated for
1254 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place Two," and one
1255 (1) chancellor shall be elected at large from the entire Eleventh
1256 Chancery Court District and denominated for purposes of
1257 appointment and election only as "Place Three."

1258 **SECTION 36.** Section 9-5-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1259 brought forward as follows:

1260 9-5-39. The Twelfth Chancery Court District is composed of
1261 the following counties:

- 1262 (a) Clarke County; and
- 1263 (b) Lauderdale County.

1264 **SECTION 37.** Section 9-5-40, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1265 brought forward as follows:



1266 9-5-40. (1) There shall be two (2) judges for the Twelfth
1267 Chancery Court District.

1268 (2) The two (2) chancellorships shall be separate and
1269 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election
1270 only as "Place One" and "Place Two."

1271 **SECTION 38.** Section 9-5-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1272 brought forward as follows:

1273 9-5-41. (1) The Thirteenth Chancery Court District is
1274 composed of the following counties:

- 1275 (a) Covington County;
- 1276 (b) Jefferson Davis County;
- 1277 (c) Lawrence County;
- 1278 (d) Simpson County; and
- 1279 (e) Smith County.

1280 (2) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the Thirteenth
1281 Chancery Court District. The two (2) chancellorships shall be
1282 separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment
1283 and election only as "Place One" and "Place Two."

1284 **SECTION 39.** Section 9-5-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1285 brought forward as follows:

1286 9-5-43. (1) The Fourteenth Chancery Court District is
1287 composed of the following counties:

- 1288 (a) Chickasaw County;
- 1289 (b) Clay County;
- 1290 (c) Lowndes County;



- 1291 (d) Noxubee County;
- 1292 (e) Oktibbeha County; and
- 1293 (f) Webster County.

1294 (2) The Fourteenth Chancery Court District shall be divided
1295 into three (3) subdistricts as follows:

1296 (a) Subdistrict 14-1 shall consist of Chickasaw County,
1297 Webster County and the following precincts in Oktibbeha County:
1298 Bell Schoolhouse*, Bradley, Center Grove, Central Starkville*,
1299 Craig Springs, Double Springs, East Starkville*, Gillespie Street
1300 Center*, Maben, North Adaton, North Longview, North Starkville 2*,
1301 North Starkville 3, Northeast Starkville, Self Creek, South
1302 Adaton, South Longview, South Starkville*, Sturgis and West
1303 Starkville*.

1304 (b) Subdistrict 14-2 shall consist of the following
1305 precincts in the following counties:

1306 (i) Clay County: Cedar Bluff, Central West Point,
1307 East West Point, Siloam, South West Point and Vinton; and

1308 (ii) Lowndes County: Air Base A, Air Base B, Air
1309 Base C, Air Base D, Air Base E, Brandon A, Brandon B, Brandon C,
1310 Brandon D, Caledonia, Columbus High School A, Columbus High School
1311 B, Columbus High School C, Columbus High School D, Dowdle Gas
1312 Training Center B, Fairgrounds C, Fairgrounds E, Fairgrounds F,
1313 Hunt C, Lee Middle School, Mitchell A, New Hope A, New Hope B, New
1314 Hope C, New Hope D, New Hope E, Rural Hill A, Rural Hill B, Rural



1315 Hill C, Sale A, Sale B, Sale C, Steens A, Steens B, Steens C,
1316 Trinity B, Union Academy B, Union Academy C and University A.

1317 (c) Subdistrict 14-3 shall consist of Noxubee County
1318 and the following precincts in the following counties:

1319 (i) Clay County: Cairo, Caradine, North West
1320 Point, Pheba, Pine Bluff, Tibbee, Union Star and West Point;

1321 (ii) Lowndes County: Artesia, Coleman A, Coleman
1322 B, Crawford A, Fairgrounds A, Fairgrounds B, Fairgrounds D,
1323 Fairgrounds G, Hunt A, Hunt B, Mitchell B, New Hope F, Plum Grove
1324 A, Plum Grove B, Plum Grove C, Propst Park Community Hut, Trinity
1325 A, Union Academy A, University B, West Lowndes A and West Lowndes
1326 B; and

1327 (iii) Oktibbeha County: Bell Schoolhouse*,
1328 Central Starkville*, East Starkville*, Gillespie Street Center*,
1329 Hickory Grove, North Starkville 2*, Oktoc, Osborn, Sessums, South
1330 Starkville*, Southeast Oktibbeha and West Starkville*.

1331 **SECTION 40.** Section 9-5-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1332 brought forward as follows:

1333 9-5-45. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the
1334 Fourteenth Chancery Court District. One (1) chancellor shall be
1335 elected from each subdistrict.

