

**Adopted  
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

**House Bill No. 1111**

**BY: Committee**

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

53           **SECTION 1.** Section 93-15-105, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
54 amended as follows:

55           93-15-105. (1) The chancery court has original exclusive  
56 jurisdiction over all termination of parental rights proceedings  
57 except when a county court sitting as a youth court has acquired  
58 jurisdiction of a child in an abuse or neglect proceeding, then  
59 the county court shall have original exclusive jurisdiction to  
60 hear \* \* \* petitions for both voluntary and involuntary  
61 termination of parental rights actions against a parent of that  
62 child pursuant to the procedures of this chapter.



63 (2) (a) Venue in a county court sitting as a youth court  
64 for any termination of parental rights proceedings shall be in the  
65 county in which the court has jurisdiction of the child in the  
66 abuse or neglect proceedings. Venue in chancery court for  
67 termination of parental rights proceedings shall be proper either  
68 in the county in which the defendant resides, the child resides or  
69 in the county where an agency or institution having custody of the  
70 child is located.

71 (b) Transfers of venue shall be governed by the  
72 Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure.

73 **SECTION 2.** Section 9-9-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
74 amended as follows:

75 9-9-1. (1) There shall be an inferior court to be known as  
76 the county court in and for each \* \* \* county as follows:

77 (a) \* \* \* District 1 - DeSoto County;

78 (b) \* \* \* District 2 - Marshall and Tate Counties;

79 (c) \* \* \* District 3 - Alcorn, Benton and Tippah  
80 Counties;

81 (d) District 4 - Itawamba, Prentiss and Tishomingo  
82 Counties;

83 (e) District 5 - Panola, Quitman and Tunica Counties;

84 (f) District 6 - Lafayette County;

85 (g) District 7 - Pontotoc and Union Counties;

86 (h) District 8 - Lee County;

87 (i) District 9 - Coahoma County;



- 88           (j) District 10 - Bolivar County;
- 89           (k) District 11 - Grenada, Tallahatchie and Yalobusha  
90 Counties;
- 91           (l) District 12 - Calhoun, Choctaw, Clay and Webster  
92 Counties;
- 93           (m) District 13 - Chickasaw and Monroe Counties;
- 94           (n) District 14 - Washington County;
- 95           (o) District 15 - Humphreys, Issaquena, Sharkey and  
96 Sunflower Counties;
- 97           (p) District 16 - Leflore County;
- 98           (q) District 17 - Carroll, Holmes and Montgomery  
99 Counties;
- 100          (r) District 18 - Oktibbeha County;
- 101          (s) District 19 - Lowndes County;
- 102          (t) District 20 - Attala, Noxubee and Winston Counties;
- 103          (u) District 21 - Yazoo County;
- 104          (v) District 22 - Madison County;
- 105          (w) District 23 - Leake and Scott Counties;
- 106          (x) District 24 - Kemper, Neshoba and Newton Counties;
- 107          (y) District 25 - Lauderdale County;
- 108          (z) District 26 - Warren County;
- 109          (aa) District 27 - Hinds County;
- 110          (bb) District 28 - Rankin County;
- 111          (cc) District 29 - Claiborne, Copiah and Jefferson  
112 Counties;



113 (dd) District 30 - Simpson and Smith Counties;

114 (ee) District 31 - Clarke, Jasper and Wayne Counties;

115 (ff) District 32 - Adams County;

116 (gg) District 33 - Amite, Franklin and Wilkinson

117 Counties;

118 (hh) District 34 - Pike County;

119 (ii) District 35 - Lawrence, Lincoln and Walthall

120 Counties;

121 (jj) District 36 - Covington, Jefferson Davis and

122 Marion Counties;

123 (kk) District 37 - Jones County;

124 (ll) District 38 - Lamar County;

125 (mm) District 39 - Forrest County;

126 (nn) District 40 - George, Greene, Perry and Stone

127 Counties;

128 (oo) District 41 - Pearl River County;

129 (pp) District 42 - Hancock County;

130 (qq) District 43 - Harrison County; and

131 (rr) District 44 - Jackson County.

132 (2) (a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of  
133 this subsection (2), there shall be one (1) county court judge per  
134 county court district.

135 (b) The following county court districts shall have two  
136 (2) county court judges:



137                    (i) The First County Court District, consisting of  
138 DeSoto County;

139                    (ii) The Eighth County Court District, consisting  
140 of Lee County;

141                    (iii) The Twentieth County Court District,  
142 consisting of Madison County;

143                    (iv) The Twenty-second County Court District,  
144 consisting of Lauderdale County;

145                    (v) The Twenty-fifth County Court District,  
146 consisting of Rankin County; and

147                    (vi) The Forty-first County Court District,  
148 consisting of Jackson County.

149                    (c) The following county court districts shall have  
150 three (3) county court judges:

151                    (i) The Twenty-fourth County Court District,  
152 consisting of Hinds County; and

153                    (ii) The Fortieth County Court District,  
154 consisting of Harrison County.

155                    ( \* \* \*3) \* \* \* The county court judges shall be elected by  
156 the qualified electors of the county or county court district in  
157 the same manner as provided for the election of circuit court  
158 judges at an election held at the same time as the \* \* \* regular  
159 election of circuit court judges \* \* \*.

160                    \* \* \*



161           (4) (a) For the purposes of nomination and election of  
162 judgeships in county court districts having multiple judges, the  
163 judgeships shall be separate and distinct and designated for  
164 purposes of appointment, nomination and election by sequentially  
165 numbered places. There shall be no distinction whatsoever in the  
166 powers, duties and compensation of any multiple offices of county  
167 court judge, except that the county court judge who has been for  
168 the longest time continuously a county court judge of the district  
169 shall have the right to assign cases, terms and dockets. Should  
170 no judge of the county court have served longer in office than the  
171 other, then that judge of the county court who has been for the  
172 longest time a member of The Mississippi Bar shall be the senior  
173 county court judge and have the right to assign cases, terms and  
174 dockets.

