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To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1586

1 AN ACT TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 9-7-1, 9-7-3, 9-7-5, 9-7-9,
2 9-7-13, 9-7-15, 9-7-17, 9-7-19, 9-7-20, 9-7-21, 9-7-23, 9-7-25,
3 9-7-27, 9-7-29, 9-7-30, 9-7-31, 9-7-32, 9-7-33, 9-7-34, 9-7-41,
4 9-7-43, 9-7-45, 9-7-47, 9-7-49, 9-7-53, 9-7-55, 9-7-57, 9-7-63 AND
5 9-7-64, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDE FOR CIRCUIT COURT
6 JUDGES, DISTRICTS AND TERMS OF COURT FOR DISTRICTS ONE TO
7 TWENTY-THREE, FOR PURPOSES OF AMENDMENT; TO AMEND SECTIONS 9-7-7,
8 9-7-11, 9-7-14, 9-7-35, 9-7-37, 9-7-39, 9-7-42, 9-7-44, 9-7-51 AND
9 9-7-54, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY LANGUAGE IN
10 PROVISIONS OF LAW FOR CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICTS; TO BRING FORWARD
11 SECTIONS 9-5-1, 9-5-3, 9-5-5, 9-5-9, 9-5-11, 9-5-17, 9-5-19,
12 9-5-21, 9-5-22, 9-5-23, 9-5-27, 9-5-31, 9-5-33, 9-5-35, 9-5-37,
13 9-5-39, 9-5-40, 9-5-41, 9-5-43, 9-5-45, 9-5-47, 9-5-49, 9-5-51,
14 9-5-53, 9-5-54, 9-5-55 AND 9-5-57, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH
15 PROVIDE FOR CHANCERY COURT JUDGES, DISTRICTS AND TERMS OF COURT
16 FOR DISTRICTS ONE TO TWENTY; TO AMEND SECTIONS 9-5-7, 9-5-13,
17 9-5-25, 9-5-29, 9-5-36, 9-5-38, 9-5-50 AND 9-5-58, MISSISSIPPI
18 CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY LANGUAGE IN PROVISIONS OF LAW FOR
19 CHANCERY COURT DISTRICTS; TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 9-3-1 AND
20 23-15-993, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDE THE BOUNDARIES
21 AND DESIGNATED POSITIONS FOR THE SUPREME COURT; TO BRING FORWARD
22 SECTIONS 9-9-1, 9-9-3, 9-9-5, 9-9-11, 9-9-9, 9-9-13, 9-9-14,
23 9-9-15, 9-9-17, 9-9-18, 9-9-18.1, 9-9-18.2, 9-9-18.3, 9-9-18.5,
24 9-9-18.6, 9-9-21, 9-9-27, 9-9-29, 9-9-31, 9-9-35, 9-9-36, 9-9-37,
25 9-9-39, 9-9-41, 9-9-43 AND 9-9-45, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH
26 REGULATE COUNTY COURTS, FOR PURPOSES OF AMENDMENT; TO AMEND
27 SECTION 9-9-16, 9-9-19 AND 9-9-23, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
28 MAKE MINOR NONSUBSTANTIVE CHANGE; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION
29 43-21-111, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, FOR THE PURPOSES OF
30 AMENDMENT; TO AMEND SECTIONS 9-7-46 AND 9-5-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE
31 OF 1972, TO MAKE NONSUBSTANTIVE CHANGES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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



33 **SECTION 1.** Section 9-7-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
34 brought forward as follows:

35 9-7-1. A circuit judge shall be elected for and from each
36 circuit court district and the listing of individual precincts
37 shall be those precincts as they existed on October 1, 1990. He
38 may hold court in any other district with the consent of the judge
39 thereof, when in their opinion the public interest may require.
40 The terms of all circuit judges hereafter elected shall begin on
41 the first day of January 1931 and their terms of office shall
42 continue for four (4) years. A circuit judge shall be a resident
43 of the district in which he or she serves but shall not be
44 required to be a resident of a subdistrict if the district is
45 divided into subdistricts.

46 **SECTION 2.** Section 9-7-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
47 brought forward as follows:

48 9-7-3. (1) The state is divided into an appropriate number
49 of circuit court districts severally numbered and composed of the
50 counties as set forth in the sections which follow. A court to be
51 styled "The Circuit Court of the County of ____" shall be held in
52 each county, and within each judicial district of a county having
53 two (2) judicial districts, at least twice a year. Court shall be
54 held in circuit court districts consisting of a single county on
55 the same dates state agencies and political subdivisions are open
56 for business excluding legal holidays. The dates upon which terms
57 shall commence and the number of days for which the terms shall



58 continue in circuit court districts consisting of more than one
59 (1) county shall be set by order of the circuit court judge in
60 accordance with the provisions of subsection (2) of this section.
61 A matter in court may extend past a term if the interest of
62 justice so requires.

63 (2) An order establishing the commencement and continuation
64 of terms of court for each of the counties within a circuit court
65 district consisting of more than one (1) county shall be entered
66 annually and not later than October 1 of the year immediately
67 preceding the calendar year for which the terms of court are to
68 become effective. Notice of the dates upon which the terms of
69 court shall commence and the number of days for which the terms
70 shall continue in each of the counties within a circuit court
71 district shall be posted in the office of the circuit clerk of
72 each county within the district and mailed to the office of the
73 Secretary of State for publication and distribution to all
74 Mississippi Bar members. If an order is not timely entered, the
75 terms of court for each of the counties within any circuit court
76 district shall remain unchanged for the next calendar year. A
77 certified copy of any order entered under the provisions of this
78 subsection shall, immediately upon the entry thereof, be delivered
79 to the clerk of the board of supervisors in each of the counties
80 within the circuit court district.



