

By: Representative Bain

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 411

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-29-61, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
 2 TO REVISE SENTENCING OPTIONS FOR THE CRIME OF VOYEURISM; TO BRING  
 3 FORWARD SECTIONS 25-31-5 AND 25-31-10, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
 4 WHICH PROVIDE FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS;  
 5 TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 9-7-5, 9-7-7, 9-7-9, 9-7-11, 9-7-13,  
 6 9-7-14, 9-7-15, 9-7-17, 9-7-19, 9-7-20, 9-7-21, 9-7-23, 9-7-25,  
 7 9-7-29, 9-7-27, 9-7-30, 9-7-31, 9-7-32, 9-7-33, 9-7-34, 9-7-35,  
 8 9-7-37, 9-7-39, 9-7-41, 9-7-42, 9-7-43, 9-7-44, 9-7-45, 9-7-46,  
 9 9-7-47, 9-7-49, 9-7-51, 9-7-53, 9-7-54, 9-7-55, 9-7-57, 9-7-63 AND  
 10 9-7-64, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDE FOR THE FIRST  
 11 THROUGH TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICTS, FOR PURPOSES OF  
 12 AMENDMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

14 **SECTION 1.** Section 97-29-61, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
 15 amended as follows:

16 97-29-61. (1) (a) Any person who enters upon real  
 17 property, whether the original entry is legal or not, and  
 18 thereafter pries or peeps through a window or other opening in a  
 19 dwelling or other building structure for the lewd, licentious and  
 20 indecent purpose of spying upon the occupants thereof, shall be  
 21 guilty of a felonious trespass.

22 (b) Any person who looks through a window, hole or  
 23 opening, or otherwise views by means of any instrumentality,



24 including, but not limited to, a periscope, telescope, binoculars,  
25 drones, camera, motion-picture camera, camcorder or mobile phone,  
26 into the interior of a bedroom, bathroom, changing room, fitting  
27 room, dressing room, spa, massage room or therapy room or tanning  
28 booth, or the interior of any other area in which the occupant has  
29 a reasonable expectation of privacy, with the intent to invade the  
30 privacy of a person or persons inside and without the consent or  
31 knowledge of every person present, for the lewd, licentious and  
32 indecent purpose of spying upon the occupant or occupants thereof,  
33 shall be guilty of a felony.

34 (2) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this  
35 subsection, a person who \* \* \* is over the age of \* \* \* eighteen  
36 (18) at the time of the offense \* \* \* and is convicted of a  
37 violation of subsection (1) of this section shall be imprisoned in  
38 the custody of the Department of Corrections not more than five  
39 (5) years.

40 (b) When one or more occupants spied upon is a child  
41 under sixteen (16) years of age, a person who was over the age of  
42 twenty-one (21) at the time of the offense who is convicted of a  
43 violation of subsection (1) of this section shall be imprisoned in  
44 the custody of the Department of Corrections not more than ten  
45 (10) years.

46 **SECTION 2.** Section 25-31-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
47 brought forward as follows:

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



49           25-31-5. (1) The following number of full-time legal  
50 assistants are authorized in the following circuit court  
51 districts:

52           (a) First Circuit Court District..... nine (9)  
53 legal assistants.

54           (b) Second Circuit Court District..... ten (10)  
55 legal assistants.

56           (c) Third Circuit Court District..... five (5)  
57 legal assistants.

58           (d) Fourth Circuit Court District..... six (6)  
59 legal assistants.

60           (e) Fifth Circuit Court District..... five (5)  
61 legal assistants.

62           (f) Sixth Circuit Court District..... two (2)  
63 legal assistants.

64           (g) Seventh Circuit Court District.....eleven (11)  
65 legal assistants.

66           (h) Eighth Circuit Court District..... three (3)  
67 legal assistants.

68           (i) Ninth Circuit Court District..... three (3)  
69 legal assistants.

70           (j) Tenth Circuit Court District..... four (4)  
71 legal assistants.

72           (k) Eleventh Circuit Court District..... five (5)  
73 legal assistants.