175           (b) While there shall be no limitation whatsoever upon  
176 the powers and duties of the county court judges other than as  
177 required by the Constitution and laws of this state, the senior  
178 county court judge may divide the county court into civil, equity,  
179 criminal and youth court divisions, or any combination thereof, as  
180 a matter of convenience by the entry of an order upon the minutes  
181 of the court.

182           **SECTION 3.** Section 9-9-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
183 amended as follows:

184           9-9-5. \* \* \* The county court judge shall possess all of the  
185 qualifications of a circuit judge as prescribed by the Mississippi



186 Constitution. \* \* \* The judge of \* \* \* a county court serving  
187 more than one (1) county may be a qualified elector of any one (1)  
188 of \* \* \* the constituent counties \* \* \*. The county court judge  
189 shall be elected by the qualified electors of \* \* \* the county or  
190 county court district at the time and in the manner as circuit  
191 judges are elected and \* \* \* shall hold office for the same term.  
192 Vacancies in the office of county court judge shall be filled in  
193 the same manner as vacancies in the office of circuit judge.

194 \* \* \*

195 **SECTION 4.** Section 9-9-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
196 amended as follows:

197 9-9-11. (1) \* \* \* The county court judge shall receive an  
198 annual salary \* \* \* in \* \* \* the amount \* \* \* of One Thousand  
199 Dollars (\$1,000.00) less than the salary \* \* \* for circuit and  
200 chancery judges \* \* \*.

201 (2) \* \* \* (a) Each county that had a county court on  
202 January 1, 2023, shall transfer from the general funds of those  
203 county treasuries to the Administrative Office of Courts the  
204 amount of annual compensation of the county court judge or judges  
205 as determined by the State Auditor. The amount to be paid  
206 annually by each county shall be the compensation paid to the  
207 judge or judges of that county for fiscal year 2021. For purposes  
208 of this section, the term "compensation" means the gross salary  
209 plus all amounts paid for benefits, or otherwise, as a result of  
210 employment or as required by employment. However, only salary



211 earned for services rendered shall be reported and credited for  
212 retirement purposes. Reimbursement for travel expenses shall not  
213 be reported or credited for retirement purposes. The amounts  
214 required under this section shall be paid in twelve (12)  
215 installments on the last working day of each month. Each county  
216 shall transfer to the Administrative Office of Courts one-twelfth  
217 (1/12) of the amount required to be paid pursuant to this  
218 paragraph (a) by the twentieth day of each month for the salary  
219 that is to be paid on the last working day of the month. Any  
220 county may pay, in the discretion of the board of supervisors, by  
221 the twentieth day of January of any year, the amount due for a  
222 full twelve (12) months.

223 (b) Each county that did not have a county court on  
224 January 1, 2023, shall transfer from the general funds of those  
225 county treasuries to the Administrative Office of Courts the  
226 amount the county spent to compensate the youth court referees as  
227 determined by the State Auditor for fiscal year 2023 not including  
228 reimbursement for travel expenses. The amounts required under  
229 this section shall be paid in twelve (12) installments on the last  
230 working day of each month. Each county shall transfer to the  
231 Administrative Office of Courts one-twelfth (1/12) of the amount  
232 required to be paid pursuant to this paragraph (b) by the  
233 twentieth day of each month. Any county may pay, in the  
234 discretion of the board of supervisors, by the twentieth day of  
235 January of any year, the amount due for a full twelve (12) months.





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237 **SECTION 5.** Section 9-9-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
238 amended as follows:

239 9-9-19. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section,  
240 in county court districts composed of a single county, a term of  
241 court shall be held in the county courthouse of the county,  
242 beginning on the second Monday of each month and continuing so  
243 long as may be necessary; but in counties where there are two (2)  
244 circuit court districts the county court shall meet alternately in  
245 the two (2) districts in the county courthouse in the same month  
246 and in the same district as the board of supervisors of said  
247 county holds its meetings.

248 (a) \* \* \* In the County of Jones, \* \* \* a term shall be  
249 held in the second judicial district \* \* \* on the second Monday of  
250 each month \* \* \*, and \* \* \* in the first judicial district a term  
251 shall be held on the fourth Monday of January, the fourth Monday  
252 of March, the fourth Monday of April, the fourth Monday of June  
253 and the fourth Monday of October.

254 (b) \* \* \* In the County of Hinds, \* \* \* a term shall be  
255 held in the first judicial district on the second Monday of each  
256 month and in the second judicial district on the second Monday of  
257 March, June, September and December, and \* \* \*, when \* \* \* the  
258 terms are held concurrently, \* \* \* any of the county court judges  
259 of Hinds County may be assigned to hold all or any part of \* \* \*  
260 the terms in either of the two (2) judicial districts.



261           (c) \* \* \* In the County of Bolivar, \* \* \* a term shall  
262 be held in the first judicial district on the second Monday of  
263 April, August and December, and in the second judicial district on  
264 the second Monday of January, February, March, May, June, July,  
265 September, October and November.

266           (d) \* \* \* In the County of Harrison, \* \* \* a term shall  
267 be held in each judicial district concurrently each month.

268           (2) \* \* \* The judge of the county court for good cause shown  
269 may, by order spread on the minutes of the county court, designate  
270 some place other than the county courthouse for the holding  
271 of \* \* \* a term of the county court \* \* \*. The county court judge  
272 may call a special term of the county court upon giving ten (10)  
273 days' notice, and \* \* \* notice shall be given by posting \* \* \* on  
274 the front door of the courthouse in \* \* \* the county and by the  
275 publication of \* \* \* notice for one (1) insertion in some  
276 newspaper of general circulation in the county.

277           ( \* \* \* 3) If a county court \* \* \* district is composed of  
278 two (2) or more counties \* \* \*, the terms thereof shall remain  
279 continuously open and shall not be closed and the county court  
280 judge \* \* \* shall \* \* \* set cases as needed.