81 (3) The number of judges in each circuit court district
82 shall be determined by the Legislature based upon the following
83 criteria:

- 84 (a) The population of the district;
- 85 (b) The number of cases filed in the district;
- 86 (c) The case load of each judge in the district;
- 87 (d) The geographic area of the district;
- 88 (e) An analysis of the needs of the district by the
89 court personnel of the district; and
- 90 (f) Any other appropriate criteria.

91 (4) The Judicial College of the University of Mississippi
92 Law Center and the Administrative Office of Courts shall determine
93 the appropriate:

- 94 (a) Specific data to be collected as a basis for
95 applying the above criteria;
- 96 (b) Method of collecting and maintaining the specified
97 data; and
- 98 (c) Method of assimilating the specified data.

99 (5) In a district having more than one (1) office of circuit
100 judge, there shall be no distinction whatsoever in the powers,
101 duties and emoluments of those offices except that the judge who
102 has been for the longest time continuously a judge of that court
103 or, should no judge have served longer in office than the others,
104 the judge who has been for the longest time a member of The
105 Mississippi Bar, shall be the senior judge. The senior judge



106 shall have the right to assign causes and dockets and to set terms
107 in districts consisting of more than one (1) county. A circuit
108 court judge shall have the right to assign criminal matters to
109 county court as provided in Section 9-9-21.

110 **SECTION 3.** Section 9-7-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
111 brought forward as follows:

112 9-7-5. The First Circuit Court District is composed of the
113 following counties:

- 114 (a) Alcorn County;
- 115 (b) Itawamba County;
- 116 (c) Lee County;
- 117 (d) Monroe County;
- 118 (e) Pontotoc County;
- 119 (f) Prentiss County; and
- 120 (g) Tishomingo County.

121 **SECTION 4.** Section 9-7-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
122 amended as follows:

123 9-7-7. (1) There shall be four (4) judges for the First
124 Circuit Court District.

125 (2) The four (4) judgeships shall be separate and distinct
126 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as
127 "Place One * * *", "Place Two * * *", "Place Three" and "Place
128 Four." The judge to fill Place One must reside in Alcorn,
129 Prentiss or Tishomingo County. The judges to fill Place Two and
130 Place Three must reside in Itawamba, Lee, Monroe or Pontotoc



131 County. The judge to fill Place Four may be a resident of any
132 county in the district. Election of the four (4) offices of judge
133 shall be by election to be held in every county within the First
134 Circuit Court District.

135 **SECTION 5.** Section 9-7-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
136 brought forward as follows:

137 9-7-9. The Second Circuit Court District is composed of the
138 following counties:

- 139 (a) Hancock County;
- 140 (b) Harrison County; and
- 141 (c) Stone County.

142 **SECTION 6.** Section 9-7-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
143 amended as follows:

144 9-7-11. (1) There shall be four (4) judges for the Second
145 Circuit Court District.

146 (2) The four (4) judgeships shall be separate and distinct
147 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as
148 "Place One * * *", "Place Two * * *", "Place Three" and "Place
149 Four."

150 **SECTION 7.** Section 9-7-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
151 brought forward as follows:

152 9-7-13. The Third Circuit Court District is composed of the
153 following counties:

- 154 (a) Benton County;
- 155 (b) Calhoun County;



- 156 (c) Chickasaw County;
157 (d) Lafayette County;
158 (e) Marshall County;
159 (f) Tippah County; and
160 (g) Union County.

161 **SECTION 8.** Section 9-7-14, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
162 amended as follows:

163 9-7-14. (1) There shall be three (3) judges for the Third
164 Circuit Court District.

165 (2) The three (3) judgeships shall be separate and distinct
166 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as
167 "Place One * * *", "Place Two" and "Place Three."

168 **SECTION 9.** Section 9-7-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
169 brought forward as follows:

170 9-7-15. (1) The Fourth Circuit Court District shall be
171 composed of the following counties:

- 172 (a) Leflore County;
173 (b) Sunflower County; and
174 (c) Washington County.

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

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



179 (i) Leflore County: Minter City, North Greenwood,
180 Money, Northeast Greenwood, Schlater, West Greenwood, Mississippi
181 Valley State University and Southeast Greenwood Precincts; and

182 (ii) Sunflower County: Ruleville, Rome, Sunflower
183 Plantation, Drew, Doddsville, Boyer-Linn, Fairview-Hale and
184 Ruleville North Precincts.

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

187 (i) Sunflower County: Indianola 1, Sunflower,
188 Indianola 3 North, Indianola 3 South and Indianola 3 Northeast
189 Precincts; and

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

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

196 (i) Leflore County: East Greenwood Sub-A, East
197 Greenwood Sub-B, Central Greenwood, North Itta Bena, South Itta
198 Bena, Southwest Greenwood, Rising Sun, Sidon, Morgan City,
199 Swiftown and South Greenwood Precincts;

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



202 (iii) Washington County: Arcola City Hall,
203 Hollandale City Hall, Darlove Baptist Church and Mangelardi
204 Bourbon Store Precincts.

205 (d) Subdistrict 4-4 shall consist of the following
206 precincts in Washington County: St. James Episcopal Church,
207 Swiftwater Baptist Church, Glen Allan Health Clinic, Italian Club,
208 Ward's Recreation Center, Buster Brown Community Center, Avon
209 Health Center, Kapco Company, Brent Center, William Percy Library
210 and Grace Methodist Church Precincts.

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

214 **SECTION 10.** Section 9-7-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
215 brought forward as follows:

216 9-7-17. There shall be four (4) circuit judges for the
217 Fourth Circuit Court District. One (1) circuit judge shall be
218 elected from each subdistrict.

