

**Adopted
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

House Bill No. 1020

BY: Committee

**Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting
in lieu thereof the following:**

37 SECTION 1. (1) There shall be three (3) temporary special
38 circuit judges for the Seventh Circuit Court District with no
39 limitation whatsoever upon the powers and duties of the said
40 judges other than as cast upon them by the Constitution and laws
41 of this state.

42 (2) There shall be two (2) temporary special circuit judges
43 for the Seventh Circuit Court District with the limitation upon
44 the powers and duties of the judges authorized under this
45 subsection that the judges shall hear only criminal matters, as



46 well as those limitations cast upon them by the Constitution and
47 laws of this state.

48 (3) No later than fifteen (15) days after the passage of
49 this act, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall appoint the
50 judges authorized under this section. The Chief Justice of the
51 Supreme Court may elect to reappoint circuit judges currently
52 serving on a temporary basis in the Seventh Circuit Court
53 District.

54 (4) This section shall stand repealed on December 1, 2026.

55 **SECTION 2.** Three (3) full-time legal assistants are
56 authorized in the Seventh Circuit Court District in addition to
57 the full-time legal assistants authorized by Section
58 25-31-5(1)(g).

59 **SECTION 3.** The public defender of the Seventh Circuit Court
60 District may appoint three (3) full-time assistant public
61 defenders in addition to those authorized by Section 25-32-3. The
62 full-time assistant public defenders shall receive the same
63 compensation as provided by law for full-time assistant public
64 defenders to be paid from funds specifically appropriated therefor
65 by the Legislature.

66 **SECTION 4.** Section 19-23-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
67 amended as follows:

68 19-23-21. (1) The county attorney of any county bordering
69 on the Gulf of Mexico and having two (2) judicial districts may
70 appoint an assistant county attorney from the judicial district in



71 which the county attorney does not reside, to serve for a term
72 commensurate with the county attorney; the assistant county
73 attorney shall receive the same salary, mileage expense account
74 and secretarial assistance as provided by law for the county
75 attorney and shall have the same duties and powers as the county
76 attorney, subject to the direction of the county attorney.

77 (2) (a) The county attorney of any county housing the seat
78 of state government, wherein U.S. Highways 80 and 49 intersect,
79 and having two (2) judicial districts, may appoint two (2)
80 temporary assistant county attorneys; the temporary assistant
81 county attorneys shall receive the same salary, mileage expense
82 account and secretarial assistance as provided by law for the
83 county attorney to be paid from funds specifically appropriated
84 therefor by the Legislature; the temporary assistant county
85 attorneys shall have the same duties and powers as the county
86 attorney, subject to the direction of the county attorney.

87 (b) This subsection shall stand repealed on December 1,
88 2026.

89 **SECTION 5.** Section 9-7-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
90 amended as follows:

91 9-7-25. (1) There shall be four (4) circuit judges for the
92 Seventh Circuit Court District. One (1) judge shall be elected
93 from each subdistrict as provided by Section 9-7-23(2)(a) through
94 (d).



95 (2) While there shall be no limitation whatsoever upon the
96 powers and duties of the said judges other than as cast upon them
97 by the Constitution and laws of this state, the court in the First
98 Judicial District of Hinds County, in the discretion of the senior
99 circuit judge, may be divided into civil and criminal divisions as
100 a matter of convenience, by the entry of an order upon the minutes
101 of the court.

102 (3) On January 1, 2026, there shall be one (1) circuit judge
103 for the Seventh Circuit Court District in addition to the judges
104 authorized in subsection (1) of this section. The judge
105 authorized under this subsection shall be elected from the
106 subdistrict as provided by Section 9-7-23(2)(e).

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

109 9-7-23. (1) The Seventh Circuit Court District shall be
110 Hinds County.

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

113 (a) Subdistrict 7-1 shall consist of the following
114 precincts in Hinds County: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 32, 33, 34,
115 35, 36, 44, 45, 46, 47, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 92, 93, 96
116 and 97.

117 (b) Subdistrict 7-2 shall consist of the following
118 precincts in Hinds County: 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 23, 27,



119 28, 29, 30, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85,
120 Brownsville, Cynthia, Pocahontas and Tinnin.

121 (c) Subdistrict 7-3 shall consist of the following
122 precincts in Hinds County: 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 31,
123 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 66,
124 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 86, 89, and Jackson State.

125 (d) Subdistrict 7-4 shall consist of the following
126 precincts in Hinds County: 87, 88, 90, 91, 94, 95, Bolton, Byram
127 1, Byram 2, Cayuga, Chapel Hill, Clinton 1, Clinton 2, Clinton 3,
128 Clinton 4, Clinton 5, Clinton 6, Dry Grove, Edwards, Learned, Old
129 Byram, Pinehaven, Raymond 1, Raymond 2, Spring Ridge, St. Thomas,
130 Terry, Utica 1 and Utica 2.