1336 **SECTION 41.** Section 9-5-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1337 brought forward as follows:

1338 9-5-47. The Fifteenth Chancery Court District is composed of
1339 the following counties:



1340 (a) Copiah County; and

1341 (b) Lincoln County.

1342 **SECTION 42.** Section 9-5-49, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1343 brought forward as follows:

1344 9-5-49. The Sixteenth Chancery Court District is composed of
1345 the following counties:

1346 (a) George County;

1347 (b) Greene County; and

1348 (c) Jackson County.

1349 **SECTION 43.** Section 9-5-50, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1350 brought forward as follows:

1351 9-5-50. (1) There shall be three (3) chancellors for the
1352 Sixteenth Chancery Court District.

1353 (2) The three (3) chancellorships shall be separate and
1354 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election
1355 only as "Place One," "Place Two" and "Place Three."

1356 **SECTION 44.** Section 9-5-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1357 brought forward as follows:

1358 9-5-51. (1) The Seventeenth Chancery Court District is
1359 composed of the following counties:

1360 (a) Adams County;

1361 (b) Claiborne County;

1362 (c) Jefferson County; and

1363 (d) Wilkinson County.



1364 (2) The Seventeenth Chancery Court District shall be divided
1365 into two (2) subdistricts as follows:

1366 (a) Subdistrict 17-1 shall consist of Claiborne County,
1367 Jefferson County, and the following precincts in Adams County:
1368 Airport Carpenter*, Convention Center*, Foster Mound, Maryland*,
1369 Northside School, Palestine, Pine Ridge, Thompson and Washington*.

1370 (b) Subdistrict 17-2 shall consist of Wilkinson County
1371 and the following precincts in Adams County: Beau Pre, Bellemont,
1372 By-Pass Fire Station, Carpenter*, Concord, Convention Center*,
1373 Courthouse, Duncan Park, Kingston, Liberty Park, Maryland*,
1374 Morgantown, Oakland and Washington*.

1375 (3) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the Seventeenth
1376 Chancery Court District. One (1) chancellor shall be elected from
1377 each subdistrict.

1378 **SECTION 45.** Section 9-5-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1379 brought forward as follows:

1380 9-5-53. The Eighteenth Chancery Court District is composed
1381 of the following counties:

- 1382 (a) Benton County;
- 1383 (b) Calhoun County;
- 1384 (c) Lafayette County;
- 1385 (d) Marshall County; and
- 1386 (e) Tippah County.

1387 **SECTION 46.** Section 9-5-54, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1388 brought forward as follows:



1389 9-5-54. (1) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the
1390 Eighteenth Chancery Court District.

1391 (2) The two (2) chancellorships shall be separate and
1392 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election
1393 only as "Place One" and "Place Two."

1394 **SECTION 47.** Section 9-5-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1395 brought forward as follows:

1396 9-5-55. The Nineteenth Chancery Court District is composed
1397 of the following counties:

1398 (a) Jones County; and

1399 (b) Wayne County.

1400 **SECTION 48.** Section 9-5-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1401 brought forward as follows:

1402 9-5-57. The Twentieth Chancery Court District shall be
1403 Rankin County.

1404 **SECTION 49.** Section 9-5-58, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1405 brought forward as follows:

1406 9-5-58. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the
1407 Twentieth Chancery Court District. For purposes of appointment
1408 and election the three (3) chancellorships shall be separate and
1409 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election
1410 only as "Place One," "Place Two" and "Place Three."

1411 **SECTION 50.** Section 9-7-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1412 brought forward as follows:



1413 9-7-5. The First Circuit Court District is composed of the
1414 following counties:

- 1415 (a) Alcorn County;
- 1416 (b) Itawamba County;
- 1417 (c) Lee County;
- 1418 (d) Monroe County;
- 1419 (e) Pontotoc County;
- 1420 (f) Prentiss County; and
- 1421 (g) Tishomingo County.

1422 **SECTION 51.** Section 9-7-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1423 brought forward as follows:

1424 9-7-7. (1) There shall be four (4) judges for the First
1425 Circuit Court District.

1426 (2) The four (4) judgeships shall be separate and distinct
1427 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as
1428 "Place One," "Place Two," "Place Three" and "Place Four." The
1429 judge to fill Place One must reside in Alcorn, Prentiss or
1430 Tishomingo County. The judges to fill Place Two and Place Three
1431 must reside in Itawamba, Lee, Monroe or Pontotoc County. The
1432 judge to fill Place Four may be a resident of any county in the
1433 district. Election of the four (4) offices of judge shall be by
1434 election to be held in every county within the First Circuit Court
1435 District.