281           **SECTION 6.** Section 9-9-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
282 amended as follows:

283           9-9-21. (1) (a) The jurisdiction of the county court shall  
284 be as follows: It shall have jurisdiction concurrent with the  
285 justice court in all matters, civil and criminal of which the



286 justice court has jurisdiction; and it shall have jurisdiction  
287 concurrent with the circuit and chancery courts in all matters of  
288 law and equity wherein the amount of value of the thing in  
289 controversy shall not exceed, exclusive of costs and interest, the  
290 sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00), and the  
291 jurisdiction of the county court shall not be affected by any  
292 setoff, counterclaim or cross-bill in \* \* \* actions where the  
293 amount sought to be recovered in \* \* \* the setoff, counterclaim or  
294 cross-bill exceeds Two Hundred Thousand Dollars  
295 (\$200,000.00). \* \* \* If a party \* \* \* files a setoff,  
296 counterclaim or cross-bill which exceeds Two Hundred Thousand  
297 Dollars (\$200,000.00), the party shall give notice to the opposite  
298 party or parties as provided in Section 13-3-83, and on motion of  
299 all parties filed within twenty (20) days after the filing  
300 of \* \* \* the setoff, counterclaim or cross-bill, the county court  
301 shall transfer the case to the circuit or chancery court wherein  
302 the county court is situated and which would otherwise have  
303 jurisdiction. \* \* \*

304 (b) The county court shall have exclusively the  
305 jurisdiction \* \* \* in the following matters and causes: namely,  
306 eminent domain, the partition of personal property, and actions of  
307 unlawful entry and detainer, \* \* \* and the actions of eminent  
308 domain and unlawful entry and detainer may be returnable and  
309 triable before the \* \* \* court in vacation. The county court  
310 shall have jurisdiction over criminal matters in the county



311 assigned by a judge of the circuit court district in which the  
312 county is included.

313 (2) \* \* \* If a county court \* \* \* serves two (2) or more  
314 counties \* \* \*, it shall be lawful for \* \* \* the court sitting in  
315 one (1) county to act upon any and all matters of which it has  
316 jurisdiction as provided by law arising in \* \* \* another county  
317 under the jurisdiction of \* \* \* the court.

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

320 9-9-23. The county court judge shall have power to issue  
321 writs, and to try matters, of habeas corpus on application to him  
322 or her therefor, or when made returnable before him or her by a  
323 superior judge. He or she shall also have the power to order the  
324 issuance of writs of certiorari, supersedeas, attachments, and  
325 other remedial writs in all cases pending in, or within the  
326 jurisdiction of, his or her court. He or she shall have the  
327 authority to issue search warrants in his or her county returnable  
328 to his or her own court or to any court of a justice of the peace  
329 within his or her county in the same manner as is provided by law  
330 for the issuance of search warrants by justices of the peace. In  
331 all cases pending in, or within the jurisdiction of, his or her  
332 court, he or she shall have, in term time \* \* \* and in vacation,  
333 the power to order, do or determine to the same extent and in the  
334 same manner as a justice of the peace or a circuit judge or a  
335 chancellor could do in term time or in vacation in such cases.



336 But he or she shall not have original power to issue writs of  
337 injunction, or other remedial writs in equity or in law except in  
338 those cases hereinabove specified as being within his or her  
339 jurisdiction. \* \* \* When any judge or chancellor authorized to  
340 issue \* \* \* writs of injunction \* \* \* or any other equitable or  
341 legal remedial writs \* \* \* reserved under this section, shall so  
342 direct in writing the hearing of application therefor may be by  
343 him or her referred to the county court judge, in which event  
344 the \* \* \* direction of the superior judge shall vest in the \* \* \*  
345 county court judge all authority to take \* \* \* action on \* \* \* the  
346 application as the \* \* \* superior judge could have taken under the  
347 right and the law, had the \* \* \* application been at all times  
348 before the \* \* \* superior judge \* \* \*, and jurisdiction \* \* \*  
349 shall cease upon the denying or granting of the application.

350 **SECTION 8.** Section 9-1-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
351 amended as follows:

352 9-1-19. The judges of the Supreme \* \* \*, circuit and county  
353 courts and chancellors and judges of the Court of Appeals, in  
354 termtime and in vacation, may severally order the issuance of  
355 writs of habeas corpus, mandamus, certiorari, supersedeas and  
356 attachments, and grant injunctions and all other remedial writs,  
357 in all cases where the same may properly be granted according to  
358 right and justice, returnable to any court, whether the suit or  
359 proceedings be pending in the district of the judge or chancellor  
360 granting the same or not. The fiat of such judge or chancellor



361 shall authorize the issuance of the process for a writ returnable  
362 to the proper court or before the proper officer; and all such  
363 process or writs may be granted, issued and executed on Sunday.

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

366 9-1-23. The judges of the Supreme, circuit and county courts  
367 and chancellors and judges of the Court of Appeals shall be  
368 conservators of the peace for the state, each with full power to  
369 do all acts which conservators of the peace may lawfully do; and  
370 the circuit judges \* \* \*, chancellors and county court judges  
371 shall reside within their respective districts \* \* \*.

372 **SECTION 10.** Section 9-1-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
373 amended as follows:

374 9-1-25. It shall not be lawful for any judge of the Supreme  
375 Court, Court of Appeals \* \* \*, circuit court, county court or a  
376 chancellor to exercise the profession or employment of an attorney  
377 or counsellor at law, or to be engaged in the practice of law; and  
378 any person offending against this prohibition shall be guilty of a  
379 high misdemeanor and be removed from office; but this shall not  
380 prohibit a chancellor \* \* \*, circuit judge, county court judge or  
381 a judge of the Court of Appeals from practicing in any of the  
382 courts for a period of six (6) months from the time \* \* \* the  
383 judges or chancellors assume office so far as to enable them to  
384 bring to a conclusion cases actually pending when they were  
385 appointed or elected in which \* \* \* the chancellor or judge was



386 then employed, nor shall a judge of the Supreme Court be hindered  
387 from appearing in the courts of the United States in any case in  
388 which he was engaged when he was appointed or elected judge.

389 **SECTION 11.** Section 9-1-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
390 amended as follows:

391 9-1-35. The clerk of the Supreme Court and of the Court of  
392 Appeals, at the expense of the state, and the clerk of every  
393 circuit \* \* \*, chancery court and county court, at the expense of  
394 the county, shall keep a seal, with the style of the court around  
395 the margin and the image of an eagle in the center.