219 **SECTION 11.** Section 9-7-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
220 brought forward as follows:

221 9-7-19. The Fifth Circuit Court District is composed of the
222 following counties:

- 223 (a) Attala County;
- 224 (b) Carroll County;
- 225 (c) Choctaw County;
- 226 (d) Grenada County;



- 227 (e) Montgomery County;
228 (f) Webster County; and
229 (g) Winston County.

230 **SECTION 12.** Section 9-7-20, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
231 brought forward as follows:

232 9-7-20. (1) There shall be two (2) judges for the Fifth
233 Circuit Court District.

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

237 **SECTION 13.** Section 9-7-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
238 brought forward as follows:

239 9-7-21. (1) The Sixth Circuit Court District is composed of
240 the following counties:

- 241 (a) Adams County;
242 (b) Amite County;
243 (c) Franklin County; and
244 (d) Wilkinson County.

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

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

249 (i) Adams County: Airport, By-Pass Fire Station,
250 Carpenter, Concord*, Courthouse*, Duncan Park*, Foster Mound,



251 Maryland*, Northside School, Pine Ridge, Thompson and Washington*;
252 and

253 (ii) Amite County: Ariel, Berwick, Crosby, East
254 Centreville, East Gloster*, Gloster*, Homochitto, South Liberty*
255 and Street.

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

258 (i) Adams County: Beau Pre, Bellemont, Concord*,
259 Convention Center, Courthouse*, Duncan Park*, Kingston, Liberty
260 Park, Maryland*, Morgantown, Oakland, Palestine and Washington*;
261 and

262 (ii) Amite County: Amite River, East Fork, East
263 Gloster*, East Liberty, Gloster*, Liberty, New Zion, Oneil,
264 Riceville, Smithdale, South Liberty*, Tangipahoa, Tickfaw, Walls
265 and Zion Hills.

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

269 **SECTION 14.** Section 9-7-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
270 brought forward as follows:

271 9-7-23. (1) The Seventh Circuit Court District shall be
272 Hinds County.

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



275 (a) Subdistrict 7-1 shall consist of the following
276 precincts in Hinds County: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 32, 33, 34,
277 35, 36, 44, 45, 46, 47, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 92, 93, 96
278 and 97.

279 (b) Subdistrict 7-2 shall consist of the following
280 precincts in Hinds County: 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 23, 27,
281 28, 29, 30, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85,
282 Brownsville, Cynthia, Pocahontas and Tinnin.

283 (c) Subdistrict 7-3 shall consist of the following
284 precincts in Hinds County: 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 31,
285 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 66,
286 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 86, 89, and Jackson State.

287 (d) Subdistrict 7-4 shall consist of the following
288 precincts in Hinds County: 87, 88, 90, 91, 94, 95, Bolton, Byram
289 1, Byram 2, Cayuga, Chapel Hill, Clinton 1, Clinton 2, Clinton 3,
290 Clinton 4, Clinton 5, Clinton 6, Dry Grove, Edwards, Learned, Old
291 Byram, Pinehaven, Raymond 1, Raymond 2, Spring Ridge, St. Thomas,
292 Terry, Utica 1 and Utica 2.

293 **SECTION 15.** Section 9-7-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
294 brought forward as follows:

295 9-7-25. (1) There shall be four (4) circuit judges for the
296 Seventh Circuit Court District. One (1) judge shall be elected
297 from each subdistrict.

298 (2) While there shall be no limitation whatsoever upon the
299 powers and duties of the said judges other than as cast upon them



300 by the Constitution and laws of this state, the court in the First
301 Judicial District of Hinds County, in the discretion of the senior
302 circuit judge, may be divided into civil and criminal divisions as
303 a matter of convenience, by the entry of an order upon the minutes
304 of the court.

305 **SECTION 16.** Section 9-7-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
306 brought forward as follows:

307 9-7-27. (1) The Eighth Circuit Court District is composed
308 of the following counties:

- 309 (a) Leake County;
- 310 (b) Neshoba County;
- 311 (c) Newton County; and
- 312 (d) Scott County.

313 (2) There shall be two (2) judges for the Eighth Circuit
314 Court District.

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

318 **SECTION 17.** Section 9-7-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
319 brought forward as follows:

320 9-7-29. (1) The Ninth Circuit Court District is composed of
321 the following counties:

- 322 (a) Issaquena County;
- 323 (b) Sharkey County; and
- 324 (c) Warren County.



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

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

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

337 **SECTION 18.** Section 9-7-30, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
338 brought forward as follows:

339 9-7-30. There shall be two (2) judges for the Ninth Circuit
340 Court District. One (1) judge shall be elected from each
341 subdistrict.

342 **SECTION 19.** Section 9-7-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
343 brought forward as follows:

344 9-7-31. The Tenth Circuit Court District is composed of the
345 following counties:

- 346 (a) Clarke County;
- 347 (b) Kemper County;
- 348 (c) Lauderdale County; and
- 349 (d) Wayne County.



350 **SECTION 20.** Section 9-7-32, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
351 brought forward as follows:

352 9-7-32. (1) There shall be two (2) judges for the Tenth
353 Circuit Court District.

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

357 **SECTION 21.** Section 9-7-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
358 brought forward as follows:

359 9-7-33. (1) The Eleventh Circuit Court District is composed
360 of the following counties:

- 361 (a) Bolivar County;
- 362 (b) Coahoma County;
- 363 (c) Quitman County; and
- 364 (d) Tunica County.

