

By: Representative Hood

To: Judiciary B

## HOUSE BILL NO. 657

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-1-59, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REQUIRE YOUTH COURTS TO FILE ALL LEGAL DOCUMENTS BY ELECTRONIC  
3 MEANS IN CONFORMITY WITH THE MISSISSIPPI ELECTRONIC COURT SYSTEM;  
4 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 9-1-59, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 9-1-59. (1) Each circuit, chancery and county court in this  
9 state shall require all pleadings and other papers to be served,  
10 filed, signed or verified by electronic means in conformity with  
11 the Mississippi Electronic Court System procedures by July 1,  
12 2021.

13 (2) Each youth court in this state shall require all  
14 pleadings and other papers to be served, filed, signed or verified  
15 by electronic means in conformity with the Mississippi Electronic  
16 Court System procedures by July 1, 2024.

17 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
18 and after July 1, 2023.