1436 **SECTION 52.** Section 9-7-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1437 brought forward as follows:



1438 9-7-9. The Second Circuit Court District is composed of the
1439 following counties:

- 1440 (a) Hancock County;
- 1441 (b) Harrison County; and
- 1442 (c) Stone County.

1443 **SECTION 53.** Section 9-7-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1444 brought forward as follows:

1445 9-7-11. (1) There shall be four (4) judges for the Second
1446 Circuit Court District.

1447 (2) The four (4) judgeships shall be separate and distinct
1448 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as
1449 "Place One," "Place Two," "Place Three" and "Place Four."

1450 **SECTION 54.** Section 9-7-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1451 brought forward as follows:

1452 9-7-13. The Third Circuit Court District is composed of the
1453 following counties:

- 1454 (a) Benton County;
- 1455 (b) Calhoun County;
- 1456 (c) Chickasaw County;
- 1457 (d) Lafayette County;
- 1458 (e) Marshall County;
- 1459 (f) Tippah County; and
- 1460 (g) Union County.

1461 **SECTION 55.** Section 9-7-14, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1462 brought forward as follows:



1463 9-7-14. (1) There shall be three (3) judges for the Third
1464 Circuit Court District.

1465 (2) The three (3) judgeships shall be separate and distinct
1466 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as
1467 "Place One," "Place Two" and "Place Three."

1468 **SECTION 56.** Section 9-7-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1469 brought forward as follows:

1470 9-7-15. (1) The Fourth Circuit Court District shall be
1471 composed of the following counties:

- 1472 (a) Leflore County;
- 1473 (b) Sunflower County; and
- 1474 (c) Washington County.

1475 (2) The Fourth Circuit Court District shall be divided into
1476 four (4) subdistricts as follows:

1477 (a) Subdistrict 4-1 shall consist of the following
1478 precincts in the following counties:

1479 (i) Leflore County: Minter City, North Greenwood,
1480 Money, Northeast Greenwood, Schlater, West Greenwood, Mississippi
1481 Valley State University and Southeast Greenwood Precincts; and

1482 (ii) Sunflower County: Ruleville, Rome, Sunflower
1483 Plantation, Drew, Doddsville, Boyer-Linn, Fairview-Hale and
1484 Ruleville North Precincts.

1485 (b) Subdistrict 4-2 shall consist of the following
1486 precincts in the following counties:



1487 (i) Sunflower County: Indianola 1, Sunflower,
1488 Indianola 3 North, Indianola 3 South and Indianola 3 Northeast
1489 Precincts; and

1490 (ii) Washington County: Extension Building, Faith
1491 Lutheran Church, American Legion, Metcalfe City Hall, Elks Club,
1492 Leland Health Department Clinic, Leland Light and Water Plant and
1493 Greenville Industrial College Precincts.

1494 (c) Subdistrict 4-3 shall consist of the following
1495 precincts in the following counties:

1496 (i) Leflore County: East Greenwood Sub-A, East
1497 Greenwood Sub-B, Central Greenwood, North Itta Bena, South Itta
1498 Bena, Southwest Greenwood, Rising Sun, Sidon, Morgan City,
1499 Swiftown and South Greenwood Precincts;

1500 (ii) Sunflower County: Moorhead, Inverness,
1501 Indianola 2 West and Indianola 2 East Precincts; and

1502 (iii) Washington County: Arcola City Hall,
1503 Hollandale City Hall, Darlove Baptist Church and Mangelardi
1504 Bourbon Store Precincts.

1505 (d) Subdistrict 4-4 shall consist of the following
1506 precincts in Washington County: St. James Episcopal Church,
1507 Swiftwater Baptist Church, Glen Allan Health Clinic, Italian Club,
1508 Ward's Recreation Center, Buster Brown Community Center, Avon
1509 Health Center, Kapco Company, Brent Center, William Percy Library
1510 and Grace Methodist Church Precincts.



1511 (3) The local contributions required for the maintenance of
1512 the Fourth Circuit Court District shall be paid on a pro rata
1513 basis each by Leflore, Sunflower and Washington Counties.

1514 **SECTION 57.** Section 9-7-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1515 brought forward as follows:

1516 9-7-17. There shall be four (4) circuit judges for the
1517 Fourth Circuit Court District. One (1) circuit judge shall be
1518 elected from each subdistrict.

1519 **SECTION 58.** Section 9-7-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1520 brought forward as follows:

1521 9-7-19. The Fifth Circuit Court District is composed of the
1522 following counties:

- 1523 (a) Attala County;
- 1524 (b) Carroll County;
- 1525 (c) Choctaw County;
- 1526 (d) Grenada County;
- 1527 (e) Montgomery County;
- 1528 (f) Webster County; and
- 1529 (g) Winston County.