74                   (1) Twelfth Circuit Court District..... five (5)  
75 legal assistants.  
76                   (m) Thirteenth Circuit Court District..... four (4)  
77 legal assistants.  
78                   (n) Fourteenth Circuit Court District..... five (5)  
79 legal assistants.  
80                   (o) Fifteenth Circuit Court District..... six (6)  
81 legal assistants.  
82                   (p) Sixteenth Circuit Court District ..... five (5)  
83 legal assistants.  
84                   (q) Seventeenth Circuit Court District..... seven (7)  
85 legal assistants.  
86                   (r) Eighteenth Circuit Court District..... two (2)  
87 legal assistants.  
88                   (s) Nineteenth Circuit Court District..... six (6)  
89 legal assistants.  
90                   (t) Twentieth Circuit Court District..... six (6)  
91 legal assistants.  
92                   (u) Twenty-first Circuit Court District..... three (3)  
93 legal assistants.  
94                   (v) Twenty-second Circuit Court District..... three (3)  
95 legal assistants.  
96           (2) In addition to any legal assistants authorized pursuant  
97 to subsection (1) of this section, the following number of  
98 full-time legal assistants are authorized (i) in the following



99 circuit court districts if funds are appropriated by the  
100 Legislature to adequately fund the salaries, expenses and fringe  
101 benefits of such legal assistants, or (ii) in any of the following  
102 circuit court districts in which the board of supervisors of one  
103 or more of the counties in a circuit court district adopts a  
104 resolution to pay all of the salaries, supplemental pay, expenses  
105 and fringe benefits of legal assistants authorized in such  
106 district pursuant to this subsection:

107           (a) First Circuit Court District..... two (2)  
108 legal assistants.

109           (b) Second Circuit Court District..... two (2)  
110 legal assistants.

111           (c) Third Circuit Court District..... two (2)  
112 legal assistants.

113           (d) Fourth Circuit Court District..... two (2)  
114 legal assistants.

115           (e) Fifth Circuit Court District..... two (2)  
116 legal assistants.

117           (f) Sixth Circuit Court District..... two (2)  
118 legal assistants.

119           (g) Seventh Circuit Court District..... two (2)  
120 legal assistants.

121           (h) Eighth Circuit Court District..... two (2)  
122 legal assistants.

123           (i) Ninth Circuit Court District..... two (2)



124 legal assistants.

125           (j) Tenth Circuit Court District..... two (2)

126 legal assistants.

127           (k) Eleventh Circuit Court District..... two (2)

128 legal assistants.

129           (l) Twelfth Circuit Court District..... two (2)

130 legal assistants.

131           (m) Thirteenth Circuit Court District..... two (2)

132 legal assistants.

133           (n) Fourteenth Circuit Court District..... two (2)

134 legal assistants.

135           (o) Fifteenth Circuit Court District..... two (2)

136 legal assistants.

137           (p) Sixteenth Circuit Court District..... two (2)

138 legal assistants.

139           (q) Seventeenth Circuit Court District..... two (2)

140 legal assistants.

141           (r) Eighteenth Circuit Court District..... two (2)

142 legal assistants.

143           (s) Nineteenth Circuit Court District..... two (2)

144 legal assistants.

145           (t) Twentieth Circuit Court District..... two (2)

146 legal assistants.

147           (u) Twenty-first Circuit Court District..... two (2)

148 legal assistants.



149           (v) Twenty-second Circuit Court District..... two (2)  
150 legal assistants.

151           (3) The board of supervisors of any county may pay all or a  
152 part of the salary, supplemental pay, expenses and fringe benefits  
153 of any district attorney or legal assistant authorized in the  
154 circuit court district to which such county belongs pursuant to  
155 this section.

156           (4) The district attorney of any circuit court district may  
157 employ additional legal assistants or criminal investigators, or  
158 both, without regard to any limitation on the number of legal  
159 assistants authorized in this section or criminal investigators  
160 authorized by other provisions of law to the extent that the  
161 district attorney's office receives funds from any source. Any  
162 source shall include, but is not limited to, office generated  
163 funds, funds from a county, a combination of counties, a  
164 municipality, a combination of municipalities, federal funds,  
165 private grants or foundations, or by means of an Interlocal  
166 Cooperative Agreement authorized by Section 17-13-1 which may be  
167 expended for those positions in an amount sufficient to pay all of  
168 the salary, supplemental pay, expenses and fringe benefits of the  
169 positions. Such funds may either be paid out of district attorney  
170 accounts, transferred by the district attorney to the Department  
171 of Finance and Administration or to one or more of the separate  
172 counties comprising the circuit court district, and said funds  
173 shall be disbursed to such employees in the same manner as



174 state-funded criminal investigators and full-time legal  
175 assistants. The district attorney shall report to the board of  
176 supervisors of each county comprising the circuit court district  
177 the amount and source of the supplemental salary, expenses and  
178 fringe benefits, and the board in each county shall spread the  
179 same on its minutes. The district attorney shall also report such  
180 information to the Department of Finance and Administration which  
181 shall make such information available to the Legislative Budget  
182 Office.

183 (5) The district attorney shall be authorized to assign the  
184 duties of a legal assistant regardless of the source of funding  
185 for such legal assistants.

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

188 25-31-5. (1) The following number of full-time legal  
189 assistants are authorized in the following circuit court  
190 districts:

191 (a) First Circuit Court District.....nine (9)  
192 legal assistants.