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

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

- 369 (i) Bolivar County: Benoit, Beulah, Boyle,
370 Choctaw, Cleveland Courthouse, East Central Cleveland*, East
371 Cleveland*, East Rosedale, Gunnison, Longshot, North Cleveland,
372 Northwest Cleveland*, Pace, Scott, Shaw, Skene, South Cleveland*,
373 Stringtown, West Central Cleveland, West Cleveland and West
374 Rosedale; and



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

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

379 (i) Bolivar County: Cleveland Eastgate,
380 Duncan/Alligator, East Central Cleveland*, East Cleveland*,
381 Merigold, Mound Bayou, Northwest Cleveland*, Renova, Shelby, South
382 Cleveland* and Winstonville;

383 (ii) Coahoma County: Cagle Crossing, Clarksdale
384 1-4*, Clarksdale 3-3, Clarksdale 3-4, Clarksdale 4-2, Clarksdale
385 4-3, Dublin and Roundaway; and

386 (iii) Quitman County: Belen*, District 3 South*,
387 Lambert, Northwest Marks, Southwest Marks and West Lambert.

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

390 (i) Coahoma County: Clarksdale 1-4*, Clarksdale
391 2-4*, Clarksdale 5-4*, Coahoma, Farrell*, Friar's Point,
392 Jonestown, Lula, Lyon and Sherard*; and

393 (ii) Quitman County: Belen*, Crenshaw, Crowder,
394 Darling, District 3 North, District 3 South* and Sledge.

395 **SECTION 22.** Section 9-7-34, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
396 brought forward as follows:

397 9-7-34. There shall be three (3) judges for the Eleventh
398 Circuit Court District. One (1) judge shall be elected from each
399 subdistrict.



400 **SECTION 23.** Section 9-7-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
401 amended as follows:

402 9-7-35. (1) The Twelfth Circuit Court District is composed
403 of the following counties:

404 (a) Forrest County; and

405 (b) Perry County.

406 (2) There shall be two (2) judges for the Twelfth Circuit
407 Court District. The two (2) judgeships shall be separate and
408 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election
409 only as "Place One" and "Place Two * * *".

410 **SECTION 24.** Section 9-7-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
411 amended as follows:

412 9-7-37. (1) The Thirteenth Circuit Court District is
413 composed of the following counties:

414 (a) Covington County;

415 (b) Jasper County;

416 (c) Simpson County; and

417 (d) Smith County.

418 (2) There shall be two (2) judges for the Thirteenth Circuit
419 Court District. The two (2) judgeships shall be separate and
420 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election
421 only as "Place One" and "Place Two * * *".

422 **SECTION 25.** Section 9-7-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
423 amended as follows:



424 9-7-39. (1) The Fourteenth Circuit Court District is
425 composed of the following counties:

- 426 (a) Lincoln County;
- 427 (b) Pike County; and
- 428 (c) Walthall County.

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

431 (b) The two (2) judgeships shall be separate and
432 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election
433 only as "Place One" and "Place Two * * *".

434 **SECTION 26.** Section 9-7-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
435 brought forward as follows:

436 9-7-41. The Fifteenth Circuit Court District is composed of
437 the following counties:

- 438 (a) Jefferson Davis County;
- 439 (b) Lamar County;
- 440 (c) Lawrence County;
- 441 (d) Marion County; and
- 442 (e) Pearl River County.

443 **SECTION 27.** Section 9-7-42, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
444 amended as follows:

445 9-7-42. (1) There shall be three (3) judges for the
446 Fifteenth Circuit Court District.

447 (2) The three (3) judgeships shall be separate and distinct
448 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as



449 "Place One * * *", "Place Two * * *", and "Place Three * * *".
450 The judge to fill Place One must be a resident of Jefferson Davis,
451 Lamar, Lawrence or Marion County. The judge to fill Place Two may
452 be a resident of any county in the district. The judge to fill
453 Place Three must be a resident of Pearl River County.

454 **SECTION 28.** Section 9-7-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
455 brought forward as follows:

456 9-7-43. The Sixteenth Circuit Court District is composed of
457 the following counties:

- 458 (a) Clay County;
- 459 (b) Lowndes County;
- 460 (c) Noxubee County; and
- 461 (d) Oktibbeha County.

462 **SECTION 29.** Section 9-7-44, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
463 amended as follows:

464 9-7-44. (1) There shall be three (3) judges for the
465 Sixteenth Circuit Court District.

466 (2) The three (3) judgeships shall be separate and distinct
467 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as
468 "Place One * * *", "Place Two" and "Place Three * * *". The judge
469 to fill Place One must be a resident of Lowndes County. The judge
470 to fill Place Two must be a resident of Oktibbeha County. The
471 judge to fill Place Three must be a resident of either Clay or
472 Noxubee County. Election of the three (3) offices of judge shall



473 be by election to be held in every county within the Sixteenth
474 Circuit Court District.

475 **SECTION 30.** Section 9-7-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
476 brought forward as follows:

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

478 9-7-45. The Seventeenth Circuit Court District shall be
479 divided into two (2) subdistricts as follows:

480 (a) Subdistrict 17-1 shall be composed of DeSoto
481 County; and

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

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

486 9-7-45. The Seventeenth Circuit Court District shall be
487 composed of the following counties:

488 (a) Panola County;

489 (b) Tallahatchie County;

490 (c) Tate County; and

491 (d) Yalobusha County.

492 **SECTION 31.** Section 9-7-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
493 brought forward as follows:

494 9-7-47. The Eighteenth Circuit Court District shall be Jones
495 County.

496 **SECTION 32.** Section 9-7-49, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
497 brought forward as follows:



498 9-7-49. (1) The Nineteenth Circuit Court District is
499 composed of the following counties:

- 500 (a) George County;
- 501 (b) Greene County; and
- 502 (c) Jackson County.

