

By: Representative Cockerham

To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 726

1 AN ACT TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 9-3-1, 9-4-5, 9-5-5, 9-5-7,  
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10 9-7-53, 9-7-54, 9-7-55, 9-7-57, 9-7-63, 9-7-64, 9-5-1 AND 9-7-1,  
11 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATE THE DISTRICTS FOR THE  
12 SUPREME COURT, COURT OF APPEALS, CHANCERY COURTS AND CIRCUIT  
13 COURTS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; AND FOR RELATED  
14 PURPOSES.

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

16 **SECTION 1.** Section 9-3-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
17 brought forward as follows:

18 9-3-1. The state shall be divided into three (3) Supreme  
19 Court districts, as follows, to wit:

20 The counties of Bolivar, Claiborne, Copiah, Hinds, Holmes,  
21 Humphreys, Issaquena, Jefferson, Kemper, Lauderdale, Leake,  
22 Madison, Neshoba, Newton, Noxubee, Rankin, Scott, Sharkey,  
23 Sunflower, Warren, Washington and Yazoo shall constitute the First  
24 District.



25           The counties of Adams, Amite, Clarke, Covington, Forrest,  
26 Franklin, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Jasper,  
27 Jefferson Davis, Jones, Lamar, Lawrence, Lincoln, Marion, Pearl  
28 River, Perry, Pike, Simpson, Smith, Stone, Walthall, Wayne, and  
29 Wilkinson shall constitute the Second District.

30           The counties of Alcorn, Attala, Benton, Calhoun, Carroll,  
31 Chickasaw, Choctaw, Clay, Coahoma, DeSoto, Grenada, Itawamba,  
32 Lafayette, Lee, Leflore, Lowndes, Marshall, Monroe, Montgomery,  
33 Oktibbeha, Panola, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Quitman, Tallahatchie,  
34 Tate, Tippah, Tishomingo, Tunica, Union, Webster, Winston and  
35 Yalobusha, shall constitute the Third District.

36           **SECTION 2.** Section 9-4-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
37 brought forward as follows:

38           9-4-5. (1) The term of office of judges of the Court of  
39 Appeals shall be eight (8) years. An election shall be held on  
40 the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 1994, to  
41 elect the ten (10) judges of the Court of Appeals, two (2) from  
42 each congressional district; provided, however, judges of the  
43 Court of Appeals who are elected to take office after the first  
44 Monday of January 2002, shall be elected from the Court of Appeals  
45 Districts described in subsection (5) of this section. The judges  
46 of the Court of Appeals shall begin service on the first Monday of  
47 January 1995.

48           (2) (a) In order to provide that the offices of not more  
49 than a majority of the judges of said court shall become vacant at



50 any one (1) time, the terms of office of six (6) of the judges  
51 first to be elected shall expire in less than eight (8) years.  
52 For the purpose of all elections of members of the court, each of  
53 the ten (10) judges of the Court of Appeals shall be considered a  
54 separate office. The two (2) offices in each of the five (5)  
55 districts shall be designated Position Number 1 and Position  
56 Number 2, and in qualifying for office as a candidate for any  
57 office of judge of the Court of Appeals each candidate shall state  
58 the position number of the office to which he aspires and the  
59 election ballots shall so indicate.

60 (i) In Congressional District Number 1, the judge  
61 of the Court of Appeals for Position Number 1 shall be that office  
62 for which the term ends January 1, 1999, and the judge of the  
63 Court of Appeals for Position Number 2 shall be that office for  
64 which the term ends January 1, 2003.

65 (ii) In Congressional District Number 2, the judge  
66 of the Court of Appeals for Position Number 1 shall be that office  
67 for which the term ends on January 1, 2003, and the judge of the  
68 Court of Appeals for Position Number 2 shall be that office for  
69 which the term ends January 1, 2001.

70 (iii) In Congressional District Number 3, the  
71 judge of the Court of Appeals for Position Number 1 shall be that  
72 office for which the term ends on January 1, 2001, and the judge  
73 of the Court of Appeals for Position Number 2 shall be that office  
74 for which the term ends January 1, 1999.



75 (iv) In Congressional District Number 4, the judge  
76 of the Court of Appeals for Position Number 1 shall be that office  
77 for which the term ends on January 1, 1999, and the judge of the  
78 Court of Appeals for Position Number 2 shall be that office for  
79 which the term ends January 1, 2003.

80 (v) In Congressional District Number 5, the judge  
81 of the Court of Appeals for Position Number 1 shall be that office  
82 for which the term ends on January 1, 2003, and the judge of the  
83 Court of Appeals for Position Number 2 shall be that office for  
84 which the term ends January 1, 2001.

85 (b) The laws regulating the general elections shall  
86 apply to and govern the elections of judges of the Court of  
87 Appeals except as otherwise provided in Sections 23-15-974 through  
88 23-15-985.

89 (c) In the year prior to the expiration of the term of  
90 an incumbent, and likewise each eighth year thereafter, an  
91 election shall be held in the manner provided in this section in  
92 the district from which the incumbent Court of Appeals judge was  
93 elected at which there shall be elected a successor to the  
94 incumbent, whose term of office shall thereafter begin on the  
95 first Monday of January of the year in which the term of the  
96 incumbent he succeeds expires.

97 (3) No person shall be eligible for the office of judge of  
98 the Court of Appeals who has not attained the age of thirty (30)  
99 years at the time of his election and who has not been a



100 practicing attorney and citizen of the state for five (5) years  
101 immediately preceding such election.

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

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

108 **FIRST DISTRICT.** The First Court of Appeals District shall be  
109 composed of the following counties and portions of counties:  
110 Alcorn, Benton, Calhoun, Chickasaw, Choctaw, DeSoto, Itawamba,  
111 Lafayette, Lee, Marshall, Monroe, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Tate,  
112 Tippah, Tishomingo, Union, Webster and Yalobusha; in Grenada  
113 County the precincts of Providence, Mt. Nebo, Hardy and Pea Ridge;  
114 in Montgomery County the precincts of North Winona, Lodi, Stewart,  
115 Nations and Poplar Creek; in Panola County the precincts of East  
116 Sardis, South Curtis, Tocowa, Pope, Courtland, Cole's Point, North  
117 Springport, South Springport, Eureka, Williamson, East Batesville  
118 4, West Batesville 4, Fern Hill, North Batesville A, East  
119 Batesville 5 and West Batesville 5; and in Tallahatchie County the  
120 precincts of Teasdale, Enid, Springhill, Charleston Beat 1,  
121 Charleston Beat 2, Charleston Beat 3, Paynes, Leverette, Cascilla,  
122 Murphreesboro and Rosebloom.