396 **SECTION 12.** Section 43-21-107, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
397 amended as follows:

398 43-21-107. \* \* \* A youth court division is hereby created as  
399 a division of the county court of each county \* \* \*, and the  
400 county court judge shall be the judge of the youth court \* \* \*.

401 \* \* \*

402 **SECTION 13.** Section 43-21-123, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
403 amended as follows:

404 43-21-123. Except for expenses provided by state funds \* \* \*  
405 or other monies, the board of supervisors \* \* \* shall adequately  
406 provide funds for the operation of the youth court \* \* \* in  
407 conjunction with the regular \* \* \* county \* \* \* court. \* \* \* On  
408 an annual basis at the time requested, the youth court judge or  
409 administrator shall prepare and submit to the board of  
410 supervisors \* \* \* an annual budget which will identify the number,



411 staff position, title and amount of annual or monthly compensation  
412 of each position as well as provide for other expenditures  
413 necessary to the functioning and operation of the youth court.  
414 When the budget of the youth court or youth court judge is  
415 approved by the board of supervisors \* \* \*, then the youth court  
416 or youth court judge may employ such persons as provided in the  
417 budget from time to time.

418 The board of supervisors \* \* \* are \* \* \* authorized to  
419 reimburse the youth court judges and other youth court employees  
420 or personnel for reasonable travel and expenses incurred in the  
421 performance of their duties and in attending educational meetings  
422 offering professional training to such persons as budgeted.

423 **SECTION 14.** Section 23-15-973, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
424 amended as follows:

425 23-15-973. It shall be the duty of the judges of the circuit  
426 court to give a reasonable time and opportunity to the candidates  
427 for the office of judge of the Supreme Court, judges of the Court  
428 of Appeals, circuit judge, county court judge and chancellor to  
429 address the people during court terms. In order to give further  
430 and every possible emphasis to the fact that the said judicial  
431 offices are not political but are to be held without favor and  
432 with absolute impartiality as to all persons, and because of the  
433 jurisdiction conferred upon the courts by this chapter, the judges  
434 thereof should be as far removed as possible from any political  
435 affiliations or obligations. It shall be unlawful for any





436 candidate for any of the offices mentioned in this section to  
437 align himself with any candidate or candidates for any other  
438 office or with any political faction or any political party at any  
439 time during any primary or general election campaign. Likewise it  
440 shall be unlawful for any candidate for any other office nominated  
441 or to be nominated at any primary election, wherein any candidate  
442 for any of the judicial offices in this section mentioned, is or  
443 are to be nominated, to align himself with any one or more of the  
444 candidates for said offices or to take any part whatever in any  
445 nomination for any one or more of said judicial offices, except to  
446 cast his individual vote. Any candidate for any office, whether  
447 nominated with or without opposition, at any primary wherein a  
448 candidate for any one (1) of the judicial offices herein mentioned  
449 is to be nominated who shall deliberately, knowingly and willfully  
450 violate the provisions of this section shall forfeit his  
451 nomination, or if elected at the following general election by  
452 virtue of said nomination, his election shall be void.

453       **SECTION 15.** Section 23-15-975, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
454 amended as follows:

455       23-15-975. As used in Sections 23-15-974 through 23-15-985  
456 of this subarticle, the term "judicial office" includes the office  
457 of justice of the Supreme Court, judge of the Court of Appeals,  
458 circuit judge, chancellor \* \* \* and county court judge \* \* \*. All  
459 such justices and judges shall be full-time positions and such  
460 justices and judges shall not engage in the practice of law before



461 any court, administrative agency or other judicial or  
462 quasi-judicial forum except as provided by law for finalizing  
463 pending cases after election to judicial office.

464 **SECTION 16.** Section 9-13-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
465 amended as follows:

466 9-13-1. Each circuit judge, county court judge and  
467 chancellor shall appoint a competent person as shorthand reporter  
468 in his district by an entry upon the minutes of the court of an  
469 order to that effect, dated and signed by him. The \* \* \*  
470 shorthand reporter shall be known as the official court reporter  
471 of \* \* \* the district.

472 **SECTION 17.** Section 9-13-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
473 amended as follows:

474 9-13-17. The circuit judge, chancellor \* \* \* or county court  
475 judge may, by an order spread upon the minutes and made a part of  
476 the records of the court, appoint an additional court reporter for  
477 a term or part of a term whose duties, qualifications and  
478 compensation shall be the same as is now provided by law for  
479 official court reporters. The additional court reporter shall be  
480 subject to the control of the judge or chancellor, as is now  
481 provided by law for official court reporters, and the judge or  
482 chancellor shall have the additional power to terminate the  
483 appointment of \* \* \* the additional court reporter, whenever in  
484 his opinion the necessity for \* \* \* an additional court reporter  
485 ceases to exist, by placing upon the minutes of the court an order



486 to that effect. The regular court reporter shall not draw any  
487 compensation while the assistant court reporter alone is serving;  
488 however, \* \* \* if the assistant court reporter is serving because  
489 of the illness of the regular court reporter, the court may  
490 authorize payment of \* \* \* the assistant court reporter from the  
491 Administrative Office of Courts without diminution of the salary  
492 of the regular court reporter, for a period not to exceed  
493 forty-five (45) days in any one (1) calendar year. However, in  
494 any circuit, chancery \* \* \* or county \* \* \* court district within  
495 the State of Mississippi, if the judge or chancellor \* \* \*  
496 determines that in order to relieve the continuously crowded  
497 docket in \* \* \* that district, or for other good cause shown, the  
498 appointment of an additional court reporter is necessary for the  
499 proper administration of justice, he may, with the advice and  
500 consent of the board of supervisors if the court district is  
501 composed of a single county and with the advice and consent of at  
502 least one-half (1/2) of the boards of supervisors if the court  
503 district is composed of more than one (1) county, by an order  
504 spread upon the minutes and made a part of the records of the  
505 court, appoint an additional court reporter. The additional court  
506 reporter shall serve at the will and pleasure of the judge or  
507 chancellor, may be a resident of any county of the state, and  
508 shall be paid a salary designated by the judge or chancellor not  
509 to exceed the salary authorized by Section 9-13-19. The salary of  
510 the additional court reporter shall be paid by the Administrative



511 Office of Courts, as provided in Section 9-13-19; and mileage  
512 shall be paid to the additional court reporter by the county as  
513 provided in the same section. The office of \* \* \* an additional  
514 court reporter appointed under this section shall not be abolished  
515 or compensation reduced during the term of office of the  
516 appointing judge or chancellor without the consent and approval of  
517 the appointing judge or chancellor.