1530 **SECTION 59.** Section 9-7-20, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1531 brought forward as follows:

1532 9-7-20. (1) There shall be two (2) judges for the Fifth
1533 Circuit Court District.



1534 (2) The two (2) judgeships shall be separate and distinct
1535 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as
1536 "Place One" and "Place Two."

1537 **SECTION 60.** Section 9-7-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1538 brought forward as follows:

1539 9-7-21. (1) The Sixth Circuit Court District is composed of
1540 the following counties:

- 1541 (a) Adams County;
- 1542 (b) Amite County;
- 1543 (c) Franklin County; and
- 1544 (d) Wilkinson County.

1545 (2) The Sixth Circuit Court District shall be divided into
1546 two (2) subdistricts as follows:

1547 (a) Subdistrict 6-1 shall consist of Wilkinson County
1548 and the following precincts in the following counties:

1549 (i) Adams County: Airport, By-Pass Fire Station,
1550 Carpenter, Concord*, Courthouse*, Duncan Park*, Foster Mound,
1551 Maryland*, Northside School, Pine Ridge, Thompson and Washington*;
1552 and

1553 (ii) Amite County: Ariel, Berwick, Crosby, East
1554 Centreville, East Gloster*, Gloster*, Homochitto, South Liberty*
1555 and Street.

1556 (b) Subdistrict 6-2 shall consist of Franklin County
1557 and the following precincts in the following counties:



1558 (i) Adams County: Beau Pre, Bellemont, Concord*,
1559 Convention Center, Courthouse*, Duncan Park*, Kingston, Liberty
1560 Park, Maryland*, Morgantown, Oakland, Palestine and Washington*;
1561 and

1562 (ii) Amite County: Amite River, East Fork, East
1563 Gloster*, East Liberty, Gloster*, Liberty, New Zion, Oneil,
1564 Riceville, Smithdale, South Liberty*, Tangipahoa, Tickfaw, Walls
1565 and Zion Hills.

1566 (3) There shall be two (2) judges for the Sixth Circuit
1567 Court District. The two (2) judgeships shall be separate and
1568 distinct. One (1) judge shall be elected from each subdistrict.

1569 **SECTION 61.** Section 9-7-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1570 brought forward as follows:

1571 9-7-23. (1) The Seventh Circuit Court District shall be
1572 Hinds County.

1573 (2) The Seventh Circuit Court District shall be divided into
1574 four (4) subdistricts in Hinds County as follows:

1575 (a) Subdistrict 7-1 shall consist of the following
1576 precincts in Hinds County: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 32, 33, 34,
1577 35, 36, 44, 45, 46, 47, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 92, 93, 96
1578 and 97.

1579 (b) Subdistrict 7-2 shall consist of the following
1580 precincts in Hinds County: 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 23, 27,
1581 28, 29, 30, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85,
1582 Brownsville, Cynthia, Pocahontas and Tinnin.



1583 (c) Subdistrict 7-3 shall consist of the following
1584 precincts in Hinds County: 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 31,
1585 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 66,
1586 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 86, 89, and Jackson State.

1587 (d) Subdistrict 7-4 shall consist of the following
1588 precincts in Hinds County: 87, 88, 90, 91, 94, 95, Bolton, Byram
1589 1, Byram 2, Cayuga, Chapel Hill, Clinton 1, Clinton 2, Clinton 3,
1590 Clinton 4, Clinton 5, Clinton 6, Dry Grove, Edwards, Learned, Old
1591 Byram, Pinehaven, Raymond 1, Raymond 2, Spring Ridge, St. Thomas,
1592 Terry, Utica 1 and Utica 2.

1593 **SECTION 62.** Section 9-7-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1594 brought forward as follows:

1595 9-7-25. (1) There shall be four (4) circuit judges for the
1596 Seventh Circuit Court District. One (1) judge shall be elected
1597 from each subdistrict.

1598 (2) While there shall be no limitation whatsoever upon the
1599 powers and duties of the said judges other than as cast upon them
1600 by the Constitution and laws of this state, the court in the First
1601 Judicial District of Hinds County, in the discretion of the senior
1602 circuit judge, may be divided into civil and criminal divisions as
1603 a matter of convenience, by the entry of an order upon the minutes
1604 of the court.

1605 **SECTION 63.** Section 9-7-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1606 brought forward as follows:



1607 9-7-27. (1) The Eighth Circuit Court District is composed
1608 of the following counties:

- 1609 (a) Leake County;
- 1610 (b) Neshoba County;
- 1611 (c) Newton County; and
- 1612 (d) Scott County.