123 **SECOND DISTRICT.** The Second Court of Appeals District shall  
124 be composed of the following counties and portions of counties:



125 Bolivar, Carroll, Claiborne, Coahoma, Holmes, Humphreys,  
126 Issaquena, Jefferson, Leflore, Quitman, Sharkey, Sunflower,  
127 Tunica, Warren, Washington and Yazoo; in Attala County the  
128 precincts of Northeast, Hesterville, Possomneck, North Central,  
129 McAdams, Newport, Sallis and Southwest; that portion of Grenada  
130 County not included in the First Court of Appeals District; in  
131 Hinds County Precincts 11, 12, 13, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 40, 41,  
132 83, 84 and 85, and the precincts of Bolton, Brownsville, Cayuga,  
133 Chapel Hill, Cynthia, Edwards, Learned, Pine Haven, Pocahontas,  
134 St. Thomas, Tinnin, Utica 1 and Utica 2; in Leake County the  
135 precincts of Conway, West Carthage, Wiggins, Thomastown and  
136 Ofahoma; in Madison County the precincts of Farmhaven, Canton  
137 Precinct 2, Canton Precinct 3, Cameron Street, Canton Precinct 6,  
138 Bear Creek, Gluckstadt, Smith School, Magnolia Heights, Flora,  
139 Virililia, Canton Precinct 5, Cameron, Couparle, Camden, Sharon,  
140 Canton Precinct 1 and Canton Precinct 4; that portion of  
141 Montgomery County not included in the First Court of Appeals  
142 District; that portion of Panola County not included in the First  
143 Court of Appeals District; and that portion of Tallahatchie County  
144 not included in the First Court of Appeals District.

145       **THIRD DISTRICT.** The Third Court of Appeals District shall be  
146 composed of the following counties and portions of counties:  
147 Clarke, Clay, Jasper, Kemper, Lauderdale, Lowndes, Neshoba,  
148 Newton, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Rankin, Scott, Smith and Winston; that  
149 portion of Attala County not included in the Second Court of



150 Appeals District; in Jones County the precincts of Northwest High  
151 School, Shady Grove, Sharon, Erata, Glade, Myrick School,  
152 Northeast High School, Rustin, Sandersville Civic Center, Tuckers,  
153 Antioch and Landrum; that portion of Leake County not included in  
154 the Second Court of Appeals District; that portion of Madison  
155 County not included in the Second Court of Appeals District; and  
156 in Wayne County the precincts of Big Rock, Yellow Creek, Hiwannee,  
157 Diamond, Chaparral, Matherville, Coit and Eucutta.

158       **FOURTH DISTRICT.** The Fourth Court of Appeals District shall  
159 be composed of the following counties and portions of counties:  
160 Adams, Amite, Copiah, Covington, Franklin, Jefferson Davis,  
161 Lawrence, Lincoln, Marion, Pike, Simpson, Walthall and Wilkinson;  
162 that portion of Hinds County not included in the Second Court of  
163 Appeals District; and that portion of Jones county not included in  
164 the Third Court of Appeals District.

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

170           (b) The boundaries of the Court of Appeals Districts  
171 described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall be the  
172 boundaries of the counties and precincts listed in paragraph (a)  
173 of this subsection as such boundaries existed on October 1, 1990.



174           **SECTION 3.** Section 9-5-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
175 brought forward as follows:

176           9-5-5. The First Chancery Court District is composed of the  
177 following counties:

- 178           (a) Alcorn County;
- 179           (b) Itawamba County;
- 180           (c) Lee County;
- 181           (d) Monroe County;
- 182           (e) Pontotoc County;
- 183           (f) Prentiss County;
- 184           (g) Tishomingo County; and
- 185           (h) Union County.

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

188           9-5-7. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the  
189 First Chancery Court District.

190           (2) The four (4) chancellorships shall be separate and  
191 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election  
192 only as "Place One," "Place Two," "Place Three" and "Place Four."  
193 The chancellor to fill Place One must be a resident of Alcorn,  
194 Prentiss or Tishomingo County. The chancellors to fill Place Two  
195 and Place Three must reside in Itawamba, Lee, Monroe, Pontotoc or  
196 Union County. The chancellor to fill Place Four may be a resident  
197 of any county in the district. Election of the four (4) offices





198 of chancellor shall be by election to be held in every county  
199 within the First Chancery Court District.

200 **SECTION 5.** Section 9-5-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
201 brought forward as follows:

202 9-5-9. The Second Chancery Court District is composed of the  
203 following counties:

- 204 (a) Jasper County;
- 205 (b) Newton County; and
- 206 (c) Scott County.

207 **SECTION 6.** Section 9-5-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
208 brought forward as follows:

209 9-5-11. (1) The Third Chancery Court District is composed  
210 of the following counties:

- 211 (a) DeSoto County;
- 212 (b) Grenada County;
- 213 (c) Montgomery County;
- 214 (d) Panola County;
- 215 (e) Tate County; and
- 216 (f) Yalobusha County.

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

- 219 (a) Subdistrict 3-1 shall consist of DeSoto County.
- 220 (b) Subdistrict 3-2 shall consist of Grenada County,  
221 Montgomery County, Panola County, Tate County and Yalobusha  
222 County.



223           **SECTION 7.** Section 9-5-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
224 brought forward as follows:

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

226           9-5-13. (1) There shall be three (3) chancellors for the  
227 Third Chancery Court District.

228           (2) (a) The chancellor of Subdistrict 3-1 shall be elected  
229 from DeSoto County. The two (2) chancellors of Subdistrict 3-2  
230 shall be elected from Grenada County, Montgomery County, Panola  
231 County, Tate County and Yalobusha County.

232           (b) For purposes of appointment and election, the three  
233 (3) chancellorships shall be separate and distinct. The  
234 chancellorship in Subdistrict 3-1 shall be denominated only as  
235 "Place One," and the chancellorships in Subdistrict 3-2 shall be  
236 denominated only as "Place Two" and "Place Three."