518       **SECTION 18.** Section 9-13-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
519 amended as follows:

520       9-13-19. (1) Court reporters for circuit, county and  
521 chancery courts may be paid an annual salary payable by the  
522 Administrative Office of Courts not to exceed Forty-nine Thousand  
523 Five Hundred Dollars (\$49,500.00) for court reporters with five  
524 (5) years' experience or less; not to exceed Fifty-eight Thousand  
525 Five Hundred Dollars (\$58,500.00) for court reporters who have  
526 more than five (5) years' experience but less than ten (10) years;  
527 and not to exceed Sixty-four Thousand Dollars (\$64,000,00) for  
528 court reporters who have ten (10) years or more experience. No  
529 amount of the increase in the maximum salary authorized by this  
530 section shall be paid from the State General Fund. The board of  
531 supervisors of any county is authorized to pay its court reporters  
532 the applicable amount of the maximum salary authorized by this  
533 section. In addition, any court reporter performing the duties of  
534 a court administrator in the same judicial district in which the  
535 person is employed as a court reporter may be paid additional



536 compensation for performing the court administrator duties. The  
537 annual amount of the additional compensation shall be set by vote  
538 of the judges and chancellors for whom the court administrator  
539 duties are performed, with consideration given to the number of  
540 hours per month devoted by the court reporter to performing the  
541 duties of a court administrator. The additional compensation  
542 shall be submitted to the Administrative Office of Courts for  
543 approval.

544 (2) The several counties in each respective court district  
545 shall transfer from the general funds of those county treasuries  
546 to the Administrative Office of Courts a proportionate amount to  
547 be paid toward the annual compensation of the court reporter,  
548 including any additional compensation paid for the performance of  
549 court administrator duties. The amount to be paid by each county  
550 shall be determined by the number of weeks in which court is held  
551 in each county in proportion to the total number of weeks court is  
552 held in the district. For purposes of this section, the term  
553 "compensation" means the gross salary plus all amounts paid for  
554 benefits, or otherwise, as a result of employment or as required  
555 by employment, but does not include transcript fees otherwise  
556 authorized to be paid by or through the counties. However, only  
557 salary earned for services rendered shall be reported and credited  
558 for retirement purposes. Amounts paid for transcript fees,  
559 benefits or otherwise, including reimbursement for travel



560 expenses, shall not be reported or credited for retirement  
561 purposes.

562 For example, if there are thirty-eight (38) scheduled court  
563 weeks in a particular district, a county in which court is  
564 scheduled five (5) weeks out of the year would have to pay  
565 five-thirty-eighths (5/38) of the total annual compensation.

566 (3) The salary and any additional compensation for the  
567 performance of court administrator duties shall be paid in twelve  
568 (12) installments on the last working day of each month after it  
569 has been duly authorized by the appointing judge or chancellor and  
570 an order duly placed on the minutes of the court. Each county  
571 shall transfer to the Administrative Office of Courts one-twelfth  
572 (1/12) of the amount required to be paid pursuant to subsection  
573 (2) of this section by the twentieth day of each month for the  
574 salary that is to be paid on the last working day of the month.  
575 The Administrative Office of Courts shall pay to the court  
576 reporter the total amount of salary due for that month. Any  
577 county may pay, in the discretion of the board of supervisors, by  
578 the twentieth day of January of any year, the amount due for a  
579 full twelve (12) months.

580 (4) From and after October 1, 1996, all circuit, county and  
581 chancery court reporters will be employees of the Administrative  
582 Office of Courts.



583 (5) No circuit, county or chancery court reporter shall be  
584 entitled to any compensation for any special or extended term of  
585 court after passage of this section.

586 (6) No \* \* \* circuit, county or chancery court reporter  
587 shall practice law in the court within which he or she is the  
588 court reporter.

589 (7) For all travel required in the performance of official  
590 duties, the circuit, county or chancery court reporter shall be  
591 paid mileage by the county in which the duties were performed at  
592 the same rate as provided for state employees in Section 25-3-41.  
593 The court reporter shall file in the office of the clerk of the  
594 court which he serves a certificate of mileage expense incurred  
595 during that term and payment of such expense to the court reporter  
596 shall be paid on allowance by the judge of such court.

597 **SECTION 19.** In counties in which a county court existed on  
598 December 31, 2022, the clerk of the youth court shall be the  
599 circuit clerk of the county. In counties in which a county court  
600 did not exist on December 31, 2022, the clerk of the youth court  
601 shall be the chancery clerk of the county. The clerk of the  
602 county court shall otherwise be the clerk of the circuit court.

603 **SECTION 20.** Section 43-21-111, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
604 amended as follows:

605 43-21-111. \* \* \* All youth court judges are required to  
606 receive judicial training approved by the Mississippi Judicial  
607 College and \* \* \* to receive regular annual continuing education



608 in the field of juvenile justice. The amount of judicial training  
609 and annual continuing education which shall be satisfactory to  
610 fulfill the requirements of this section shall conform with the  
611 amount prescribed by the Rules and Regulations for Mandatory  
612 Continuing Judicial Education promulgated by the Supreme Court.  
613 The Administrative Office of Courts shall \* \* \* enforce the  
614 provisions of this \* \* \* section and \* \* \* maintain records \* \* \*  
615 of all \* \* \* judges regarding \* \* \* this training. \* \* \*

616 **SECTION 21.** Section 43-21-123, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
617 amended as follows:

618 43-21-123. Except for expenses provided by state funds  
619 and \* \* \* other monies, the board of supervisors \* \* \* shall  
620 adequately provide funds for the operation of the youth court  
621 division of the \* \* \* county \* \* \* court. \* \* \* Every year the  
622 youth court judge or administrator shall prepare and submit to the  
623 board of supervisors \* \* \* an annual budget which will identify  
624 the number, staff position, title and amount of annual or monthly  
625 compensation of each position as well as provide for other  
626 expenditures necessary to the functioning and operation of the  
627 youth court. When the budget of the youth court or youth court  
628 judge is approved by the board of supervisors \* \* \*, then the  
629 youth court or youth court judge may employ such persons as  
630 provided in the budget from time to time.