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

508 **SECTION 33.** Section 9-7-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
509 amended as follows:

510 9-7-51. (1) There shall be three (3) judges for the
511 Nineteenth Circuit Court District. The three (3) judgeships shall
512 be separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of
513 appointment and election only as "Place One * * *", "Place Two"
514 and "Place Three."

515 (2) The senior judge of the Nineteenth Circuit Court
516 District may divide the court of any county within the district
517 into civil, criminal and appellate court divisions as a matter of
518 convenience by the entry of an order upon the minutes of the
519 court.

520 **SECTION 34.** Section 9-7-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
521 brought forward as follows:



522 9-7-53. The Twentieth Circuit Court District is composed of
523 the following counties:

524 (a) Madison County; and

525 (b) Rankin County.

526 **SECTION 35.** Section 9-7-54, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
527 amended as follows:

528 9-7-54. (1) There shall be three (3) judges for the
529 Twentieth Circuit Court District.

530 (2) The three (3) judgeships shall be separate and distinct
531 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as
532 "Place One * * *", "Place Two", and "Place Three * * *". The
533 judge to fill Place One must reside in Rankin County, the judge to
534 fill Place Two must reside in Madison County, and the judge to
535 fill Place Three may reside in either Madison or Rankin County.

536 **SECTION 36.** Section 9-7-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
537 brought forward as follows:

538 9-7-55. The Twenty-first Circuit Court District is composed
539 of the following counties:

540 (a) Holmes County;

541 (b) Humphreys County; and

542 (c) Yazoo County.

543 **SECTION 37.** Section 9-7-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
544 brought forward as follows:

545 9-7-57. The Twenty-second Circuit Court District is composed
546 of the following counties:



- 547 (a) Claiborne County;
548 (b) Copleah County; and
549 (c) Jefferson County.

550 **SECTION 38.** Section 9-7-63, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
551 brought forward as follows:

552 9-7-63. The Twenty-third Circuit Court District shall be
553 DeSoto County.

554 **SECTION 39.** Section 9-7-64, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
555 brought forward as follows:

556 9-7-64. (1) There shall be two (2) circuit judges for the
557 Twenty-third Circuit Court District.

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

561 **SECTION 40.** Section 9-5-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
562 brought forward as follows:

563 9-5-1. A chancellor shall be elected for and from each of
564 the chancery court districts as provided in this chapter and the
565 listing of individual precincts shall be those precincts as they
566 existed on October 1, 1990. He shall hold court in any other
567 district with the consent of the chancellor thereof when in their
568 opinion the public interest may be thereby promoted. The terms of
569 all chancellors elected at the regular election for the year 1930
570 shall begin on the first day of January, 1931, and their terms of
571 office shall continue for four (4) years. A chancellor shall be a



572 resident of the district in which he serves but shall not be
573 required to be a resident of a subdistrict if the district is
574 divided into subdistricts.

575 **SECTION 41.** Section 9-5-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
576 brought forward as follows:

577 9-5-3. (1) The state shall be divided into an appropriate
578 number of chancery court districts, severally numbered and
579 composed of the counties as set forth in the sections which
580 follow. A court to be styled "The Chancery Court of the County of
581 ____" shall be held in each county, and within each judicial
582 district of a county having two (2) judicial districts, at least
583 twice a year. Court shall be held in chancery court districts
584 consisting of a single county on the same dates state agencies and
585 political subdivisions are open for business excluding legal
586 holidays. The dates upon which terms shall commence and the
587 number of days for which terms shall continue in chancery court
588 districts consisting of more than one (1) county shall be set by
589 order of the chancellor in accordance with the provisions of
590 subsection (2) of this section. A matter in court may extend past
591 a term if the interest of justice so requires.

592 (2) An order establishing the commencement and continuation
593 of terms of court for each of the counties within a chancery court
594 district consisting of more than one (1) county shall be entered
595 annually and not later than October 1 of the year immediately
596 preceding the calendar year for which the terms of court are to



597 become effective. Notice of the dates upon which terms of court
598 shall commence and the number of days for which the terms shall
599 continue in each of the counties within a chancery court district
600 shall be posted in the office of the chancery clerk of each county
601 within the district and mailed to the office of the Secretary of
602 State for publication and distribution to all Mississippi Bar
603 members. If an order is not timely entered, the terms of court
604 for each of the counties within the chancery court district shall
605 remain unchanged for the next calendar year.

606 (3) The number of chancellorships for each chancery court
607 district shall be determined by the Legislature based upon the
608 following criteria:

- 609 (a) The population of the district;
- 610 (b) The number of cases filed in the district;
- 611 (c) The caseload of each chancellor in the district;
- 612 (d) The geographic area of the district;
- 613 (e) An analysis of the needs of the district by the
614 court personnel of the district; and
- 615 (f) Any other appropriate criteria.

616 (4) The Judicial College of the University of Mississippi
617 Law Center and the Administrative Office of Courts shall determine
618 the appropriate:

- 619 (a) Specific data to be collected as a basis for
620 applying the above criteria;



621 (b) Method of collecting and maintaining the specified
622 data; and

623 (c) Method of assimilating the specified data.

624 (5) In a district having more than one (1) office of
625 chancellor, there shall be no distinction whatsoever in the
626 powers, duties and emoluments of those offices except that the
627 chancellor who has been for the longest time continuously a
628 chancellor of that court or, should no chancellor have served
629 longer in office than the others, the chancellor who has been for
630 the longest time a member of The Mississippi Bar shall be the
631 senior chancellor. The senior chancellor shall have the right to
632 assign causes and dockets and to set terms in districts consisting
633 of more than one (1) county.

634 **SECTION 42.** Section 9-5-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
635 brought forward as follows:

636 9-5-5. The First Chancery Court District is composed of the
637 following counties:

- 638 (a) Alcorn County;
- 639 (b) Itawamba County;
- 640 (c) Lee County;
- 641 (d) Monroe County;
- 642 (e) Pontotoc County;
- 643 (f) Prentiss County;
- 644 (g) Tishomingo County; and
- 645 (h) Union County.