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

239           9-5-13. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the  
240 Third Chancery Court District.

241           (2) (a) The two (2) chancellors of Subdistrict 3-1 shall be  
242 elected from DeSoto County. The two (2) chancellors of  
243 Subdistrict 3-2 shall be elected from Grenada County, Montgomery  
244 County, Panola County, Tate County and Yalobusha County.

245           (b) For purposes of appointment and election, the four  
246 (4) chancellorships shall be separate and distinct and denominated  
247 as "Place One," "Place Two," "Place Three" and "Place Four". The



248 chancellorships in Subdistrict 3-1 shall be denominated only as  
249 "Place One" and "Place Four" and the chancellorships in  
250 Subdistrict 3-2 shall be denominated only as "Place Two" and  
251 "Place Three."

252         **SECTION 8.** Section 9-5-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
253 brought forward as follows:

254             9-5-15. (1) The Fourth Chancery Court District is composed  
255 of the following counties:

- 256                     (a) Amite County;
- 257                     (b) Franklin County;
- 258                     (c) Pike County; and
- 259                     (d) Walthall County.

260             (2) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the Fourth  
261 Chancery Court District. The two (2) chancellorships shall be  
262 separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment  
263 and election only as "Place One" and "Place Two."

264         **SECTION 9.** Section 9-5-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
265 brought forward as follows:

266             9-5-17. (1) The Fifth Chancery Court District is composed  
267 of Hinds County.

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

- 270                     (a) Subdistrict 5-1 shall consist of the following  
271 precincts in Hinds County: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 32, 33, 34,



272 35, 36, 44, 45, 46, 47, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 92, 93, 96  
273 and 97.

274 (b) Subdistrict 5-2 shall consist of the following  
275 precincts in Hinds County: 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 23, 27,  
276 28, 29, 30, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85,  
277 Brownsville, Cynthia, Pocahontas and Tinnin.

278 (c) Subdistrict 5-3 shall consist of the following  
279 precincts in Hinds County: 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 31,  
280 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 66,  
281 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 86, 89 and Jackson State.

282 (d) Subdistrict 5-4 shall consist of the following  
283 precincts in Hinds County: 87, 88, 90, 91, 94, 95, Bolton, Byram  
284 1, Byram 2, Cayuga, Chapel Hill, Clinton 1, Clinton 2, Clinton 3,  
285 Clinton 4, Clinton 5, Clinton 6, Dry Grove, Edwards, Learned, Old  
286 Byram, Pinehaven, Raymond 1, Raymond 2, Spring Ridge, St. Thomas,  
287 Terry, Utica 1 and Utica 2.

288 **SECTION 10.** Section 9-5-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
289 brought forward as follows:

290 9-5-19. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the  
291 Fifth Chancery Court District. One (1) chancellor shall be  
292 elected from each subdistrict.

293 (2) While there shall be no limitation whatsoever upon the  
294 powers and duties of the said chancellors other than as cast upon  
295 them by the Constitution and laws of this state, the court in the  
296 First Judicial District of Hinds County, in the discretion of the



297 senior chancellor, may be divided into four (4) divisions as a  
298 matter of convenience by the entry of an order upon the minutes of  
299 the court.

300 **SECTION 11.** Section 9-5-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
301 brought forward as follows:

302 9-5-21. The Sixth Chancery Court District is composed of the  
303 following counties:

- 304 (a) Attala County;
- 305 (b) Carroll County;
- 306 (c) Choctaw County;
- 307 (d) Kemper County;
- 308 (e) Neshoba County; and
- 309 (f) Winston County.

310 **SECTION 12.** Section 9-5-22, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
311 brought forward as follows:

312 9-5-22. (1) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the  
313 Sixth Chancery Court District.

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

317 **SECTION 13.** Section 9-5-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
318 brought forward as follows:

319 9-5-23. (1) The Seventh Chancery Court District is composed  
320 of the following counties:

- 321 (a) Bolivar County;



- 322 (b) Coahoma County;  
323 (c) Leflore County;  
324 (d) Quitman County;  
325 (e) Tallahatchie County; and  
326 (f) Tunica County.

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

329 (a) Subdistrict 7-1 shall consist of Bolivar County and  
330 Coahoma County;

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

333 **SECTION 14.** Section 9-5-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
334 brought forward as follows:

335 9-5-25. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the Seventh  
336 Chancery Court District. The three (3) chancellorships shall be  
337 separate and distinct. One (1) chancellor shall be elected from  
338 Subdistrict 7-1 and shall be denominated for purposes of  
339 appointment and election only as "Place One," and two (2)  
340 chancellors shall be elected from Subdistrict 7-2 and shall be  
341 denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as  
342 "Place Two" and "Place Three."

343 **SECTION 15.** Section 9-5-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
344 brought forward as follows:

345 9-5-27. The Eighth Chancery Court District is composed of  
346 the following counties:



- 347 (a) Hancock County;
- 348 (b) Harrison County; and
- 349 (c) Stone County.

350 **SECTION 16.** Section 9-5-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
351 brought forward as follows:

352 9-5-29. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the  
353 Eighth Chancery Court District.

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

357 (3) While there shall be no limitation whatsoever upon the  
358 powers and duties of the chancellors other than as cast upon them  
359 by the Constitution and laws of this state, the court in the  
360 Eighth Chancery Court District, in the discretion of the senior  
361 chancellor, may be divided into four (4) divisions as a matter of  
362 convenience by the entry of an order upon the minutes of the  
363 court.

364 **SECTION 17.** Section 9-5-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
365 brought forward as follows:

366 9-5-31. (1) The Ninth Chancery Court District is composed  
367 of the following counties:

- 368 (a) Humphreys County;
- 369 (b) Issaquena County;
- 370 (c) Sharkey County;
- 371 (d) Sunflower County;



372 (e) Warren County; and

373 (f) Washington County.