631 The board of supervisors of any county in which there is  
632 located a youth court \* \* \* are each authorized to reimburse the





633 youth court judges and other youth court employees or personnel  
634 for reasonable travel and expenses incurred in the performance of  
635 their duties and in attending educational meetings offering  
636 professional training to such persons as budgeted.

637 **SECTION 22.** Section 43-21-125, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
638 amended as follows:

639 43-21-125. (1) There shall be a Mississippi Council of  
640 Youth Court Judges which shall be the official organization of the  
641 judges having youth court jurisdiction in this state. The  
642 membership of the council shall consist of all the county court  
643 judges \* \* \* in the State of Mississippi.

644 (2) The Mississippi Council of Youth Court Judges is  
645 authorized to adopt and, from time to time, amend such rules,  
646 regulations or bylaws as it considers necessary to the conduct of  
647 its affairs.

648 (3) The council may elect officers and provide for such  
649 meetings of the council as it deems necessary. The council shall  
650 meet at least annually for the consideration of:

651 (a) Any and all matters pertaining to the discharge of  
652 the official duties and obligations of its members; and

653 (b) Problems that have arisen in connection with the  
654 operation of the youth courts in any county or in all counties in  
655 order to improve the administration of juvenile justice in the  
656 state.



657 (4) The council shall publish and submit to the Governor,  
658 the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and the Mississippi  
659 Judicial Council an annual report of the operations which shall  
660 include financial and statistical data and may include suggestions  
661 and recommendations for legislation.

662 (5) The council is authorized to receive and expend any  
663 funds which may become available from the federal government to  
664 carry out any of the purposes of this chapter, and to this end the  
665 council may meet any federal requirements not contrary to state  
666 law which may be conditions precedent to receiving such federal  
667 funds.

668 (6) The council may cooperate with the federal government in  
669 a program for training personnel employed or preparing for  
670 employment by the youth court and may receive and expend funds  
671 from federal or state sources or from private donations for such  
672 purposes. The council may contract with public or nonprofit  
673 institutions of higher learning for the training of such  
674 personnel, may conduct short-term training courses of its own, may  
675 hire experts on a temporary basis for such purpose and may  
676 cooperate with the department of youth services or other state  
677 departments or agencies in personnel training programs.

678 **SECTION 23.** Section 43-21-801, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
679 amended as follows:

680 43-21-801. (1) There is established the Youth Court Support  
681 Program. The purpose of the program shall be to ensure that all



682 youth courts have sufficient support funds to carry on the  
683 business of the youth court. \* \* \*

684 \* \* \*

685 ( \* \* \*2) \* \* \* Each county court is eligible for youth  
686 court support funds. The Administrative Office of Courts shall  
687 allocate Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) per year to each  
688 county court district. The funds shall be utilized to provide  
689 compensation to an intake officer who shall be responsible for  
690 ensuring that all intake and case information for the Division of  
691 Youth Services, truancy matters and the Division of Family and  
692 Children's Services is entered into the Mississippi Youth Court  
693 Information Delivery System (MYCIDS) in an accurate and timely  
694 manner. If the county court already has an intake officer or  
695 other staff person responsible for entering all cases of the  
696 Division of Youth Services, truancy matters and the Division of  
697 Family and Children's Services into MYCIDS, the senior county  
698 court judge may certify that such a person is already on staff.  
699 In such a case, the senior county court judge shall have  
700 discretion to direct the expenditure of those funds in hiring  
701 other support staff to carry on the business of the court.

702 ( \* \* \*a) For the purposes of this paragraph, "support  
703 staff" means court administrators, law clerks, legal research  
704 assistants, secretaries, resource administrators or case managers  
705 appointed by a youth court judge, or any combination thereof, but  
706 shall not mean school attendance officers.



707           ( \* \* \*b) The appointment of support staff shall be  
708 evidenced by the entry of an order on the minutes of the court.  
709 The support staff so appointed shall serve at the will and  
710 pleasure of the senior county court judge but shall be \* \* \*  
711 employees of the county.

712           ( \* \* \*c) The Administrative Office of Courts must  
713 approve the positions, job descriptions and salaries before the  
714 positions may be filled. The Administrative Office of Courts  
715 shall not approve any plan that does not first require the  
716 expenditure of funds from the Youth Court Support Fund before  
717 expenditure of county funds is authorized for that purpose.

718           ( \* \* \*d) The Administrative Office of Courts may  
719 approve expenditure from the fund for additional equipment for  
720 support staff appointed pursuant to this paragraph if funds are  
721 available for the additional expenditure \* \* \*. Title to any  
722 tangible property procured with funds authorized under this  
723 paragraph shall be and forever remain in the county to be used by  
724 the youth court and support staff.

725       \* \* \*

726           ( \* \* \*3) Application to receive funds under this section  
727 shall be submitted in accordance with procedures established by  
728 the Administrative Office of Courts. \* \* \* Approval of the use of  
729 any of the youth court support funds distributed under this  
730 section shall be made by the Administrative Office of Courts in



731 accordance with procedures established by the Administrative  
732 Office of Courts.