193 (b) Second Circuit Court District.....ten (10)  
194 legal assistants.

195 (c) Third Circuit Court District.....five (5)  
196 legal assistants.

197 (d) Fourth Circuit Court District.....six (6)  
198 legal assistants.





199 (e) Fifth Circuit Court District.....five (5)  
200 legal assistants.  
201 (f) Sixth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
202 legal assistants.  
203 (g) Seventh Circuit Court District.....eleven (11)  
204 legal assistants.  
205 (h) Eighth Circuit Court District.....three (3)  
206 legal assistants.  
207 (i) Ninth Circuit Court District.....three (3)  
208 legal assistants.  
209 (j) Tenth Circuit Court District.....four (4)  
210 legal assistants.  
211 (k) Eleventh Circuit Court District.....five (5)  
212 legal assistants.  
213 (l) Twelfth Circuit Court District.....five (5)  
214 legal assistants.  
215 (m) Thirteenth Circuit Court District.....four (4)  
216 legal assistants.  
217 (n) Fourteenth Circuit Court District.....five (5)  
218 legal assistants.  
219 (o) Fifteenth Circuit Court District.....six (6)  
220 legal assistants.  
221 (p) Sixteenth Circuit Court District.....five (5)  
222 legal assistants.



223           (q) Seventeenth Circuit Court District.. three (3)  
224 legal assistants.  
225           (r) Eighteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
226 legal assistants.  
227           (s) Nineteenth Circuit Court District.....six (6)  
228 legal assistants.  
229           (t) Twentieth Circuit Court District.....six (6)  
230 legal assistants.  
231           (u) Twenty-first Circuit Court District.....three (3)  
232 legal assistants.  
233           (v) Twenty-second Circuit Court District.....three (3)  
234 legal assistants.  
235           (w) Twenty-third Circuit Court District .....four (4)  
236 legal assistants.  
237       (2) In addition to any legal assistants authorized pursuant  
238 to subsection (1) of this section, the following number of  
239 full-time legal assistants are authorized (i) in the following  
240 circuit court districts if funds are appropriated by the  
241 Legislature to adequately fund the salaries, expenses and fringe  
242 benefits of such legal assistants, or (ii) in any of the following  
243 circuit court districts in which the board of supervisors of one  
244 or more of the counties in a circuit court district adopts a  
245 resolution to pay all of the salaries, supplemental pay, expenses  
246 and fringe benefits of legal assistants authorized in such  
247 district pursuant to this subsection:



248 (a) First Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
249 legal assistants.  
250 (b) Second Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
251 legal assistants.  
252 (c) Third Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
253 legal assistants.  
254 (d) Fourth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
255 legal assistants.  
256 (e) Fifth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
257 legal assistants.  
258 (f) Sixth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
259 legal assistants.  
260 (g) Seventh Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
261 legal assistants.  
262 (h) Eighth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
263 legal assistants.  
264 (i) Ninth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
265 legal assistants.  
266 (j) Tenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
267 legal assistants.  
268 (k) Eleventh Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
269 legal assistants.  
270 (l) Twelfth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
271 legal assistants.



272 (m) Thirteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
273 legal assistants.  
274 (n) Fourteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
275 legal assistants.  
276 (o) Fifteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
277 legal assistants.  
278 (p) Sixteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
279 legal assistants.  
280 (q) Seventeenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
281 legal assistants.  
282 (r) Eighteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
283 legal assistants.  
284 (s) Nineteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
285 legal assistants.  
286 (t) Twentieth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
287 legal assistants.  
288 (u) Twenty-first Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
289 legal assistants.  
290 (v) Twenty-second Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
291 legal assistants.  
292 (w) Twenty-third Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
293 legal assistants.  
294 (3) The board of supervisors of any county may pay all or a  
295 part of the salary, supplemental pay, expenses and fringe benefits  
296 of any district attorney or legal assistant authorized in the



297 circuit court district to which such county belongs pursuant to  
298 this section.

299 (4) The district attorney of any circuit court district may  
300 employ additional legal assistants or criminal investigators, or  
301 both, without regard to any limitation on the number of legal  
302 assistants authorized in this section or criminal investigators  
303 authorized by other provisions of law to the extent that the  
304 district attorney's office receives funds from any source. Any  
305 source shall include, but is not limited to, office generated  
306 funds, funds from a county, a combination of counties, a  
307 municipality, a combination of municipalities, federal funds,  
308 private grants or foundations, or by means of an Interlocal  
309 Cooperative Agreement authorized by Section 17-13-1 which may be  
310 expended for those positions in an amount sufficient to pay all of  
311 the salary, supplemental pay, expenses and fringe benefits of the  
312 positions. Such funds may either be paid out of district attorney  
313 accounts, transferred by the district attorney to the Department  
314 of Finance and Administration or to one or more of the separate  
315 counties comprising the circuit court district, and the funds  
316 shall be disbursed to such employees in the same manner as  
317 state-funded criminal investigators and full-time legal  
318 assistants. The district attorney shall report to the board of  
319 supervisors of each county comprising the circuit court district  
320 the amount and source of the supplemental salary, expenses and  
321 fringe benefits, and the board in each county shall spread the



322 same on its minutes. The district attorney shall also report such  
323 information to the Department of Finance and Administration which  
324 shall make such information available to the Legislative Budget  
325 Office.