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

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

378 (i) Sunflower County: Boyer-Linn, Drew,  
379 Fairview-Hale, Indianola 2 East\*, Indianola 3 North\*, Indianola 3  
380 Northeast\*, Indianola 3 South\*, Rome, Ruleville, Ruleville North  
381 and Sunflower Plantation; and

382 (ii) Washington County: American Legion, Brent  
383 Center, Buster Brown Community Center, Darlove Baptist Church\*,  
384 Elks Club, Extension Building, Grace Methodist Church\*, Greenville  
385 Industrial College, Leland Health Department Clinic, Leland Rotary  
386 Club, Metcalf City Hall and Potter House Church.

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

389 (i) Sunflower County: Doddsville, Indianola 2  
390 East\*, Indianola 2 West, Indianola 3 North\*, Indianola 3  
391 Northeast\*, Indianola 3 South\*, Indianola Southeast, Inverness,  
392 Moorhead, Sunflower 3 and Sunflower 4; and

393 (ii) Washington County: Arcola City Hall, Christ  
394 Wesleyan Methodist Church, Darlove Baptist Church\*, Glen Allan  
395 Health Clinic, Grace Methodist Church\*, Hollandale City Hall, St.





396 James Episcopal Church, Swiftwater Baptist Church, Tampa Drive and  
397 Ward's Recreation Center.

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

400 **SECTION 18.** Section 9-5-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
401 brought forward as follows:

402 9-5-33. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the Ninth  
403 Chancery Court District. One (1) chancellor shall be elected from  
404 each subdistrict.

405 **SECTION 19.** Section 9-5-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
406 brought forward as follows:

407 9-5-35. The Tenth Chancery Court District is composed of the  
408 following counties:

- 409 (a) Forrest County;
- 410 (b) Lamar County;
- 411 (c) Marion County;
- 412 (d) Pearl River County; and
- 413 (e) Perry County.

414 **SECTION 20.** Section 9-5-36, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
415 brought forward as follows:

416 9-5-36. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the  
417 Tenth Chancery Court District.

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



421 The chancellor to fill Place One and Place Four may be a resident  
422 of any county in the district. The chancellor to fill Place Two  
423 must be a resident of Lamar, Marion, Pearl River or Perry County.  
424 The chancellor to fill Place Three must be a resident of Forrest  
425 County. Election of the four (4) offices of chancellor shall be  
426 by election to be held in every county within the Tenth Chancery  
427 Court District.

428 **SECTION 21.** Section 9-5-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
429 brought forward as follows:

430 9-5-37. (1) The Eleventh Chancery Court District is  
431 composed of the following counties:

- 432 (a) Holmes County;
- 433 (b) Leake County;
- 434 (c) Madison County; and
- 435 (d) Yazoo County.

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

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

442 (b) Subdistrict 11-2 shall consist of Leake County and  
443 the following precincts in Madison County: Bear Creek, Camden,  
444 Cameron, Canton 1, Canton 2, Canton 3, Canton 7, Cedar Grove,  
445 Cobblestone, Couparle, Gluckstadt, Highland Colony Baptist Church,



446 Liberty, Lorman/Cavalier, Luther Branson School, Madison 1,  
447 Madison 2, Madison 3, Main Harbor, New Industrial Park, North Bay,  
448 Ratliff Ferry, Ridgeland 1, Ridgeland 3, Ridgeland 4, Ridgeland  
449 First Methodist Church, Ridgeland Tennis Center, Sharon,  
450 Sunnybrook, Tougaloo, Trace Harbor, Victory Baptist Church,  
451 Virililia, Whisper Lake and Yandell Road.

452       **SECTION 22.** Section 9-5-38, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
453 brought forward as follows:

454       9-5-38. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the  
455 Eleventh Chancery Court District. The three (3) chancellorships  
456 shall be separate and distinct. One (1) chancellor shall be  
457 elected from Subdistrict 11-1 and denominated for purposes of  
458 appointment and election only as "Place One," one (1) chancellor  
459 shall be elected from Subdistrict 11-2 and denominated for  
460 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place Two," and one  
461 (1) chancellor shall be elected at large from the entire Eleventh  
462 Chancery Court District and denominated for purposes of  
463 appointment and election only as "Place Three."

464       **SECTION 23.** Section 9-5-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
465 brought forward as follows:

466       9-5-39. The Twelfth Chancery Court District is composed of  
467 the following counties:

- 468               (a) Clarke County; and  
469               (b) Lauderdale County.



470           **SECTION 24.** Section 9-5-40, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
471 brought forward as follows:

472           9-5-40. (1) There shall be two (2) judges for the Twelfth  
473 Chancery Court District.

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

477           **SECTION 25.** Section 9-5-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
478 brought forward as follows:

479           9-5-41. (1) The Thirteenth Chancery Court District is  
480 composed of the following counties:

- 481           (a) Covington County;
- 482           (b) Jefferson Davis County;
- 483           (c) Lawrence County;
- 484           (d) Simpson County; and
- 485           (e) Smith County.

486           (2) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the Thirteenth  
487 Chancery Court District. The two (2) chancellorships shall be  
488 separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment  
489 and election only as "Place One" and "Place Two."

490           **SECTION 26.** Section 9-5-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
491 brought forward as follows:

492           9-5-43. (1) The Fourteenth Chancery Court District is  
493 composed of the following counties:

- 494           (a) Chickasaw County;



- 495 (b) Clay County;
- 496 (c) Lowndes County;
- 497 (d) Noxubee County;
- 498 (e) Oktibbeha County; and
- 499 (f) Webster County.

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

502 (a) Subdistrict 14-1 shall consist of Chickasaw County,  
503 Webster County and the following precincts in Oktibbeha County:  
504 Bell Schoolhouse\*, Bradley, Center Grove, Central Starkville\*,  
505 Craig Springs, Double Springs, East Starkville\*, Gillespie Street  
506 Center\*, Maben, North Adaton, North Longview, North Starkville 2\*,  
507 North Starkville 3, Northeast Starkville, Self Creek, South  
508 Adaton, South Longview, South Starkville\*, Sturgis and West  
509 Starkville\*.

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

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

514 (ii) Lowndes County: Air Base A, Air Base B, Air  
515 Base C, Air Base D, Air Base E, Brandon A, Brandon B, Brandon C,  
516 Brandon D, Caledonia, Columbus High School A, Columbus High School  
517 B, Columbus High School C, Columbus High School D, Dowdle Gas  
518 Training Center B, Fairgrounds C, Fairgrounds E, Fairgrounds F,  
519 Hunt C, Lee Middle School, Mitchell A, New Hope A, New Hope B, New



520 Hope C, New Hope D, New Hope E, Rural Hill A, Rural Hill B, Rural  
521 Hill C, Sale A, Sale B, Sale C, Steens A, Steens B, Steens C,  
522 Trinity B, Union Academy B, Union Academy C and University A.