1613 (2) There shall be two (2) judges for the Eighth Circuit
1614 Court District.

1615 (3) The two (2) judgeships shall be separate and distinct
1616 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as
1617 "Place One" and "Place Two."

1618 **SECTION 64.** Section 9-7-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1619 brought forward as follows:

1620 9-7-29. (1) The Ninth Circuit Court District is composed of
1621 the following counties:

- 1622 (a) Issaquena County;
- 1623 (b) Sharkey County; and
- 1624 (c) Warren County.

1625 (2) The Ninth Circuit Court District shall be divided into
1626 two (2) subdistricts as follows:

1627 (a) Subdistrict 9-1 shall consist of Issaquena County,
1628 Sharkey County and the following precincts in Warren County: 3-61
1629 Store*, American Legion Hall, Auditorium, Brunswick, Cedar Grove*,
1630 Kings*, Number 7 Fire Station*, St. Aloysius and Vicksburg Junior
1631 High School*.



1632 (b) Subdistrict 9-2 shall consist of the following
1633 precincts in Warren County: 3-61 Store*, Beechwood, Bovina, Cedar
1634 Grove*, Culkin, Elks Lodge, Goodrum, Jett, Kings*, Moose Lodge,
1635 Number 7 Fire Station*, Oak Ridge, Plumbers Hall, Redwood,
1636 Tingleville, Vicksburg Junior High School*, YMCA and Yokena.

1637 **SECTION 65.** Section 9-7-30, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1638 brought forward as follows:

1639 9-7-30. There shall be two (2) judges for the Ninth Circuit
1640 Court District. One (1) judge shall be elected from each
1641 subdistrict.

1642 **SECTION 66.** Section 9-7-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1643 brought forward as follows:

1644 9-7-31. The Tenth Circuit Court District is composed of the
1645 following counties:

- 1646 (a) Clarke County;
- 1647 (b) Kemper County;
- 1648 (c) Lauderdale County; and
- 1649 (d) Wayne County.

1650 **SECTION 67.** Section 9-7-32, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1651 brought forward as follows:

1652 9-7-32. (1) There shall be two (2) judges for the Tenth
1653 Circuit Court District.

1654 (2) The two (2) judgeships shall be separate and distinct
1655 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as
1656 "Place One" and "Place Two."



1657 **SECTION 68.** Section 9-7-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1658 brought forward as follows:

1659 9-7-33. (1) The Eleventh Circuit Court District is composed
1660 of the following counties:

- 1661 (a) Bolivar County;
- 1662 (b) Coahoma County;
- 1663 (c) Quitman County; and
- 1664 (d) Tunica County.

1665 (2) The Eleventh Circuit Court District shall be divided
1666 into three (3) subdistricts as follows:

1667 (a) Subdistrict 11-1 shall consist of the following
1668 precincts from the following counties:

- 1669 (i) Bolivar County: Benoit, Beulah, Boyle,
1670 Choctaw, Cleveland Courthouse, East Central Cleveland*, East
1671 Cleveland*, East Rosedale, Gunnison, Longshot, North Cleveland,
1672 Northwest Cleveland*, Pace, Scott, Shaw, Skene, South Cleveland*,
1673 Stringtown, West Central Cleveland, West Cleveland and West
1674 Rosedale; and

- 1675 (ii) Coahoma County: Bobo, Clarksdale 2-4*,
1676 Clarksdale 5-4*, Farrell*, Rena Lara and Sherard*.

1677 (b) Subdistrict 11-2 shall consist of the following
1678 precincts from the following counties:

- 1679 (i) Bolivar County: Cleveland Eastgate,
1680 Duncan/Alligator, East Central Cleveland*, East Cleveland*,



1681 Merigold, Mound Bayou, Northwest Cleveland*, Renova, Shelby, South
1682 Cleveland* and Winstonville;

1683 (ii) Coahoma County: Cagle Crossing, Clarksdale
1684 1-4*, Clarksdale 3-3, Clarksdale 3-4, Clarksdale 4-2, Clarksdale
1685 4-3, Dublin and Roundaway; and

1686 (iii) Quitman County: Belen*, District 3 South*,
1687 Lambert, Northwest Marks, Southwest Marks and West Lambert.

1688 (c) Subdistricts 11-3 shall consist of Tunica County
1689 and the following precincts in the following counties:

1690 (i) Coahoma County: Clarksdale 1-4*, Clarksdale
1691 2-4*, Clarksdale 5-4*, Coahoma, Farrell*, Friar's Point,
1692 Jonestown, Lula, Lyon and Sherard*; and

1693 (ii) Quitman County: Belen*, Crenshaw, Crowder,
1694 Darling, District 3 North, District 3 South* and Sledge.