131 (e) Subdistrict 7-5 shall consist of the precincts in
132 Hinds County to be determined by the Legislature before January 1,
133 2026.

134 **SECTION 7.** The Department of Public Safety shall issue all
135 patrol police officers within the Office of Capitol Police
136 body-worn cameras that shall be worn on the uniforms of the patrol
137 officers. As used in this section, "body-worn cameras" means
138 devices that are worn by police officers which electronically
139 record audio and video of the activities of the officers.

140 **SECTION 8.** Section 45-1-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
141 amended as follows:

142 45-1-19. (1) The Department of Public Safety, through the
143 Office of Capitol Police, shall have jurisdiction relative to the



144 enforcement of all laws of the State of Mississippi on the
145 properties, from curb to curb, including adjoining streets,
146 sidewalks and leased parking lots within the Capitol Complex, set
147 forth in Section 29-5-2, the Governor's Mansion, the Court of
148 Appeals Building, the Mississippi Department of Transportation
149 Building and the Public Employees' Retirement System Building, and
150 any property purchased, constructed or otherwise acquired by the
151 State of Mississippi for conducting state business and not
152 specifically under the supervision and care by any other state
153 entity, but which is reasonably assumed the Department of Public
154 Safety would be responsible for such. The Department of Public
155 Safety shall, through any person or persons appointed by the
156 commissioner, make arrests for any violation of any law of the
157 State of Mississippi on the grounds of or within those properties.
158 The Department of Public Safety shall, in addition, enforce the
159 provisions of this section and Sections 29-5-57 through 29-5-67,
160 29-5-73 through 29-5-75, and 29-5-81 through 29-5-95, and
161 prescribe such rules and regulations as are necessary therefor.
162 The powers and duties related to the administration of Sections
163 29-5-57 through 29-5-67, 29-5-73 through 29-5-75, and 29-5-81
164 through 29-5-95 shall remain with the Department of Finance and
165 Administration.

166 (2) Subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees of
167 State Institutions of Higher Learning, the Board of Trustees and
168 the Department of Public Safety shall be authorized to enter into



169 a contract for the Department of Public Safety to supply the
170 security personnel with jurisdiction to enforce all laws of the
171 State of Mississippi on the property of the Board of Trustees
172 located at the corner of Ridgewood Road and Lakeland Drive in the
173 City of Jackson.

174 (3) The Department of Public Safety and the Department of
175 Agriculture are authorized to enter into a contract for the
176 Department of Public Safety to have jurisdiction and enforce all
177 laws of the State of Mississippi on the property of the Department
178 of Agriculture located at 121 North Jefferson Street and the new
179 Farmers Market Building located at the corner of High and
180 Jefferson Streets in the City of Jackson, Hinds County,
181 Mississippi. It is the intent of the Legislature that the
182 Department of Public Safety will not post any security personnel
183 at such buildings, but will provide regular vehicle patrols and
184 responses to security system alarms.

185 (4) The Department of Public Safety and the Mississippi Fair
186 Commission are authorized to enter into a contract for the
187 Department of Public Safety to have jurisdiction and enforce all
188 laws of the State of Mississippi on the property of the
189 Mississippi Fair Commission known as the "Mississippi State
190 Fairgrounds Complex" and any and all of its outlying buildings and
191 property. The Department of Public Safety and the Mississippi
192 Fair Commission are authorized to enter into a contract for the
193 Department of Public Safety to supply the security personnel to



194 the Mississippi Fair Commission with jurisdiction to enforce all
195 laws of the State of Mississippi on this property and any and all
196 buildings on this property.

197 (5) The Department of Public Safety and the Department of
198 Revenue are authorized to enter into a contract for the Department
199 of Public Safety to supply the security personnel with
200 jurisdiction to enforce all laws of the State of Mississippi at
201 the Alcoholic Beverage Control facility and the Department of
202 Revenue main office.

203 (6) The Department of Public Safety shall have jurisdiction
204 relative to the enforcement of all laws of the State of
205 Mississippi within the boundaries of the Capitol Complex
206 Improvement District created in Section 29-5-203 and within the
207 boundaries of the City of Jackson, Mississippi. The Department of
208 Public Safety shall, through any person or persons appointed by
209 the Department of Public Safety, make arrests for any violation of
210 any law of the State of Mississippi which occurs within the
211 boundaries of the district and the City of Jackson. The
212 jurisdiction of the Department of Public Safety granted under this
213 subsection (6) shall be concurrent with the jurisdiction of the
214 City of Jackson, Mississippi, and that of Hinds County,
215 Mississippi. The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety
216 and City of Jackson shall enter into a Memorandum of Understanding
217 by July 1, 2023, which shall be mutually beneficial to both
218 parties detailing the expectations of both parties. The execution