733 ( \* \* \*4) (a) There is created in the State Treasury a  
734 special fund to be designated as the "Youth Court Support Fund,"  
735 which shall consist of funds appropriated or otherwise made  
736 available by the Legislature in any manner and funds from any  
737 other source designated for deposit into such fund. Unexpended  
738 amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall  
739 not lapse into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings  
740 or interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to  
741 the credit of the fund. Monies in the fund shall be distributed  
742 to the youth courts by the Administrative Office of Courts for the  
743 purposes described in this section.

744 (b) \* \* \* During each regular legislative  
745 session \* \* \*, the Legislature shall appropriate \* \* \* Two Million  
746 Six Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$2,640,000.00) to the Youth  
747 Court Support Fund.

748 (c) No youth court judge \* \* \* shall be eligible to  
749 receive funding from the Youth Court Support Fund who has not  
750 received annual continuing education in the field of juvenile  
751 justice in an amount to conform with the requirements of the Rules  
752 and Regulations for Mandatory Continuing Judicial Education  
753 promulgated by the Supreme Court. The Administrative Office of  
754 Courts shall maintain records of all \* \* \* youth court judges  
755 regarding such training and shall not disburse funds to any



756 county \* \* \* or county court district for the budget of a youth  
757 court judge \* \* \* who is not in compliance with the judicial  
758 training requirements.

759 ( \* \* \*5) Any recipient of funds from the Youth Court  
760 Support Fund shall not be eligible for continuing disbursement of  
761 funds if the recipient is not in compliance with the terms,  
762 conditions and reporting requirements set forth in the procedures  
763 promulgated by the Administrative Office of Courts.

764 **SECTION 24.** Section 99-35-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
765 amended as follows:

766 99-35-1. In all cases of conviction of a criminal offense  
767 against the laws of the state by the judgment of a justice court,  
768 or by a municipal court, for the violation of an ordinance  
769 thereof, an appeal may be taken within forty (40) days from the  
770 date of such judgment of conviction to the county court of the  
771 county \* \* \* which shall stay the judgment appealed from. Any  
772 person appealing a judgment of a justice court or a municipal  
773 court under this section shall post bond for court costs relating  
774 to such appeal. The amount of such bond shall be determined by  
775 the justice court judge or municipal judge, payable to the state  
776 in an amount of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor  
777 more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

778 On appearance of the appellant in the \* \* \* county court the  
779 case shall be tried anew and disposed of as other cases pending  
780 therein.



781           **SECTION 25.** Section 9-13-61, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
782 amended as follows:

783           9-13-61. There shall be an official court reporter for each  
784 county \* \* \* court judge in the State of Mississippi, to be  
785 appointed by such judge, for the purpose of performing the  
786 necessary and required stenographic work of the court or division  
787 thereof over which the appointing judge is presiding, said work to  
788 be performed under the direction of such judge and in the same  
789 manner and to the same effect as is provided in the chapter on  
790 court reporting.

791           Except as hereinafter provided, the reporters of said courts  
792 shall receive an annual salary of not less than Twenty-four  
793 Thousand Dollars (\$24,000.00) and may, at the discretion of the  
794 board of supervisors, receive a monthly salary equal to that of  
795 the reporter of the circuit court district wherein the county  
796 lies, the same to be paid monthly by the county out of its general  
797 fund.

798           Provided, however, that in any Class 1 county having a  
799 population in excess of fifty-six thousand (56,000) persons  
800 according to the 1970 federal decennial census, the reporter shall  
801 receive a monthly salary equal to that of the reporter of the  
802 circuit court district wherein the county or family court lies,  
803 the same to be paid monthly by the county out of its general fund.

804           Provided further, that in any Class 1 county bordering on the  
805 Mississippi River and which has situated therein a national



806 military park and national military cemetery, and having a  
807 population in excess of forty-four thousand (44,000) according to  
808 the 1970 federal decennial census, the reporter shall receive a  
809 monthly salary equal to that of the reporter of the circuit court  
810 district wherein the county lies, the same to be paid monthly by  
811 the county out of its general fund.

812         Provided further, that in any Class 1 county bordering on the  
813 Mississippi River wherein U.S. Highways 61 and 84 intersect, and  
814 having a population in excess of thirty-seven thousand (37,000) in  
815 the 1960 federal decennial census, the reporter shall receive a  
816 monthly salary equal to that of the reporter of the circuit court  
817 district wherein the county lies, the same to be paid monthly by  
818 the county out of its general fund.

819         Provided further, that in addition to the foregoing  
820 compensation, all county \* \* \* court reporters shall be paid the  
821 same fees for transcript of the record on appeals as are now or  
822 hereafter paid circuit court reporters for like or similar work.

823         **SECTION 26.** Section 9-9-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, which  
824 allows for establishment by agreement of a county court by two or  
825 more counties, is repealed.

826         **SECTION 27.** Section 9-9-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, which  
827 restricts the practice of law by county court judges, is repealed.

828         **SECTION 28.** Section 9-9-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, which  
829 allows municipalities to supplement county court judge salaries,  
830 is repealed.





831           **SECTION 29.** Section 9-9-14, Mississippi Code of 1972, which  
832 allows an additional county court judge for Harrison County, is  
833 repealed.

834           **SECTION 30.** Section 9-9-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, which  
835 allows additional county court judges for Hinds County, is  
836 repealed.

837           **SECTION 31.** Section 9-9-16, Mississippi Code of 1972, which  
838 allows an additional county court judge for Washington County, is  
839 repealed.

840           **SECTION 32.** Section 9-9-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, which  
841 allows an additional judge for Jackson County, is repealed.

842           **SECTION 33.** Section 9-9-18, Mississippi Code of 1972, which  
843 allows an additional county court judge for Rankin County, is  
844 repealed.

845           **SECTION 34.** Section 9-9-18.1, Mississippi Code of 1972,  
846 which allows an additional county court judge for Madison County,  
847 is repealed.

848           **SECTION 35.** Section 9-9-18.2, Mississippi Code of 1972,  
849 which allows a county court judge for Pearl River County, is  
850 repealed.

851           **SECTION 36.** Section 9-9-18.3, Mississippi Code of 1972,  
852 which allows an additional county court judge for Lauderdale  
853 County, is repealed.