1695 **SECTION 69.** Section 9-7-34, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1696 brought forward as follows:

1697 9-7-34. There shall be three (3) judges for the Eleventh
1698 Circuit Court District. One (1) judge shall be elected from each
1699 subdistrict.

1700 **SECTION 70.** Section 9-7-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1701 brought forward as follows:

1702 9-7-35. (1) The Twelfth Circuit Court District is composed
1703 of the following counties:

1704 (a) Forrest County; and

1705 (b) Perry County.



1706 (2) There shall be two (2) judges for the Twelfth Circuit
1707 Court District. The two (2) judgeships shall be separate and
1708 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election
1709 only as "Place One" and "Place Two."

1710 **SECTION 71.** Section 9-7-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1711 brought forward as follows:

1712 9-7-37. (1) The Thirteenth Circuit Court District is
1713 composed of the following counties:

- 1714 (a) Covington County;
- 1715 (b) Jasper County;
- 1716 (c) Simpson County; and
- 1717 (d) Smith County.

1718 (2) There shall be two (2) judges for the Thirteenth Circuit
1719 Court District. The two (2) judgeships shall be separate and
1720 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election
1721 only as "Place One" and "Place Two."

1722 **SECTION 72.** Section 9-7-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1723 brought forward as follows:

1724 9-7-39. (1) The Fourteenth Circuit Court District is
1725 composed of the following counties:

- 1726 (a) Lincoln County;
- 1727 (b) Pike County; and
- 1728 (c) Walthall County.

1729 (2) (a) There shall be two (2) judges for the Fourteenth
1730 Circuit Court District.



1731 (b) The two (2) judgeships shall be separate and
1732 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election
1733 only as "Place One" and "Place Two."

1734 **SECTION 73.** Section 9-7-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1735 brought forward as follows:

1736 9-7-41. The Fifteenth Circuit Court District is composed of
1737 the following counties:

- 1738 (a) Jefferson Davis County;
- 1739 (b) Lamar County;
- 1740 (c) Lawrence County;
- 1741 (d) Marion County; and
- 1742 (e) Pearl River County.

1743 **SECTION 74.** Section 9-7-42, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1744 brought forward as follows:

1745 9-7-42. (1) There shall be three (3) judges for the
1746 Fifteenth Circuit Court District.

1747 (2) The three (3) judgeships shall be separate and distinct
1748 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as
1749 "Place One," "Place Two," and "Place Three." The judge to fill
1750 Place One must be a resident of Jefferson Davis, Lamar, Lawrence
1751 or Marion County. The judge to fill Place Two may be a resident
1752 of any county in the district. The judge to fill Place Three must
1753 be a resident of Pearl River County.

1754 **SECTION 75.** Section 9-7-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1755 brought forward as follows:



1756 9-7-43. The Sixteenth Circuit Court District is composed of
1757 the following counties:

- 1758 (a) Clay County;
- 1759 (b) Lowndes County;
- 1760 (c) Noxubee County; and
- 1761 (d) Oktibbeha County.

1762 **SECTION 76.** Section 9-7-44, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1763 brought forward as follows:

1764 9-7-44. (1) There shall be three (3) judges for the
1765 Sixteenth Circuit Court District.

1766 (2) The three (3) judgeships shall be separate and distinct
1767 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as
1768 "Place One," "Place Two" and "Place Three." The judge to fill
1769 Place One must be a resident of Lowndes County. The judge to fill
1770 Place Two must be a resident of Oktibbeha County. The judge to
1771 fill Place Three must be a resident of either Clay or Noxubee
1772 County. Election of the three (3) offices of judge shall be by
1773 election to be held in every county within the Sixteenth Circuit
1774 Court District.

1775 **SECTION 77.** Section 9-7-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1776 brought forward as follows:

1777 **[Until January 1, 2023, this section shall read as follows:]**

1778 9-7-45. The Seventeenth Circuit Court District shall be
1779 divided into two (2) subdistricts as follows:



1780 (a) Subdistrict 17-1 shall be composed of DeSoto
1781 County; and

1782 (b) Subdistrict 17-2 shall be composed of Panola
1783 County, Tallahatchie County, Tate County and Yalobusha County.

1784 **[From and after January 1, 2023, this section shall read as**
1785 **follows:]**

1786 9-7-45. The Seventeenth Circuit Court District shall be
1787 composed of the following counties:

- 1788 (a) Panola County;
- 1789 (b) Tallahatchie County;
- 1790 (c) Tate County; and
- 1791 (d) Yalobusha County.