326 (5) The district attorney shall be authorized to assign the  
327 duties of a legal assistant regardless of the source of funding  
328 for such legal assistants.

329 **SECTION 3.** Section 25-31-10, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
330 brought forward as follows:

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

332 25-31-10. (1) Any district attorney may appoint a full-time  
333 criminal investigator.

334 (2) The district attorneys of the Third, Fifth, Ninth,  
335 Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth,  
336 Sixteenth, Seventeenth and Twentieth Circuit Court Districts may  
337 appoint one (1) additional full-time criminal investigator for a  
338 total of two (2) full-time criminal investigators.

339 (3) The district attorneys of the First, Second, Fourth,  
340 Seventh and Nineteenth Circuit Court Districts may appoint two (2)  
341 additional full-time criminal investigators for a total of three  
342 (3) full-time criminal investigators.

343 (4) No district attorney or assistant district attorney  
344 shall accept any private employment, civil or criminal, in any  
345 matter investigated by such criminal investigators.



346 (5) The full and complete compensation for all public duties  
347 rendered by said criminal investigators shall be not more than  
348 Fifty-nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$59,500.00) per annum,  
349 to be determined at the discretion of the district attorney based  
350 upon the qualifications, education and experience of the criminal  
351 investigator, plus necessary travel and other expenses, to be paid  
352 in accordance with Section 25-31-8. However, the maximum salary  
353 under this subsection for a criminal investigator who has a law  
354 degree may be supplemented by the district attorney from other  
355 available funds, but not to exceed the maximum salary for a legal  
356 assistant to a district attorney.

357 (6) Any criminal investigator may be designated by the  
358 district attorney to attend the Law Enforcement Officers Training  
359 Program set forth in Section 45-6-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of  
360 1972. The total expenses associated with attendance by criminal  
361 investigators at the Law Enforcement Officers Training Program  
362 shall be paid out of the funds of the appropriate district  
363 attorney.

364 (7) The district attorney shall be authorized to assign the  
365 duties of criminal investigators regardless of the source of  
366 funding for such criminal investigators.

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

369 25-31-10. (1) Any district attorney may appoint a full-time  
370 criminal investigator.



371 (2) The district attorneys of the Third, Fifth, Ninth,  
372 Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth,  
373 Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Twentieth and Twenty-third Circuit Court  
374 Districts may appoint one (1) additional full-time criminal  
375 investigator for a total of two (2) full-time criminal  
376 investigators.

377 (3) The district attorneys of the First, Second, Fourth,  
378 Seventh and Nineteenth Circuit Court Districts may appoint two (2)  
379 additional full-time criminal investigators for a total of three  
380 (3) full-time criminal investigators.

381 (4) No district attorney or assistant district attorney  
382 shall accept any private employment, civil or criminal, in any  
383 matter investigated by such criminal investigators.

384 (5) The full and complete compensation for all public duties  
385 rendered by the criminal investigators shall be not more than  
386 Fifty-nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$59,500.00) per annum,  
387 to be determined at the discretion of the district attorney based  
388 upon the qualifications, education and experience of the criminal  
389 investigator, plus necessary travel and other expenses, to be paid  
390 in accordance with Section 25-31-8. However, the maximum salary  
391 under this subsection for a criminal investigator who has a law  
392 degree may be supplemented by the district attorney from other  
393 available funds, but not to exceed the maximum salary for a legal  
394 assistant to a district attorney.





395 (6) Any criminal investigator may be designated by the  
396 district attorney to attend the Law Enforcement Officers Training  
397 Program set forth in Section 45-6-1 et seq. The total expenses  
398 associated with attendance by criminal investigators at the Law  
399 Enforcement Officers Training Program shall be paid out of the  
400 funds of the appropriate district attorney.

401 (7) The district attorney shall be authorized to assign the  
402 duties of criminal investigators regardless of the source of  
403 funding for such criminal investigators.

404 **SECTION 4.** Section 9-7-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
405 brought forward as follows:

406 9-7-5. The First Circuit Court District is composed of the  
407 following counties:

- 408 (a) Alcorn County;
- 409 (b) Itawamba County;
- 410 (c) Lee County;
- 411 (d) Monroe County;
- 412 (e) Pontotoc County;
- 413 (f) Prentiss County; and
- 414 (g) Tishomingo County.