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

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

527 (ii) Lowndes County: Artesia, Coleman A, Coleman  
528 B, Crawford A, Fairgrounds A, Fairgrounds B, Fairgrounds D,  
529 Fairgrounds G, Hunt A, Hunt B, Mitchell B, New Hope F, Plum Grove  
530 A, Plum Grove B, Plum Grove C, Propst Park Community Hut, Trinity  
531 A, Union Academy A, University B, West Lowndes A and West Lowndes  
532 B; and

533 (iii) Oktibbeha County: Bell Schoolhouse\*,  
534 Central Starkville\*, East Starkville\*, Gillespie Street Center\*,  
535 Hickory Grove, North Starkville 2\*, Oktoc, Osborn, Sessums, South  
536 Starkville\*, Southeast Oktibbeha and West Starkville\*.

537 **SECTION 27.** Section 9-5-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
538 brought forward as follows:

539 9-5-45. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the  
540 Fourteenth Chancery Court District. One (1) chancellor shall be  
541 elected from each subdistrict.

542 **SECTION 28.** Section 9-5-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
543 brought forward as follows:



544 9-5-47. The Fifteenth Chancery Court District is composed of  
545 the following counties:

546 (a) Covich County; and

547 (b) Lincoln County.

548 **SECTION 29.** Section 9-5-49, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
549 brought forward as follows:

550 9-5-49. The Sixteenth Chancery Court District is composed of  
551 the following counties:

552 (a) George County;

553 (b) Greene County; and

554 (c) Jackson County.

555 **SECTION 30.** Section 9-5-50, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
556 brought forward as follows:

557 9-5-50. (1) There shall be three (3) chancellors for the  
558 Sixteenth Chancery Court District.

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

562 **SECTION 31.** Section 9-5-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
563 brought forward as follows:

564 9-5-51. (1) The Seventeenth Chancery Court District is  
565 composed of the following counties:

566 (a) Adams County;

567 (b) Claiborne County;

568 (c) Jefferson County; and



569 (d) Wilkinson County.

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

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

576 (b) Subdistrict 17-2 shall consist of Wilkinson County  
577 and the following precincts in Adams County: Beau Pre, Bellemont,  
578 By-Pass Fire Station, Carpenter\*, Concord, Convention Center\*,  
579 Courthouse, Duncan Park, Kingston, Liberty Park, Maryland\*,  
580 Morgantown, Oakland and Washington\*.

581 (3) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the Seventeenth  
582 Chancery Court District. One (1) chancellor shall be elected from  
583 each subdistrict.

584 **SECTION 32.** Section 9-5-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
585 brought forward as follows:

586 9-5-53. The Eighteenth Chancery Court District is composed  
587 of the following counties:

- 588 (a) Benton County;
- 589 (b) Calhoun County;
- 590 (c) Lafayette County;
- 591 (d) Marshall County; and
- 592 (e) Tippah County.





593           **SECTION 33.** Section 9-5-54, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
594 brought forward as follows:

595           9-5-54. (1) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the  
596 Eighteenth Chancery Court District.

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

600           **SECTION 34.** Section 9-5-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
601 brought forward as follows:

602           9-5-55. The Nineteenth Chancery Court District is composed  
603 of the following counties:

604                   (a) Jones County; and

605                   (b) Wayne County.

606           **SECTION 35.** Section 9-5-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
607 brought forward as follows:

608           9-5-57. The Twentieth Chancery Court District shall be  
609 Rankin County.

610           **SECTION 36.** Section 9-5-58, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
611 brought forward as follows:

612           9-5-58. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the  
613 Twentieth Chancery Court District. For purposes of appointment  
614 and election the three (3) chancellorships shall be separate and  
615 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election  
616 only as "Place One," "Place Two" and "Place Three."



617           **SECTION 37.** Section 9-7-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
618 brought forward as follows:

619           9-7-5. The First Circuit Court District is composed of the  
620 following counties:

- 621           (a) Alcorn County;
- 622           (b) Itawamba County;
- 623           (c) Lee County;
- 624           (d) Monroe County;
- 625           (e) Pontotoc County;
- 626           (f) Prentiss County; and
- 627           (g) Tishomingo County.

628           **SECTION 38.** Section 9-7-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
629 brought forward as follows:

630           9-7-7. (1) There shall be four (4) judges for the First  
631 Circuit Court District.

632           (2) The four (4) judgeships shall be separate and distinct  
633 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as  
634 "Place One," "Place Two," "Place Three" and "Place Four." The  
635 judge to fill Place One must reside in Alcorn, Prentiss or  
636 Tishomingo County. The judges to fill Place Two and Place Three  
637 must reside in Itawamba, Lee, Monroe or Pontotoc County. The  
638 judge to fill Place Four may be a resident of any county in the  
639 district. Election of the four (4) offices of judge shall be by  
640 election to be held in every county within the First Circuit Court  
641 District.



642           **SECTION 39.** Section 9-7-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
643 brought forward as follows:

644           9-7-9. The Second Circuit Court District is composed of the  
645 following counties:

- 646                   (a) Hancock County;
- 647                   (b) Harrison County; and
- 648                   (c) Stone County.

649           **SECTION 40.** Section 9-7-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
650 brought forward as follows:

651           9-7-11. (1) There shall be four (4) judges for the Second  
652 Circuit Court District.

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

656           **SECTION 41.** Section 9-7-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
657 brought forward as follows:

658           9-7-13. The Third Circuit Court District is composed of the  
659 following counties:

- 660                   (a) Benton County;
- 661                   (b) Calhoun County;
- 662                   (c) Chickasaw County;
- 663                   (d) Lafayette County;
- 664                   (e) Marshall County;
- 665                   (f) Tippah County; and
- 666                   (g) Union County.



667           **SECTION 42.** Section 9-7-14, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
668 brought forward as follows:

669           9-7-14. (1) There shall be three (3) judges for the Third  
670 Circuit Court District.