1792 **SECTION 78.** Section 9-7-46, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1793 brought forward as follows:

1794 **[Until January 1, 2023, this section shall read as follows:]**

1795 9-7-46. (1) There shall be four (4) circuit judges for the
1796 Seventeenth Circuit Court District.

1797 (2) For the purpose of appointment and election, the four
1798 (4) judgeships shall be separate and distinct, and one (1) judge
1799 shall be elected from Subdistrict 17-1, two (2) judges shall be
1800 elected from Subdistrict 17-2, and one (1) judge shall be elected
1801 from every county in the district. The two (2) judgeships in
1802 Subdistrict 17-2 shall be denominated as "Place One" and "Place
1803 Two," the judgeship in Subdistrict 17-1 shall be denominated as



1804 "Place Three," and the at-large judgeship shall be denominated as
1805 "Place Four."

1806 **[From and after January 1, 2023, this section shall read as**
1807 **follows:]**

1808 9-7-46. (1) There shall be two (2) circuit judges for the
1809 Seventeenth Circuit Court District.

1810 (2) For the purpose of appointment and election, the two (2)
1811 judgeships shall be separate and distinct, and be denominated as
1812 "Place One" and "Place Two."

1813 **SECTION 79.** Section 9-7-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1814 brought forward as follows:

1815 9-7-47. The Eighteenth Circuit Court District shall be Jones
1816 County.

1817 **SECTION 80.** Section 9-7-49, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1818 brought forward as follows:

1819 9-7-49. (1) The Nineteenth Circuit Court District is
1820 composed of the following counties:

- 1821 (a) George County;
- 1822 (b) Greene County; and
- 1823 (c) Jackson County.

1824 (2) The local contribution required for the maintenance of
1825 the Nineteenth Circuit Court District shall not exceed, as to
1826 George and Greene Counties, the amount of their present local
1827 contribution in their present respective circuit court districts,
1828 and any excess shall be paid by Jackson County.



1829 **SECTION 81.** Section 9-7-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1830 brought forward as follows:

1831 9-7-51. (1) There shall be three (3) judges for the
1832 Nineteenth Circuit Court District. The three (3) judgeships shall
1833 be separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of
1834 appointment and election only as "Place One," "Place Two" and
1835 "Place Three."

1836 (2) The senior judge of the Nineteenth Circuit Court
1837 District may divide the court of any county within the district
1838 into civil, criminal and appellate court divisions as a matter of
1839 convenience by the entry of an order upon the minutes of the
1840 court.

1841 **SECTION 82.** Section 9-7-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1842 brought forward as follows:

1843 9-7-53. The Twentieth Circuit Court District is composed of
1844 the following counties:

1845 (a) Madison County; and

1846 (b) Rankin County.

1847 **SECTION 83.** Section 9-7-54, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1848 brought forward as follows:

1849 9-7-54. (1) There shall be three (3) judges for the
1850 Twentieth Circuit Court District.

1851 (2) The three (3) judgeships shall be separate and distinct
1852 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as
1853 "Place One," "Place Two" and "Place Three." The judge to fill



1854 Place One must reside in Rankin County, the judge to fill Place
1855 Two must reside in Madison County, and the judge to fill Place
1856 Three may reside in either Madison or Rankin County.

1857 **SECTION 84.** Section 9-7-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1858 brought forward as follows:

1859 9-7-55. The Twenty-first Circuit Court District is composed
1860 of the following counties:

- 1861 (a) Holmes County;
- 1862 (b) Humphreys County; and
- 1863 (c) Yazoo County.

1864 **SECTION 85.** Section 9-7-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1865 brought forward as follows:

1866 9-7-57. The Twenty-second Circuit Court District is composed
1867 of the following counties:

- 1868 (a) Claiborne County;
- 1869 (b) Covich County; and
- 1870 (c) Jefferson County.

1871 **SECTION 86.** Section 37-7-208, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1872 brought forward as follows:

1873 37-7-208. The board of trustees of any consolidated school
1874 district may pay from nonminimum program funds the cost and
1875 expense of litigation involved by or resulting from the creation
1876 of or litigation to create single member school board trustee
1877 election districts, and pay from nonminimum program funds the cost
1878 or expense to implement any plan, decree or reorganization as



1879 approved by the court. Said payments by the board of trustees
1880 shall be deemed a "new program" under the provisions of Section
1881 37-57-107, Mississippi Code of 1972, and any additional millage
1882 levied for such purpose and the revenue generated therefrom shall
1883 be excluded from the tax increase limitation prescribed in
1884 Sections 37-57-105 and 37-57-107. The board of supervisors of any
1885 county in which there is located such consolidated school district
1886 may, in its discretion, contribute out of county general funds to
1887 the cost and expense of such litigation and/or the cost of
1888 implementing such redistricting plan.