415 **SECTION 5.** Section 9-7-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
416 brought forward as follows:

417 9-7-7. (1) There shall be four (4) judges for the First  
418 Circuit Court District.



419 (2) The four (4) judgeships shall be separate and distinct  
420 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as  
421 "Place One," "Place Two," "Place Three" and "Place Four." The  
422 judge to fill Place One must reside in Alcorn, Prentiss or  
423 Tishomingo County. The judges to fill Place Two and Place Three  
424 must reside in Itawamba, Lee, Monroe or Pontotoc County. The  
425 judge to fill Place Four may be a resident of any county in the  
426 district. Election of the four (4) offices of judge shall be by  
427 election to be held in every county within the First Circuit Court  
428 District.

429 **SECTION 6.** Section 9-7-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
430 brought forward as follows:

431 9-7-9. The Second Circuit Court District is composed of the  
432 following counties:

- 433 (a) Hancock County;  
434 (b) Harrison County; and  
435 (c) Stone County.

436 **SECTION 7.** Section 9-7-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
437 brought forward as follows:

438 9-7-11. (1) There shall be four (4) judges for the Second  
439 Circuit Court District.

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



443           **SECTION 8.** Section 9-7-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
444 brought forward as follows:

445           9-7-13. The Third Circuit Court District is composed of the  
446 following counties:

- 447           (a) Benton County;
- 448           (b) Calhoun County;
- 449           (c) Chickasaw County;
- 450           (d) Lafayette County;
- 451           (e) Marshall County;
- 452           (f) Tippah County; and
- 453           (g) Union County.

454           **SECTION 9.** Section 9-7-14, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
455 brought forward as follows:

456           9-7-14. (1) There shall be three (3) judges for the Third  
457 Circuit Court District.

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

461           **SECTION 10.** Section 9-7-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
462 brought forward as follows:

463           9-7-15. (1) The Fourth Circuit Court District shall be  
464 composed of the following counties:

- 465           (a) Leflore County;
- 466           (b) Sunflower County; and
- 467           (c) Washington County.



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

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

472                         (i) Leflore County: Minter City, North Greenwood,  
473 Money, Northeast Greenwood, Schlater, West Greenwood, Mississippi  
474 Valley State University and Southeast Greenwood Precincts; and

475                         (ii) Sunflower County: Ruleville, Rome, Sunflower  
476 Plantation, Drew, Doddsville, Boyer-Linn, Fairview-Hale and  
477 Ruleville North Precincts.

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

480                         (i) Sunflower County: Indianola 1, Sunflower,  
481 Indianola 3 North, Indianola 3 South and Indianola 3 Northeast  
482 Precincts; and

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

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

489                         (i) Leflore County: East Greenwood Sub-A, East  
490 Greenwood Sub-B, Central Greenwood, North Itta Bena, South Itta  
491 Bena, Southwest Greenwood, Rising Sun, Sidon, Morgan City,  
492 Swiftown and South Greenwood Precincts;



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

495 (iii) Washington County: Arcola City Hall,  
496 Hollandale City Hall, Darlove Baptist Church and Mangelardi  
497 Bourbon Store Precincts.

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

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

507 **SECTION 11.** Section 9-7-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
508 brought forward as follows:

509 9-7-17. There shall be four (4) circuit judges for the  
510 Fourth Circuit Court District. One (1) circuit judge shall be  
511 elected from each subdistrict.

512 **SECTION 12.** Section 9-7-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
513 brought forward as follows:

514 9-7-19. The Fifth Circuit Court District is composed of the  
515 following counties:

516 (a) Attala County;

517 (b) Carroll County;



- 518 (c) Choctaw County;  
519 (d) Grenada County;  
520 (e) Montgomery County;  
521 (f) Webster County; and  
522 (g) Winston County.

523 **SECTION 13.** Section 9-7-20, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
524 brought forward as follows:

525 9-7-20. (1) There shall be two (2) judges for the Fifth  
526 Circuit Court District.

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

530 **SECTION 14.** Section 9-7-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
531 brought forward as follows:

532 9-7-21. (1) The Sixth Circuit Court District is composed of  
533 the following counties:

- 534 (a) Adams County;  
535 (b) Amite County;  
536 (c) Franklin County; and  
537 (d) Wilkinson County.

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

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



542 (i) Adams County: Airport, By-Pass Fire Station,  
543 Carpenter, Concord\*, Courthouse\*, Duncan Park\*, Foster Mound,  
544 Maryland\*, Northside School, Pine Ridge, Thompson and Washington\*;  
545 and

546 (ii) Amite County: Ariel, Berwick, Crosby, East  
547 Centreville, East Gloster\*, Gloster\*, Homochitto, South Liberty\*  
548 and Street.