219 of or failure to execute such a memorandum shall not affect any
220 grant of jurisdiction under this subsection. In the event the
221 memorandum is not executed any dispute related to the law
222 enforcement functions of the Office of Capitol Police within the
223 boundaries of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, shall be resolved
224 in favor of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety.
225 At any time and/or during any event necessitating the coordination
226 of and/or utilization at multiple jurisdictions, as determined by
227 the Chief of Capitol Police or the Commissioner, the Department of
228 Public Safety shall be the lead agency when the event occurs on
229 property as defined herein that is owned or leased by the state as
230 provided in subsection (1) of this section. Written authorization
231 of the Chief of the Capitol Police or the Commissioner shall be
232 required prior to the approval of any event which is to take place
233 on any street or sidewalk immediately adjacent to any building or
234 property owned or occupied by any official, agency, board,
235 commission, office or other entity of the State of Mississippi, or
236 which can reasonably be expected to block, impede or otherwise
237 hinder ingress thereto and/or egress therefrom. The jurisdiction
238 and authority of the Department of Public Safety under this
239 subsection (6) shall be in addition to any other jurisdiction and
240 authority provided to the department under this section or any
241 other law.

242 (7) The Department of Public Safety is authorized to enter
243 into a contract with any county for the county to take custody of



244 the misdemeanor offenders arrested under the authority granted
245 under this section.

246 (8) All accrued personal leave earned pursuant to Section
247 25-3-93, accrued major medical leave earned pursuant to Section
248 25-3-95, accrued state compensatory leave earned pursuant to
249 Section 25-3-92, and compensatory leave earned pursuant to the
250 Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) shall transfer from the Department
251 of Finance and Administration to the Department of Public Safety
252 for all employees transferred under this section.

253 **SECTION 9.** Candidates for the judgeship authorized in
254 Section 9-7-25(2) shall qualify as provided by Section 23-15-977
255 and shall run for office and be elected as provided in Sections
256 23-15-974 through 23-15-985 (Nonpartisan Judicial Election Act).
257 The term of the office of the circuit court judgeship authorized
258 in Section 9-7-25(2) shall begin on January 1, 2027, and their
259 terms shall continue for four (4) years as is otherwise provided
260 by law.

261 **SECTION 10.** Except for Section 8 of this act, this act shall
262 take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023. Section
263 8 of this act shall take effect and be in force from and after
264 October 1, 2023.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FIVE TEMPORARY CIRCUIT JUDGES FOR THE FIRST
2 JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT UNTIL



3 DECEMBER 1, 2026; TO PROVIDE THAT TWO OF THE TEMPORARY CIRCUIT
4 JUDGES OF THE FIVE AUTHORIZED IN THIS ACT BE LIMITED TO HEAR ONLY
5 CRIMINAL MATTERS; TO AUTHORIZE THREE FULL-TIME LEGAL ASSISTANTS IN
6 THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT IN ADDITION TO THE FULL-TIME
7 LEGAL ASSISTANTS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 25-31-5(1)(G); TO AUTHORIZE
8 THREE FULL-TIME ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDERS IN THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT
9 COURT DISTRICT IN ADDITION TO THE FULL-TIME ASSISTANT PUBLIC
10 DEFENDERS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 25-32-3; TO AMEND SECTION
11 19-23-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY
12 PROSECUTING ATTORNEY OF HINDS COUNTY TO APPOINT TWO TEMPORARY
13 ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEYS; TO AMEND SECTION 9-7-25, MISSISSIPPI
14 CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADDITIONAL CIRCUIT JUDGE TO BE
15 ELECTED IN THE 2026 GENERAL ELECTION SHALL BE ELECTED FROM A
16 SUBDISTRICT TO BE DETERMINED BY THE LEGISLATURE; TO AMEND SECTION
17 9-7-23, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE ONE ADDITIONAL
18 CIRCUIT JUDGE TO BE ELECTED FROM THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT
19 DISTRICT IN THE 2026 GENERAL ELECTION; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT
20 OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ISSUE ALL CAPITOL POLICE PATROL OFFICERS
21 BODY-WORN CAMERAS; TO AMEND SECTION 45-1-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
22 1972, TO INCLUDE THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION WITHIN THE LIST OF
23 STATE-OWNED BUILDINGS OVER WHICH THE OFFICE OF CAPITOL POLICE HAS
24 JURISDICTION; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
25 SHALL HAVE JURISDICTION RELATIVE TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF ALL LAWS OF
26 THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF
27 JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
28 AND THE CITY OF JACKSON TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF
29 UNDERSTANDING BY A CERTAIN DATE; TO REQUIRE THE WRITTEN
30 AUTHORIZATION OF THE CHIEF OF THE CAPITOL POLICE OR THE
31 COMMISSIONER PRIOR TO THE APPROVAL OF ANY EVENT WHICH IS TO TAKE
32 PLACE ON ANY STREET OR SIDEWALK IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO ANY
33 BUILDING OR PROPERTY OWNED OR OCCUPIED BY ANY OFFICIAL, AGENCY,
34 BOARD, COMMISSION, OFFICE OR OTHER ENTITY OF THE STATE OF
35 MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