646 **SECTION 43.** Section 9-5-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
647 amended as follows:

648 9-5-7. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the
649 First Chancery Court District.

650 (2) The four (4) chancellorships shall be separate and
651 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election
652 only as "Place One * * *", "Place Two * * *", "Place Three" and
653 "Place Four." The chancellor to fill Place One must be a resident
654 of Alcorn, Prentiss or Tishomingo County. The chancellors to fill
655 Place Two and Place Three must reside in Itawamba, Lee, Monroe,
656 Pontotoc or Union County. The chancellor to fill Place Four may
657 be a resident of any county in the district. Election of the four
658 (4) offices of chancellor shall be by election to be held in every
659 county within the First Chancery Court District.

660 **SECTION 44.** Section 9-5-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
661 brought forward as follows:

662 9-5-9. The Second Chancery Court District is composed of the
663 following counties:

- 664 (a) Jasper County;
- 665 (b) Newton County; and
- 666 (c) Scott County.

667 **SECTION 45.** Section 9-5-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
668 brought forward as follows:

669 9-5-11. (1) The Third Chancery Court District is composed
670 of the following counties:



- 671 (a) DeSoto County;
672 (b) Grenada County;
673 (c) Montgomery County;
674 (d) Panola County;
675 (e) Tate County; and
676 (f) Yalobusha County.

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

- 679 (a) Subdistrict 3-1 shall consist of DeSoto County.
680 (b) Subdistrict 3-2 shall consist of Grenada County,
681 Montgomery County, Panola County, Tate County and Yalobusha
682 County.

683 **SECTION 46.** Section 9-5-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
684 amended as follows:

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

686 9-5-13. (1) There shall be three (3) chancellors for the
687 Third Chancery Court District.

688 (2) (a) The chancellor of Subdistrict 3-1 shall be elected
689 from DeSoto County. The two (2) chancellors of Subdistrict 3-2
690 shall be elected from Grenada County, Montgomery County, Panola
691 County, Tate County and Yalobusha County.

692 (b) For purposes of appointment and election, the three
693 (3) chancellorships shall be separate and distinct. The
694 chancellorship in Subdistrict 3-1 shall be denominated only as



695 "Place One * * *", and the chancellorships in Subdistrict 3-2
696 shall be denominated only as "Place Two" and "Place Three * * *".

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

699 9-5-13. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the
700 Third Chancery Court District.

701 (2) (a) The two (2) chancellors of Subdistrict 3-1 shall be
702 elected from DeSoto County. The two (2) chancellors of
703 Subdistrict 3-2 shall be elected from Grenada County, Montgomery
704 County, Panola County, Tate County and Yalobusha County.

705 (b) For purposes of appointment and election, the four
706 (4) chancellorships shall be separate and distinct and denominated
707 as "Place One * * *", "Place Two * * *", "Place Three" and "Place
708 Four". The chancellorships in Subdistrict 3-1 shall be
709 denominated only as "Place One" and "Place Four" and the
710 chancellorships in Subdistrict 3-2 shall be denominated only as
711 "Place Two" and "Place Three * * *".

712 **SECTION 47.** Section 9-5-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
713 brought forward as follows:

714 9-5-17. (1) The Fifth Chancery Court District is composed
715 of Hinds County.

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

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



720 35, 36, 44, 45, 46, 47, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 92, 93, 96
721 and 97.

722 (b) Subdistrict 5-2 shall consist of the following
723 precincts in Hinds County: 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 23, 27,
724 28, 29, 30, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85,
725 Brownsville, Cynthia, Pocahontas and Tinnin.

726 (c) Subdistrict 5-3 shall consist of the following
727 precincts in Hinds County: 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 31,
728 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 66,
729 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 86, 89 and Jackson State.

730 (d) Subdistrict 5-4 shall consist of the following
731 precincts in Hinds County: 87, 88, 90, 91, 94, 95, Bolton, Byram
732 1, Byram 2, Cayuga, Chapel Hill, Clinton 1, Clinton 2, Clinton 3,
733 Clinton 4, Clinton 5, Clinton 6, Dry Grove, Edwards, Learned, Old
734 Byram, Pinehaven, Raymond 1, Raymond 2, Spring Ridge, St. Thomas,
735 Terry, Utica 1 and Utica 2.

736 **SECTION 48.** Section 9-5-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
737 brought forward as follows:

738 9-5-19. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the
739 Fifth Chancery Court District. One (1) chancellor shall be
740 elected from each subdistrict.

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



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

748 **SECTION 49.** Section 9-5-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
749 brought forward as follows:

750 9-5-21. The Sixth Chancery Court District is composed of the
751 following counties:

- 752 (a) Attala County;
- 753 (b) Carroll County;
- 754 (c) Choctaw County;
- 755 (d) Kemper County;
- 756 (e) Neshoba County; and
- 757 (f) Winston County.

758 **SECTION 50.** Section 9-5-22, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
759 brought forward as follows:

760 9-5-22. (1) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the
761 Sixth Chancery Court District.

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

765 **SECTION 51.** Section 9-5-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
766 brought forward as follows:

767 9-5-23. (1) The Seventh Chancery Court District is composed
768 of the following counties:

- 769 (a) Bolivar County;



- 770 (b) Coahoma County;
771 (c) Leflore County;
772 (d) Quitman County;
773 (e) Tallahatchie County; and
774 (f) Tunica County.