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

551 (i) Adams County: Beau Pre, Bellemont, Concord\*,  
552 Convention Center, Courthouse\*, Duncan Park\*, Kingston, Liberty  
553 Park, Maryland\*, Morgantown, Oakland, Palestine and Washington\*;  
554 and

555 (ii) Amite County: Amite River, East Fork, East  
556 Gloster\*, East Liberty, Gloster\*, Liberty, New Zion, Oneil,  
557 Riceville, Smithdale, South Liberty\*, Tangipahoa, Tickfaw, Walls  
558 and Zion Hills.

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

562 **SECTION 15.** Section 9-7-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
563 brought forward as follows:

564 9-7-23. (1) The Seventh Circuit Court District shall be  
565 Hinds County.



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

568 (a) Subdistrict 7-1 shall consist of the following  
569 precincts in Hinds County: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 32, 33, 34,  
570 35, 36, 44, 45, 46, 47, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 92, 93, 96  
571 and 97.

572 (b) Subdistrict 7-2 shall consist of the following  
573 precincts in Hinds County: 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 23, 27,  
574 28, 29, 30, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85,  
575 Brownsville, Cynthia, Pocahontas and Tinnin.

576 (c) Subdistrict 7-3 shall consist of the following  
577 precincts in Hinds County: 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 31,  
578 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 66,  
579 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 86, 89, and Jackson State.

580 (d) Subdistrict 7-4 shall consist of the following  
581 precincts in Hinds County: 87, 88, 90, 91, 94, 95, Bolton, Byram  
582 1, Byram 2, Cayuga, Chapel Hill, Clinton 1, Clinton 2, Clinton 3,  
583 Clinton 4, Clinton 5, Clinton 6, Dry Grove, Edwards, Learned, Old  
584 Byram, Pinehaven, Raymond 1, Raymond 2, Spring Ridge, St. Thomas,  
585 Terry, Utica 1 and Utica 2.

586 **SECTION 16.** Section 9-7-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
587 brought forward as follows:

588 9-7-25. (1) There shall be four (4) circuit judges for the  
589 Seventh Circuit Court District. One (1) judge shall be elected  
590 from each subdistrict.





591 (2) While there shall be no limitation whatsoever upon the  
592 powers and duties of the said judges other than as cast upon them  
593 by the Constitution and laws of this state, the court in the First  
594 Judicial District of Hinds County, in the discretion of the senior  
595 circuit judge, may be divided into civil and criminal divisions as  
596 a matter of convenience, by the entry of an order upon the minutes  
597 of the court.

598 **SECTION 17.** Section 9-7-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
599 brought forward as follows:

600 9-7-29. (1) The Ninth Circuit Court District is composed of  
601 the following counties:

- 602 (a) Issaquena County;
- 603 (b) Sharkey County; and
- 604 (c) Warren County.

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

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

612 (b) Subdistrict 9-2 shall consist of the following  
613 precincts in Warren County: 3-61 Store\*, Beechwood, Bovina, Cedar  
614 Grove\*, Culkin, Elks Lodge, Goodrum, Jett, Kings\*, Moose Lodge,



615 Number 7 Fire Station\*, Oak Ridge, Plumbers Hall, Redwood,  
616 Tingleville, Vicksburg Junior High School\*, YMCA and Yokena.

617 **SECTION 18.** Section 9-7-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
618 brought forward as follows:

619 9-7-27. (1) The Eighth Circuit Court District is composed  
620 of the following counties:

- 621 (a) Leake County;
- 622 (b) Neshoba County;
- 623 (c) Newton County; and
- 624 (d) Scott County.

625 (2) There shall be two (2) judges for the Eighth Circuit  
626 Court District.

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

630 **SECTION 19.** Section 9-7-30, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
631 brought forward as follows:

632 9-7-30. There shall be two (2) judges for the Ninth Circuit  
633 Court District. One (1) judge shall be elected from each  
634 subdistrict.

635 **SECTION 20.** Section 9-7-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
636 brought forward as follows:

637 9-7-31. The Tenth Circuit Court District is composed of the  
638 following counties:

- 639 (a) Clarke County;



- 640 (b) Kemper County;
- 641 (c) Lauderdale County; and
- 642 (d) Wayne County.

643 **SECTION 21.** Section 9-7-32, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
644 brought forward as follows:

645 9-7-32. (1) There shall be two (2) judges for the Tenth  
646 Circuit Court District.

