

By: Representatives Porter, Harness

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1338

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-11-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 INCREASE THE JURISDICTION OF JUSTICE COURTS TO \$20,000.00; AND FOR
3 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 9-11-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 9-11-9. Justice court judges shall have jurisdiction of all
8 actions for the recovery of debts or damages or personal property,
9 where the principal of the debt, the amount of the demand, or the
10 value of the property sought to be recovered shall not
11 exceed * * * Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00).

12 The justice court judges shall have no pecuniary interest in
13 the outcome of any action once suit has been filed.

14 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
15 and after July 1, 2024.