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

777 (a) Subdistrict 7-1 shall consist of Bolivar County and
778 Coahoma County;

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

781 **SECTION 52.** Section 9-5-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
782 amended as follows:

783 9-5-25. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the Seventh
784 Chancery Court District. The three (3) chancellorships shall be
785 separate and distinct. One (1) chancellor shall be elected from
786 Subdistrict 7-1 and shall be denominated for purposes of
787 appointment and election only as "Place One * * *", and two (2)
788 chancellors shall be elected from Subdistrict 7-2 and shall be
789 denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as
790 "Place Two" and "Place Three * * *".

791 **SECTION 53.** Section 9-5-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
792 brought forward as follows:

793 9-5-27. The Eighth Chancery Court District is composed of
794 the following counties:



- 795 (a) Hancock County;
796 (b) Harrison County; and
797 (c) Stone County.

798 **SECTION 54.** Section 9-5-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
799 amended as follows:

800 9-5-29. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the
801 Eighth Chancery Court District.

802 (2) The four (4) chancellorships shall be separate and
803 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election
804 only as "Place One * * *", "Place Two * * *", "Place Three" and
805 "Place Four."

806 (3) While there shall be no limitation whatsoever upon the
807 powers and duties of the chancellors other than as cast upon them
808 by the Constitution and laws of this state, the court in the
809 Eighth Chancery Court District, in the discretion of the senior
810 chancellor, may be divided into four (4) divisions as a matter of
811 convenience by the entry of an order upon the minutes of the
812 court.

813 **SECTION 55.** Section 9-5-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
814 brought forward as follows:

815 9-5-31. (1) The Ninth Chancery Court District is composed
816 of the following counties:

- 817 (a) Humphreys County;
818 (b) Issaquena County;
819 (c) Sharkey County;



820 (d) Sunflower County;
821 (e) Warren County; and
822 (f) Washington County.

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

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

827 (i) Sunflower County: Boyer-Linn, Drew,
828 Fairview-Hale, Indianola 2 East*, Indianola 3 North*, Indianola 3
829 Northeast*, Indianola 3 South*, Rome, Ruleville, Ruleville North
830 and Sunflower Plantation; and

831 (ii) Washington County: American Legion, Brent
832 Center, Buster Brown Community Center, Darlove Baptist Church*,
833 Elks Club, Extension Building, Grace Methodist Church*, Greenville
834 Industrial College, Leland Health Department Clinic, Leland Rotary
835 Club, Metcalf City Hall and Potter House Church.

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

838 (i) Sunflower County: Doddsville, Indianola 2
839 East*, Indianola 2 West, Indianola 3 North*, Indianola 3
840 Northeast*, Indianola 3 South*, Indianola Southeast, Inverness,
841 Moorhead, Sunflower 3 and Sunflower 4; and

842 (ii) Washington County: Arcola City Hall, Christ
843 Wesleyan Methodist Church, Darlove Baptist Church*, Glen Allan
844 Health Clinic, Grace Methodist Church*, Hollandale City Hall, St.



845 James Episcopal Church, Swiftwater Baptist Church, Tampa Drive and
846 Ward's Recreation Center.

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

849 **SECTION 56.** Section 9-5-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
850 brought forward as follows:

851 9-5-33. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the Ninth
852 Chancery Court District. One (1) chancellor shall be elected from
853 each subdistrict.

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

856 9-5-35. The Tenth Chancery Court District is composed of the
857 following counties:

- 858 (a) Forrest County;
- 859 (b) Lamar County;
- 860 (c) Marion County;
- 861 (d) Pearl River County; and
- 862 (e) Perry County.

863 **SECTION 58.** Section 9-5-36, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
864 amended as follows:

865 9-5-36. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the
866 Tenth Chancery Court District.

867 (2) The four (4) chancellorships shall be separate and
868 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election
869 only as "Place One * * *", "Place Two * * *", "Place Three" and



870 "Place Four." The chancellor to fill Place One and Place Four may
871 be a resident of any county in the district. The chancellor to
872 fill Place Two must be a resident of Lamar, Marion, Pearl River or
873 Perry County. The chancellor to fill Place Three must be a
874 resident of Forrest County. Election of the four (4) offices of
875 chancellor shall be by election to be held in every county within
876 the Tenth Chancery Court District.

877 **SECTION 59.** Section 9-5-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
878 brought forward as follows:

879 9-5-37. (1) The Eleventh Chancery Court District is
880 composed of the following counties:

- 881 (a) Holmes County;
- 882 (b) Leake County;
- 883 (c) Madison County; and
- 884 (d) Yazoo County.

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

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

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



895 Liberty, Lorman/Cavalier, Luther Branson School, Madison 1,
896 Madison 2, Madison 3, Main Harbor, New Industrial Park, North Bay,
897 Ratliff Ferry, Ridgeland 1, Ridgeland 3, Ridgeland 4, Ridgeland
898 First Methodist Church, Ridgeland Tennis Center, Sharon,
899 Sunnybrook, Tougaloo, Trace Harbor, Victory Baptist Church,
900 Virililia, Whisper Lake and Yandell Road.

901 **SECTION 60.** Section 9-5-38, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
902 amended as follows:

903 9-5-38. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the
904 Eleventh Chancery Court District. The three (3) chancellorships
905 shall be separate and distinct. One (1) chancellor shall be
906 elected from Subdistrict 11-1 and denominated for purposes of
907 appointment and election only as "Place One * * *", one (1)
908 chancellor shall be elected from Subdistrict 11-2 and denominated
909 for purposes of appointment and election only as "Place
910 Two * * *", and one (1) chancellor shall be elected at large from
911 the entire Eleventh Chancery Court District and denominated for
912 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place Three * * *".

913 **SECTION 61.** Section 9-5-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
914 brought forward as follows:

915 9-5-39. The Twelfth Chancery Court District is composed of
916 the following counties:

- 917 (a) Clarke County; and
918 (b) Lauderdale County.