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

674           **SECTION 43.** Section 9-7-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
675 brought forward as follows:

676           9-7-15. (1) The Fourth Circuit Court District shall be  
677 composed of the following counties:

- 678                   (a) Leflore County;
- 679                   (b) Sunflower County; and
- 680                   (c) Washington County.

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

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

685                           (i) Leflore County: Minter City, North Greenwood,  
686 Money, Northeast Greenwood, Schlater, West Greenwood, Mississippi  
687 Valley State University and Southeast Greenwood Precincts; and

688                           (ii) Sunflower County: Ruleville, Rome, Sunflower  
689 Plantation, Drew, Doddsville, Boyer-Linn, Fairview-Hale and  
690 Ruleville North Precincts.



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

693 (i) Sunflower County: Indianola 1, Sunflower,  
694 Indianola 3 North, Indianola 3 South and Indianola 3 Northeast  
695 Precincts; and

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

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

702 (i) Leflore County: East Greenwood Sub-A, East  
703 Greenwood Sub-B, Central Greenwood, North Itta Bena, South Itta  
704 Bena, Southwest Greenwood, Rising Sun, Sidon, Morgan City,  
705 Swiftown and South Greenwood Precincts;

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

708 (iii) Washington County: Arcola City Hall,  
709 Hollandale City Hall, Darlove Baptist Church and Mangelardi  
710 Bourbon Store Precincts.

711 (d) Subdistrict 4-4 shall consist of the following  
712 precincts in Washington County: St. James Episcopal Church,  
713 Swiftwater Baptist Church, Glen Allan Health Clinic, Italian Club,  
714 Ward's Recreation Center, Buster Brown Community Center, Avon



715 Health Center, Kapco Company, Brent Center, William Percy Library  
716 and Grace Methodist Church Precincts.

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

720 **SECTION 44.** Section 9-7-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
721 brought forward as follows:

722 9-7-17. There shall be four (4) circuit judges for the  
723 Fourth Circuit Court District. One (1) circuit judge shall be  
724 elected from each subdistrict.

725 **SECTION 45.** Section 9-7-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
726 brought forward as follows:

727 9-7-19. The Fifth Circuit Court District is composed of the  
728 following counties:

- 729 (a) Attala County;
- 730 (b) Carroll County;
- 731 (c) Choctaw County;
- 732 (d) Grenada County;
- 733 (e) Montgomery County;
- 734 (f) Webster County; and
- 735 (g) Winston County.

736 **SECTION 46.** Section 9-7-20, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
737 brought forward as follows:

738 9-7-20. (1) There shall be two (2) judges for the Fifth  
739 Circuit Court District.



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

743 **SECTION 47.** Section 9-7-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
744 brought forward as follows:

745 9-7-21. (1) The Sixth Circuit Court District is composed of  
746 the following counties:

- 747 (a) Adams County;
- 748 (b) Amite County;
- 749 (c) Franklin County; and
- 750 (d) Wilkinson County.

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

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

755 (i) Adams County: Airport, By-Pass Fire Station,  
756 Carpenter, Concord\*, Courthouse\*, Duncan Park\*, Foster Mound,  
757 Maryland\*, Northside School, Pine Ridge, Thompson and Washington\*;  
758 and

759 (ii) Amite County: Ariel, Berwick, Crosby, East  
760 Centreville, East Gloster\*, Gloster\*, Homochitto, South Liberty\*  
761 and Street.

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



764 (i) Adams County: Beau Pre, Bellemont, Concord\*,  
765 Convention Center, Courthouse\*, Duncan Park\*, Kingston, Liberty  
766 Park, Maryland\*, Morgantown, Oakland, Palestine and Washington\*;  
767 and

768 (ii) Amite County: Amite River, East Fork, East  
769 Gloster\*, East Liberty, Gloster\*, Liberty, New Zion, Oneil,  
770 Riceville, Smithdale, South Liberty\*, Tangipahoa, Tickfaw, Walls  
771 and Zion Hills.

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

775 **SECTION 48.** Section 9-7-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
776 brought forward as follows:

777 9-7-23. (1) The Seventh Circuit Court District shall be  
778 Hinds County.

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

781 (a) Subdistrict 7-1 shall consist of the following  
782 precincts in Hinds County: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 32, 33, 34,  
783 35, 36, 44, 45, 46, 47, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 92, 93, 96  
784 and 97.

785 (b) Subdistrict 7-2 shall consist of the following  
786 precincts in Hinds County: 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 23, 27,  
787 28, 29, 30, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85,  
788 Brownsville, Cynthia, Pocahontas and Tinnin.





789 (c) Subdistrict 7-3 shall consist of the following  
790 precincts in Hinds County: 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 31,  
791 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 66,  
792 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 86, 89, and Jackson State.

793 (d) Subdistrict 7-4 shall consist of the following  
794 precincts in Hinds County: 87, 88, 90, 91, 94, 95, Bolton, Byram  
795 1, Byram 2, Cayuga, Chapel Hill, Clinton 1, Clinton 2, Clinton 3,  
796 Clinton 4, Clinton 5, Clinton 6, Dry Grove, Edwards, Learned, Old  
797 Byram, Pinehaven, Raymond 1, Raymond 2, Spring Ridge, St. Thomas,  
798 Terry, Utica 1 and Utica 2.

799 **SECTION 49.** Section 9-7-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
800 brought forward as follows:

801 9-7-25. (1) There shall be four (4) circuit judges for the  
802 Seventh Circuit Court District. One (1) judge shall be elected  
803 from each subdistrict.

804 (2) While there shall be no limitation whatsoever upon the  
805 powers and duties of the said judges other than as cast upon them  
806 by the Constitution and laws of this state, the court in the First  
807 Judicial District of Hinds County, in the discretion of the senior  
808 circuit judge, may be divided into civil and criminal divisions as  
809 a matter of convenience, by the entry of an order upon the minutes  
810 of the court.

811 **SECTION 50.** Section 9-7-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
812 brought forward as follows:



813 9-7-27. (1) The Eighth Circuit Court District is composed  
814 of the following counties:

- 815 (a) Leake County;
- 816 (b) Neshoba County;
- 817 (c) Newton County; and
- 818 (d) Scott County.

819 (2) There shall be two (2) judges for the Eighth Circuit  
820 Court District.

