

By: Representatives Banks, Stamps, Crudup

To: Judiciary A;  
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 988

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 9-7-23 AND 9-7-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE  
2 OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE FIVE JUDGES IN THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT  
3 DISTRICT; TO REVISE THE SUBDISTRICTS OF THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT  
4 DISTRICT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 9-7-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 9-7-23. (1) The Seventh Circuit Court District shall be  
9 Hinds County.

10 (2) The Seventh Circuit Court District shall be divided  
11 into \* \* \* five (5) subdistricts in Hinds County as follows:

12 (a) Subdistrict 7-1 shall \* \* \* have the same  
13 boundaries as Hinds County Supervisor District 1.

14 (b) Subdistrict 7-2 shall \* \* \* have the same  
15 boundaries as Hinds County Supervisor District 2.

16 (c) Subdistrict 7-3 shall \* \* \* have the same  
17 boundaries as Hinds County Supervisor District 3.

18 (d) Subdistrict 7-4 shall \* \* \* have the same  
19 boundaries as Hinds County Supervisor District 4.



20                   (e) Subdistrict 7-5 shall have the same boundaries as  
21 Hinds County Supervisor District 5.

22           **SECTION 2.** Section 9-7-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
23 amended as follows:

24           9-7-25. (1) There shall be \* \* \* five (5) circuit judges  
25 for the Seventh Circuit Court District. One (1) judge shall be  
26 elected from each subdistrict.

27           (2) While there shall be no limitation whatsoever upon the  
28 powers and duties of the said judges other than as cast upon them  
29 by the Constitution and laws of this state, the court in the First  
30 Judicial District of Hinds County, in the discretion of the senior  
31 circuit judge, may be divided into civil and criminal divisions as  
32 a matter of convenience, by the entry of an order upon the minutes  
33 of the court.

34           **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
35 and after July 1, 2022.