854           **SECTION 37.** Section 9-9-18.5, Mississippi Code of 1972,  
855 which allows an additional county court judge for DeSoto County,  
856 is repealed.

857           **SECTION 38.** Section 9-9-18.6, Mississippi Code of 1972,  
858 which allows an additional county court judge for Lee County, is  
859 repealed.

860           **SECTION 39.** Sections 9-9-37, 9-9-39, 9-9-41, 9-9-43 and  
861 9-9-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, which allow counties to  
862 establish or abolish a county court, are repealed.

863           **SECTION 40.** (1) Candidates for the county court judgeships  
864 created by this act shall run for those offices in a special  
865 election to be conducted in November 2023. Candidates shall  
866 qualify as provided by Section 23-15-977 and shall run for office  
867 and be elected as provided in Sections 23-15-974 through 23-15-985  
868 (Nonpartisan Judicial Election Act).

869           (2) The initial terms of offices of the county court  
870 judgeships created by this act shall begin on January 1, 2024, and  
871 their terms of office shall continue for three (3) years.

872           (3) After the initial terms set forth in subsection (2) of  
873 this section, the subsequent terms of the offices of the county  
874 court judgeships created by this act shall begin on January 1,  
875 2027, and their terms shall continue for four (4) years.

876           **SECTION 41.** Section 1 of this act shall take effect and be  
877 in force from and after July 1, 2023; Section 40 of this act shall  
878 take effect and be in force from and after its passage; and the



879 remainder of this act shall take effect and be in force from and  
880 after January 1, 2024.

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

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 93-15-105, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO AUTHORIZE YOUTH COURT, IN ABUSE OR NEGLECT PROCEEDINGS, TO HAVE  
3 ORIGINAL, EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF BOTH VOLUNTARY AND INVOLUNTARY  
4 TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS ACTIONS; TO CREATE A COUNTY COURT  
5 IN AND FOR EVERY COUNTY; TO AMEND SECTION 9-9-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE  
6 OF 1972, TO CREATE COUNTY COURT DISTRICTS; TO AMEND SECTION 9-9-5,  
7 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO SET FORTH THE QUALIFICATIONS OF  
8 JUDGES OF THE COUNTY COURTS; TO AMEND SECTION 9-9-11, MISSISSIPPI  
9 CODE OF 1972, TO SET FORTH THE SALARY OF THE COUNTY COURT JUDGES;  
10 TO AMEND SECTION 9-9-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR  
11 TERMS OF COURT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-9-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
12 TO SET FORTH THE JURISDICTION OF THE COUNTY COURT; TO AMEND  
13 SECTIONS 9-9-23, 9-1-19, 9-1-23, 9-1-25 AND 9-1-35, MISSISSIPPI  
14 CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM; TO AMEND SECTION 43-21-107, MISSISSIPPI  
15 CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM YOUTH COURT JURISDICTION; TO AMEND  
16 SECTION 43-21-123, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FUNDING  
17 FOR THE COUNTY COURTS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 23-15-973 AND 23-15-975,  
18 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM; TO AMEND SECTION 9-13-1,  
19 9-13-17 AND 9-13-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE A COURT  
20 REPORTER AND CONFORM PROVISIONS CONCERNING COURT REPORTERS; TO  
21 DESIGNATE THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT AND THE CLERK OF THE YOUTH  
22 COURT; TO AMEND SECTIONS 43-21-111, 43-21-123, 43-21-125,  
23 43-21-801 and 99-35-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM; TO  
24 AMEND SECTION 9-13-61, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE ARCHAIC  
25 REFERENCE TO FAMILY COURTS; TO REPEAL SECTION 9-9-3, MISSISSIPPI  
26 CODE OF 1972, WHICH ALLOWS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A COUNTY COURT BY  
27 AGREEMENT OF TWO OR MORE COUNTIES; TO REPEAL SECTION 9-9-9,  
28 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH RESTRICTS THE PRACTICE OF LAW BY  
29 COUNTY COURT JUDGES; TO REPEAL SECTION 9-9-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
30 1972, WHICH ALLOWS MUNICIPALITIES TO SUPPLEMENT COUNTY COURT JUDGE  
31 SALARIES; TO REPEAL SECTION 9-9-14, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
32 WHICH ALLOWS AN ADDITIONAL COUNTY COURT JUDGE FOR HARRISON COUNTY;  
33 TO REPEAL SECTION 9-9-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH ALLOWS  
34 ADDITIONAL COUNTY COURT JUDGES FOR HINDS COUNTY; TO REPEAL SECTION  
35 9-9-16, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH ALLOWS AN ADDITIONAL  
36 COUNTY COURT JUDGE FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY; TO REPEAL SECTION  
37 9-9-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH ALLOWS AN ADDITIONAL JUDGE  
38 FOR JACKSON COUNTY; TO REPEAL SECTION 9-9-18, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
39 1972, WHICH ALLOWS AN ADDITIONAL COUNTY COURT JUDGE FOR RANKIN  
40 COUNTY; TO REPEAL SECTION 9-9-18.1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,



41 WHICH ALLOWS AN ADDITIONAL COUNTY COURT JUDGE FOR MADISON COUNTY;  
42 TO REPEAL SECTION 9-9-18.2, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH ALLOWS  
43 A COUNTY COURT JUDGE FOR PEARL RIVER COUNTY; TO REPEAL SECTION  
44 9-9-18.3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH ALLOWS AN ADDITIONAL  
45 COUNTY COURT JUDGE FOR LAUDERDALE COUNTY; TO REPEAL SECTION  
46 9-9-18.5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH ALLOWS AN ADDITIONAL  
47 COUNTY COURT JUDGE FOR DESOTO COUNTY; TO REPEAL SECTION 9-9-18.6,  
48 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH ALLOWS AN ADDITIONAL COUNTY COURT  
49 JUDGE FOR LEE COUNTY; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 9-9-37, 9-9-39, 9-9-41,  
50 9-9-43 AND 9-9-45, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH ALLOW COUNTIES  
51 TO ESTABLISH OR ABOLISH A COUNTY COURT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