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

650 **SECTION 22.** Section 9-7-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
651 brought forward as follows:

652 9-7-33. (1) The Eleventh Circuit Court District is composed  
653 of the following counties:

- 654 (a) Bolivar County;
- 655 (b) Coahoma County;
- 656 (c) Quitman County; and
- 657 (d) Tunica County.

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

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

662 (i) Bolivar County: Benoit, Beulah, Boyle,  
663 Choctaw, Cleveland Courthouse, East Central Cleveland\*, East  
664 Cleveland\*, East Rosedale, Gunnison, Longshot, North Cleveland,



665 Northwest Cleveland\*, Pace, Scott, Shaw, Skene, South Cleveland\*,  
666 Stringtown, West Central Cleveland, West Cleveland and West  
667 Rosedale; and

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

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

672 (i) Bolivar County: Cleveland Eastgate,  
673 Duncan/Alligator, East Central Cleveland\*, East Cleveland\*,  
674 Merigold, Mound Bayou, Northwest Cleveland\*, Renova, Shelby, South  
675 Cleveland\* and Winstonville;

676 (ii) Coahoma County: Cagle Crossing, Clarksdale  
677 1-4\*, Clarksdale 3-3, Clarksdale 3-4, Clarksdale 4-2, Clarksdale  
678 4-3, Dublin and Roundaway; and

679 (iii) Quitman County: Belen\*, District 3 South\*,  
680 Lambert, Northwest Marks, Southwest Marks and West Lambert.

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

683 (i) Coahoma County: Clarksdale 1-4\*, Clarksdale  
684 2-4\*, Clarksdale 5-4\*, Coahoma, Farrell\*, Friar's Point,  
685 Jonestown, Lula, Lyon and Sherard\*; and

686 (ii) Quitman County: Belen\*, Crenshaw, Crowder,  
687 Darling, District 3 North, District 3 South\* and Sledge.

688 **SECTION 23.** Section 9-7-34, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
689 brought forward as follows:



690 9-7-34. There shall be three (3) judges for the Eleventh  
691 Circuit Court District. One (1) judge shall be elected from each  
692 subdistrict.

693 **SECTION 24.** Section 9-7-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
694 brought forward as follows:

695 9-7-35. (1) The Twelfth Circuit Court District is composed  
696 of the following counties:

697 (a) Forrest County; and

698 (b) Perry County.

699 (2) There shall be two (2) judges for the Twelfth Circuit  
700 Court District. The two (2) judgeships shall be separate and  
701 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election  
702 only as "Place One" and "Place Two."

703 **SECTION 25.** Section 9-7-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
704 brought forward as follows:

705 9-7-37. (1) The Thirteenth Circuit Court District is  
706 composed of the following counties:

707 (a) Covington County;

708 (b) Jasper County;

709 (c) Simpson County; and

710 (d) Smith County.

711 (2) There shall be two (2) judges for the Thirteenth Circuit  
712 Court District. The two (2) judgeships shall be separate and  
713 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election  
714 only as "Place One" and "Place Two."



715           **SECTION 26.** Section 9-7-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
716 brought forward as follows:

717           9-7-39. (1) The Fourteenth Circuit Court District is  
718 composed of the following counties:

- 719                   (a) Lincoln County;
- 720                   (b) Pike County; and
- 721                   (c) Walthall County.

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

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

727           **SECTION 27.** Section 9-7-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
728 brought forward as follows:

729           9-7-41. The Fifteenth Circuit Court District is composed of  
730 the following counties:

- 731                   (a) Jefferson Davis County;
- 732                   (b) Lamar County;
- 733                   (c) Lawrence County;
- 734                   (d) Marion County; and
- 735                   (e) Pearl River County.

736           **SECTION 28.** Section 9-7-42, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
737 brought forward as follows:

738           9-7-42. (1) There shall be three (3) judges for the  
739 Fifteenth Circuit Court District.



740 (2) The three (3) judgeships shall be separate and distinct  
741 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as  
742 "Place One," "Place Two," and "Place Three." The judge to fill  
743 Place One must be a resident of Jefferson Davis, Lamar, Lawrence  
744 or Marion County. The judge to fill Place Two may be a resident  
745 of any county in the district. The judge to fill Place Three must  
746 be a resident of Pearl River County.

747 **SECTION 29.** Section 9-7-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
748 brought forward as follows:

749 9-7-43. The Sixteenth Circuit Court District is composed of  
750 the following counties:

- 751 (a) Clay County;
- 752 (b) Lowndes County;
- 753 (c) Noxubee County; and
- 754 (d) Oktibbeha County.

755 **SECTION 30.** Section 9-7-44, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
756 brought forward as follows:

757 9-7-44. (1) There shall be three (3) judges for the  
758 Sixteenth Circuit Court District.

