

By: Senator(s) Wiggins

To: Judiciary, Division A

SENATE BILL NO. 2716

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE CHANCERY COURT IN WHICH A DIVORCE  
 2 OR CHILD CUSTODY DECREE IS ENTERED MAY RETAIN CONTINUING EXCLUSIVE  
 3 JURISDICTION OVER ANY SUBSEQUENT MATTER ARISING FROM THE ENTERED  
 4 DECREE; TO PROVIDE THAT VENUE SHALL BE PROPER IN THE COUNTY AT THE  
 5 ORIGINAL FILING OR IN THE COUNTY WHERE ONE OF THE PARTIES RESIDES  
 6 FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT MATTER ARISING FROM THE ENTERED DECREE WHERE  
 7 ONE OF THE PARTIES TO THE ORIGINAL DECREE NO LONGER RESIDES IN THE  
 8 COUNTY IN WHICH THE ORIGINAL DECREE WAS ENTERED; AND FOR RELATED  
 9 PURPOSES.

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

11 **SECTION 1.** The chancery court in which a divorce or child  
 12 custody decree is entered may retain continuing exclusive  
 13 jurisdiction over any subsequent matter arising from the entered  
 14 decree. If one (1) of the parties to the original decree no  
 15 longer resides in the county in which the decree was entered,  
 16 venue in chancery court for any subsequent matter arising from the  
 17 entered decree shall be proper in the county of the original  
 18 filing or in the county where one (1) of the parties resides.

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