1889 **SECTION 87.** Section 23-15-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1890 brought forward as follows:

1891 23-15-39. (1) Applications for registration as electors of
1892 this state, which are sworn to and subscribed before the registrar
1893 or deputy registrar authorized by law and which are not made by
1894 mail, shall be made upon a form established by rule duly adopted
1895 by the Secretary of State.

1896 (2) The boards of supervisors shall make proper allowances
1897 for office supplies reasonably necessitated by the registration of
1898 county electors.

1899 (3) If the applicant indicates on the application that he or
1900 she resides within the city limits of a city or town in the county
1901 of registration, the county registrar shall process the
1902 application for registration or changes to the registration as
1903 provided by law.



1904 (4) If the applicant indicates on the application that he or
1905 she has previously registered to vote in another county of this
1906 state or another state, notice to the voter's previous county of
1907 registration in this state shall be provided by the Statewide
1908 Elections Management System. If the voter's previous place of
1909 registration was in another state, notice shall be provided to the
1910 voter's previous state of residence if the Statewide Elections
1911 Management System has that capability.

1912 (5) The county registrar shall provide to the person making
1913 the application a copy of the application upon which has been
1914 written the county voting precinct and municipal voting precinct,
1915 if any, in which the person shall vote. Upon entry of the voter
1916 registration information into the Statewide Elections Management
1917 System, the system shall assign a voter registration number to the
1918 person, and the county registrar shall mail the applicant a voter
1919 registration card to the mailing address provided on the
1920 application.

1921 (6) Any person desiring an application for registration may
1922 secure an application from the registrar of the county of which he
1923 or she is a resident and may take the application with him or her
1924 and secure assistance in completing the application from any
1925 person of the applicant's choice. It shall be the duty of all
1926 registrars to furnish applications for registration to all persons
1927 requesting them, and it shall likewise be the registrar's duty to
1928 furnish aid and assistance in the completing of the application



1929 when requested by an applicant. The application for registration
1930 shall be sworn to and subscribed before the registrar or deputy
1931 registrar at the municipal clerk's office, the county registrar's
1932 office or any other location where the applicant is allowed to
1933 register to vote. The registrar shall not charge a fee or cost to
1934 the applicant for accepting the application or administering the
1935 oath or for any other duty imposed by law regarding the
1936 registration of electors.

1937 (7) If the person making the application is unable to read
1938 or write, for reason of disability or otherwise, he or she shall
1939 not be required to personally complete the application in writing
1940 and execute the oath. In such cases, the registrar or deputy
1941 registrar shall read the application and oath to the person and
1942 the person's answers thereto shall be recorded by the registrar or
1943 the registrar's deputy. The person shall be registered as an
1944 elector if he or she otherwise meets the requirements to be
1945 registered as an elector. The registrar shall record the
1946 responses of the person and the recorded responses shall be
1947 retained permanently by the registrar. The county registrar shall
1948 enter the voter registration information into the Statewide
1949 Elections Management System and designate the entry as an assisted
1950 filing.

1951 (8) The receipt of a copy of the application for
1952 registration sent pursuant to Section 23-15-35(2) shall be



1953 sufficient to allow the applicant to be registered as an elector
1954 of this state, if the application is not challenged.

1955 (9) In any case in which the corporate boundaries of a
1956 municipality change, whether by annexation or redistricting, the
1957 municipal clerk shall, within ten (10) days after approval of the
1958 change in corporate boundaries, provide to the county registrar
1959 conforming geographic data that is compatible with the Statewide
1960 Elections Management System. The data shall be developed by the
1961 municipality's use of a standardized format specified by the
1962 Statewide Elections Management System. The county registrar,
1963 county election commissioner or other county official, who has
1964 completed an annual training seminar sponsored by the Secretary of
1965 State pertaining to the implementation of new boundary lines in
1966 the Statewide Elections Management System and received
1967 certification for that training, shall update the municipal
1968 boundary information into the Statewide Elections Management
1969 System. The Statewide Elections Management System updates the
1970 municipal voter registration records and assigns electors to their
1971 municipal voting precincts. The county registrar shall forward to
1972 the municipal clerk written notification of the additions and
1973 changes, and the municipal clerk shall forward to the affected
1974 municipal electors written notification of the additions and
1975 changes.

1976 **SECTION 88.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
1977 and after July 1, 2022.