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

824 **SECTION 51.** Section 9-7-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
825 brought forward as follows:

826 9-7-29. (1) The Ninth Circuit Court District is composed of  
827 the following counties:

- 828 (a) Issaquena County;
- 829 (b) Sharkey County; and
- 830 (c) Warren County.

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

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



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

843           **SECTION 52.** Section 9-7-30, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
844 brought forward as follows:

845           9-7-30. There shall be two (2) judges for the Ninth Circuit  
846 Court District. One (1) judge shall be elected from each  
847 subdistrict.

848           **SECTION 53.** Section 9-7-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
849 brought forward as follows:

850           9-7-31. The Tenth Circuit Court District is composed of the  
851 following counties:

- 852           (a) Clarke County;
- 853           (b) Kemper County;
- 854           (c) Lauderdale County; and
- 855           (d) Wayne County.

856           **SECTION 54.** Section 9-7-32, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
857 brought forward as follows:

858           9-7-32. (1) There shall be two (2) judges for the Tenth  
859 Circuit Court District.

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



863           **SECTION 55.** Section 9-7-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
864 brought forward as follows:

865           9-7-33. (1) The Eleventh Circuit Court District is composed  
866 of the following counties:

- 867                   (a) Bolivar County;
- 868                   (b) Coahoma County;
- 869                   (c) Quitman County; and
- 870                   (d) Tunica County.

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

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

875                           (i) Bolivar County: Benoit, Beulah, Boyle,  
876 Choctaw, Cleveland Courthouse, East Central Cleveland\*, East  
877 Cleveland\*, East Rosedale, Gunnison, Longshot, North Cleveland,  
878 Northwest Cleveland\*, Pace, Scott, Shaw, Skene, South Cleveland\*,  
879 Stringtown, West Central Cleveland, West Cleveland and West  
880 Rosedale; and

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

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

885                           (i) Bolivar County: Cleveland Eastgate,  
886 Duncan/Alligator, East Central Cleveland\*, East Cleveland\*,



887 Merigold, Mound Bayou, Northwest Cleveland\*, Renova, Shelby, South  
888 Cleveland\* and Winstonville;

889 (ii) Coahoma County: Cagle Crossing, Clarksdale  
890 1-4\*, Clarksdale 3-3, Clarksdale 3-4, Clarksdale 4-2, Clarksdale  
891 4-3, Dublin and Roundaway; and

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

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

896 (i) Coahoma County: Clarksdale 1-4\*, Clarksdale  
897 2-4\*, Clarksdale 5-4\*, Coahoma, Farrell\*, Friar's Point,  
898 Jonestown, Lula, Lyon and Sherard\*; and

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

901 **SECTION 56.** Section 9-7-34, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
902 brought forward as follows:

903 9-7-34. There shall be three (3) judges for the Eleventh  
904 Circuit Court District. One (1) judge shall be elected from each  
905 subdistrict.

906 **SECTION 57.** Section 9-7-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
907 brought forward as follows:

908 9-7-35. (1) The Twelfth Circuit Court District is composed  
909 of the following counties:

910 (a) Forrest County; and

911 (b) Perry County.



912 (2) There shall be two (2) judges for the Twelfth Circuit  
913 Court District. The two (2) judgeships shall be separate and  
914 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election  
915 only as "Place One" and "Place Two."

916 **SECTION 58.** Section 9-7-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
917 brought forward as follows:

918 9-7-37. (1) The Thirteenth Circuit Court District is  
919 composed of the following counties:

- 920 (a) Covington County;
- 921 (b) Jasper County;
- 922 (c) Simpson County; and
- 923 (d) Smith County.

924 (2) There shall be two (2) judges for the Thirteenth Circuit  
925 Court District. The two (2) judgeships shall be separate and  
926 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election  
927 only as "Place One" and "Place Two."

928 **SECTION 59.** Section 9-7-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
929 brought forward as follows:

930 9-7-39. (1) The Fourteenth Circuit Court District is  
931 composed of the following counties:

- 932 (a) Lincoln County;
- 933 (b) Pike County; and
- 934 (c) Walthall County.

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



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

940           **SECTION 60.** Section 9-7-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
941 brought forward as follows:

942           9-7-41. The Fifteenth Circuit Court District is composed of  
943 the following counties:

- 944           (a) Jefferson Davis County;
- 945           (b) Lamar County;
- 946           (c) Lawrence County;
- 947           (d) Marion County; and
- 948           (e) Pearl River County.

949           **SECTION 61.** Section 9-7-42, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
950 brought forward as follows:

951           9-7-42. (1) There shall be three (3) judges for the  
952 Fifteenth Circuit Court District.

953           (2) The three (3) judgeships shall be separate and distinct  
954 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as  
955 "Place One," "Place Two," and "Place Three." The judge to fill  
956 Place One must be a resident of Jefferson Davis, Lamar, Lawrence  
957 or Marion County. The judge to fill Place Two may be a resident  
958 of any county in the district. The judge to fill Place Three must  
959 be a resident of Pearl River County.

960           **SECTION 62.** Section 9-7-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
961 brought forward as follows:



962 9-7-43. The Sixteenth Circuit Court District is composed of  
963 the following counties:

- 964 (a) Clay County;
- 965 (b) Lowndes County;
- 966 (c) Noxubee County; and
- 967 (d) Oktibbeha County.

968 **SECTION 63.** Section 9-7-44, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
969 brought forward as follows:

970 9-7-44. (1) There shall be three (3) judges for the  
971 Sixteenth Circuit Court District.

972 (2) The three (3) judgeships shall be separate and distinct  
973 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as  
974 "Place One," "Place Two" and "Place Three." The judge to fill  
975 Place One must be a resident of Lowndes County. The judge to fill  
976 Place Two must be a resident of Oktibbeha County. The judge to  
977 fill Place Three must be a resident of either Clay or Noxubee  
978 County. Election of the three (3) offices of judge shall be by  
979 election to be held in every county within the Sixteenth Circuit  
980 Court District.