759 (2) The three (3) judgeships shall be separate and distinct  
760 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as  
761 "Place One," "Place Two" and "Place Three." The judge to fill  
762 Place One must be a resident of Lowndes County. The judge to fill  
763 Place Two must be a resident of Oktibbeha County. The judge to  
764 fill Place Three must be a resident of either Clay or Noxubee



765 County. Election of the three (3) offices of judge shall be by  
766 election to be held in every county within the Sixteenth Circuit  
767 Court District.

768 **SECTION 31.** Section 9-7-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
769 brought forward as follows:

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

771 9-7-45. The Seventeenth Circuit Court District shall be  
772 divided into two (2) subdistricts as follows:

773 (a) Subdistrict 17-1 shall be composed of DeSoto  
774 County; and

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

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

779 9-7-45. The Seventeenth Circuit Court District shall be  
780 composed of the following counties:

781 (a) Panola County;

782 (b) Tallahatchie County;

783 (c) Tate County; and

784 (d) Yalobusha County.

785 **SECTION 32.** Section 9-7-46, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
786 brought forward as follows:

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

788 9-7-46. (1) There shall be four (4) circuit judges for the  
789 Seventeenth Circuit Court District.





790 (2) For the purpose of appointment and election, the four  
791 (4) judgeships shall be separate and distinct, and one (1) judge  
792 shall be elected from Subdistrict 17-1, two (2) judges shall be  
793 elected from Subdistrict 17-2, and one (1) judge shall be elected  
794 from every county in the district. The two (2) judgeships in  
795 Subdistrict 17-2 shall be denominated as "Place One" and "Place  
796 Two," the judgeship in Subdistrict 17-1 shall be denominated as  
797 "Place Three," and the at-large judgeship shall be denominated as  
798 "Place Four."

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

801 9-7-46. (1) There shall be two (2) circuit judges for the  
802 Seventeenth Circuit Court District.

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

806 **SECTION 33.** Section 9-7-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
807 brought forward as follows:

808 9-7-47. The Eighteenth Circuit Court District shall be Jones  
809 County.

810 **SECTION 34.** Section 9-7-49, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
811 brought forward as follows:

812 9-7-49. (1) The Nineteenth Circuit Court District is  
813 composed of the following counties:

814 (a) George County;



815 (b) Greene County; and

816 (c) Jackson County.

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

822 **SECTION 35.** Section 9-7-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
823 brought forward as follows:

824 9-7-51. (1) There shall be three (3) judges for the  
825 Nineteenth Circuit Court District. The three (3) judgeships shall  
826 be separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of  
827 appointment and election only as "Place One," "Place Two" and  
828 "Place Three."

829 (2) The senior judge of the Nineteenth Circuit Court  
830 District may divide the court of any county within the district  
831 into civil, criminal and appellate court divisions as a matter of  
832 convenience by the entry of an order upon the minutes of the  
833 court.

834 **SECTION 36.** Section 9-7-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
835 brought forward as follows:

836 9-7-53. The Twentieth Circuit Court District is composed of  
837 the following counties:

838 (a) Madison County; and

839 (b) Rankin County.



840           **SECTION 37.** Section 9-7-54, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
841 brought forward as follows:

842           9-7-54. (1) There shall be three (3) judges for the  
843 Twentieth Circuit Court District.

844           (2) The three (3) judgeships shall be separate and distinct  
845 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as  
846 "Place One," "Place Two" and "Place Three." The judge to fill  
847 Place One must reside in Rankin County, the judge to fill Place  
848 Two must reside in Madison County, and the judge to fill Place  
849 Three may reside in either Madison or Rankin County.

850           **SECTION 38.** Section 9-7-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
851 brought forward as follows:

852           9-7-55. The Twenty-first Circuit Court District is composed  
853 of the following counties:

- 854           (a) Holmes County;
- 855           (b) Humphreys County; and
- 856           (c) Yazoo County.

857           **SECTION 39.** Section 9-7-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
858 brought forward as follows:

859           9-7-57. The Twenty-second Circuit Court District is composed  
860 of the following counties:

- 861           (a) Claiborne County;
- 862           (b) Copiah County; and
- 863           (c) Jefferson County.



864           **SECTION 40.** Section 9-7-63, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
865 brought forward as follows:

866           9-7-63. The Twenty-third Circuit Court District shall be  
867 DeSoto County.

868           **SECTION 41.** Section 9-7-64, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
869 brought forward as follows:

870           9-7-64. (1) There shall be two (2) circuit judges for the  
871 Twenty-third Circuit Court District.

872           (2) For the purposes of appointment and election, the two  
873 (2) judgeships shall be separate and distinct and denominated as  
874 "Place One" and "Place Two."

875           **SECTION 42.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
876 and after July 1, 2022.