981 **SECTION 64.** Section 9-7-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
982 brought forward as follows:

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

984 9-7-45. The Seventeenth Circuit Court District shall be  
985 divided into two (2) subdistricts as follows:





986 (a) Subdistrict 17-1 shall be composed of DeSoto  
987 County; and

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

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

992 9-7-45. The Seventeenth Circuit Court District shall be  
993 composed of the following counties:

994 (a) Panola County;

995 (b) Tallahatchie County;

996 (c) Tate County; and

997 (d) Yalobusha County.

998 **SECTION 65.** Section 9-7-46, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
999 brought forward as follows:

1000 **[Until January 1, 2023, this section shall read as follows:]**

1001 9-7-46. (1) There shall be four (4) circuit judges for the  
1002 Seventeenth Circuit Court District.

1003 (2) For the purpose of appointment and election, the four  
1004 (4) judgeships shall be separate and distinct, and one (1) judge  
1005 shall be elected from Subdistrict 17-1, two (2) judges shall be  
1006 elected from Subdistrict 17-2, and one (1) judge shall be elected  
1007 from every county in the district. The two (2) judgeships in  
1008 Subdistrict 17-2 shall be denominated as "Place One" and "Place  
1009 Two," the judgeship in Subdistrict 17-1 shall be denominated as



1010 "Place Three," and the at-large judgeship shall be denominated as  
1011 "Place Four."

1012 **[From and after January 1, 2023, this section shall read as**  
1013 **follows:]**

1014 9-7-46. (1) There shall be two (2) circuit judges for the  
1015 Seventeenth Circuit Court District.

1016 (2) For the purpose of appointment and election, the two (2)  
1017 judgeships shall be separate and distinct, and be denominated as  
1018 "Place One" and "Place Two \* \* \*".

1019 **SECTION 66.** Section 9-7-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1020 brought forward as follows:

1021 9-7-47. The Eighteenth Circuit Court District shall be Jones  
1022 County.

1023 **SECTION 67.** Section 9-7-49, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1024 brought forward as follows:

1025 9-7-49. (1) The Nineteenth Circuit Court District is  
1026 composed of the following counties:

- 1027 (a) George County;
- 1028 (b) Greene County; and
- 1029 (c) Jackson County.

1030 (2) The local contribution required for the maintenance of  
1031 the Nineteenth Circuit Court District shall not exceed, as to  
1032 George and Greene Counties, the amount of their present local  
1033 contribution in their present respective circuit court districts,  
1034 and any excess shall be paid by Jackson County.



1035           **SECTION 68.** Section 9-7-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1036 brought forward as follows:

1037           9-7-51. (1) There shall be three (3) judges for the  
1038 Nineteenth Circuit Court District. The three (3) judgeships shall  
1039 be separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of  
1040 appointment and election only as "Place One," "Place Two" and  
1041 "Place Three."

1042           (2) The senior judge of the Nineteenth Circuit Court  
1043 District may divide the court of any county within the district  
1044 into civil, criminal and appellate court divisions as a matter of  
1045 convenience by the entry of an order upon the minutes of the  
1046 court.

1047           **SECTION 69.** Section 9-7-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1048 brought forward as follows:

1049           9-7-53. The Twentieth Circuit Court District is composed of  
1050 the following counties:

- 1051           (a) Madison County; and  
1052           (b) Rankin County.

1053           **SECTION 70.** Section 9-7-54, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1054 brought forward as follows:

1055           9-7-54. (1) There shall be three (3) judges for the  
1056 Twentieth Circuit Court District.

1057           (2) The three (3) judgeships shall be separate and distinct  
1058 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as  
1059 "Place One," "Place Two" and "Place Three." The judge to fill



1060 Place One must reside in Rankin County, the judge to fill Place  
1061 Two must reside in Madison County, and the judge to fill Place  
1062 Three may reside in either Madison or Rankin County.

1063 **SECTION 71.** Section 9-7-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1064 brought forward as follows:

1065 9-7-55. The Twenty-first Circuit Court District is composed  
1066 of the following counties:

- 1067 (a) Holmes County;
- 1068 (b) Humphreys County; and
- 1069 (c) Yazoo County.

1070 **SECTION 72.** Section 9-7-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1071 brought forward as follows:

1072 9-7-57. The Twenty-second Circuit Court District is composed  
1073 of the following counties:

- 1074 (a) Claiborne County;
- 1075 (b) Copeiah County; and
- 1076 (c) Jefferson County.

1077 **SECTION 73.** Section 9-7-63, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1078 brought forward as follows:

1079 9-7-63. The Twenty-third Circuit Court District shall be  
1080 DeSoto County.

1081 **SECTION 74.** Section 9-7-64, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1082 brought forward as follows:

1083 9-7-64. (1) There shall be two (2) circuit judges for the  
1084 Twenty-third Circuit Court District.



1085 (2) For the purposes of appointment and election, the two  
1086 (2) judgeships shall be separate and distinct and denominated as  
1087 "Place One" and "Place Two."

1088 **SECTION 75.** Section 9-5-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1089 brought forward as follows:

1090 9-5-1. A chancellor shall be elected for and from each of  
1091 the chancery court districts as provided in this chapter and the  
1092 listing of individual precincts shall be those precincts as they  
1093 existed on October 1, 1990. He shall hold court in any other  
1094 district with the consent of the chancellor thereof when in their  
1095 opinion the public interest may be thereby promoted. The terms of  
1096 all chancellors elected at the regular election for the year 1930  
1097 shall begin on the first day of January, 1931, and their terms of  
1098 office shall continue for four (4) years. A chancellor shall be a  
1099 resident of the district in which he serves but shall not be  
1100 required to be a resident of a subdistrict if the district is  
1101 divided into subdistricts.

1102 **SECTION 76.** Section 9-7-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1103 brought forward as follows:

1104 9-7-1. A circuit judge shall be elected for and from each  
1105 circuit court district and the listing of individual precincts  
1106 shall be those precincts as they existed on October 1, 1990. He  
1107 may hold court in any other district with the consent of the judge  
1108 thereof, when in their opinion the public interest may require.  
1109 The terms of all circuit judges hereafter elected shall begin on



1110 the first day of January, 1931, and their terms of office shall  
1111 continue for four (4) years. A circuit judge shall be a resident  
1112 of the district in which he or she serves but shall not be  
1113 required to be a resident of a subdistrict if the district is  
1114 divided into subdistricts.

1115           **SECTION 77.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
1116 and after July 1, 2023.