919 **SECTION 62.** Section 9-5-40, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
920 brought forward as follows:

921 9-5-40. (1) There shall be two (2) judges for the Twelfth
922 Chancery Court District.

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

926 **SECTION 63.** Section 9-5-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
927 brought forward as follows:

928 9-5-41. (1) The Thirteenth Chancery Court District is
929 composed of the following counties:

- 930 (a) Covington County;
- 931 (b) Jefferson Davis County;
- 932 (c) Lawrence County;
- 933 (d) Simpson County; and
- 934 (e) Smith County.

935 (2) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the Thirteenth
936 Chancery Court District. The two (2) chancellorships shall be
937 separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment
938 and election only as "Place One" and "Place Two."

939 **SECTION 64.** Section 9-5-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
940 brought forward as follows:

941 9-5-43. (1) The Fourteenth Chancery Court District is
942 composed of the following counties:

- 943 (a) Chickasaw County;



- 944 (b) Clay County;
- 945 (c) Lowndes County;
- 946 (d) Noxubee County;
- 947 (e) Oktibbeha County; and
- 948 (f) Webster County.

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

951 (a) Subdistrict 14-1 shall consist of Chickasaw County,
952 Webster County and the following precincts in Oktibbeha County:
953 Bell Schoolhouse*, Bradley, Center Grove, Central Starkville*,
954 Craig Springs, Double Springs, East Starkville*, Gillespie Street
955 Center*, Maben, North Adaton, North Longview, North Starkville 2*,
956 North Starkville 3, Northeast Starkville, Self Creek, South
957 Adaton, South Longview, South Starkville*, Sturgis and West
958 Starkville*.

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

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

963 (ii) Lowndes County: Air Base A, Air Base B, Air
964 Base C, Air Base D, Air Base E, Brandon A, Brandon B, Brandon C,
965 Brandon D, Caledonia, Columbus High School A, Columbus High School
966 B, Columbus High School C, Columbus High School D, Dowdle Gas
967 Training Center B, Fairgrounds C, Fairgrounds E, Fairgrounds F,
968 Hunt C, Lee Middle School, Mitchell A, New Hope A, New Hope B, New



969 Hope C, New Hope D, New Hope E, Rural Hill A, Rural Hill B, Rural
970 Hill C, Sale A, Sale B, Sale C, Steens A, Steens B, Steens C,
971 Trinity B, Union Academy B, Union Academy C and University A.

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

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

976 (ii) Lowndes County: Artesia, Coleman A, Coleman
977 B, Crawford A, Fairgrounds A, Fairgrounds B, Fairgrounds D,
978 Fairgrounds G, Hunt A, Hunt B, Mitchell B, New Hope F, Plum Grove
979 A, Plum Grove B, Plum Grove C, Propst Park Community Hut, Trinity
980 A, Union Academy A, University B, West Lowndes A and West Lowndes
981 B; and

982 (iii) Oktibbeha County: Bell Schoolhouse*,
983 Central Starkville*, East Starkville*, Gillespie Street Center*,
984 Hickory Grove, North Starkville 2*, Oktoc, Osborn, Sessums, South
985 Starkville*, Southeast Oktibbeha and West Starkville*.

986 **SECTION 65.** Section 9-5-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
987 brought forward as follows:

988 9-5-45. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the
989 Fourteenth Chancery Court District. One (1) chancellor shall be
990 elected from each subdistrict.

991 **SECTION 66.** Section 9-5-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
992 brought forward as follows:



993 9-5-47. The Fifteenth Chancery Court District is composed of
994 the following counties:

995 (a) Covich County; and

996 (b) Lincoln County.

997 **SECTION 67.** Section 9-5-49, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
998 brought forward as follows:

999 9-5-49. The Sixteenth Chancery Court District is composed of
1000 the following counties:

1001 (a) George County;

1002 (b) Greene County; and

1003 (c) Jackson County.

1004 **SECTION 68.** Section 9-5-50, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1005 amended as follows:

1006 9-5-50. (1) There shall be three (3) chancellors for the
1007 Sixteenth Chancery Court District.

1008 (2) The three (3) chancellorships shall be separate and
1009 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election
1010 only as "Place One * * *", "Place Two" and "Place Three."

1011 **SECTION 69.** Section 9-5-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1012 brought forward as follows:

1013 9-5-51. (1) The Seventeenth Chancery Court District is
1014 composed of the following counties:

1015 (a) Adams County;

1016 (b) Claiborne County;

1017 (c) Jefferson County; and



1018 (d) Wilkinson County.

1019 (2) The Seventeenth Chancery Court District shall be divided
1020 into two (2) subdistricts as follows:

1021 (a) Subdistrict 17-1 shall consist of Claiborne County,
1022 Jefferson County, and the following precincts in Adams County:
1023 Airport Carpenter*, Convention Center*, Foster Mound, Maryland*,
1024 Northside School, Palestine, Pine Ridge, Thompson and Washington*.

1025 (b) Subdistrict 17-2 shall consist of Wilkinson County
1026 and the following precincts in Adams County: Beau Pre, Bellemont,
1027 By-Pass Fire Station, Carpenter*, Concord, Convention Center*,
1028 Courthouse, Duncan Park, Kingston, Liberty Park, Maryland*,
1029 Morgantown, Oakland and Washington*.

1030 (3) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the Seventeenth
1031 Chancery Court District. One (1) chancellor shall be elected from
1032 each subdistrict.

1033 **SECTION 70.** Section 9-5-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1034 brought forward as follows:

1035 9-5-53. The Eighteenth Chancery Court District is composed
1036 of the following counties:

1037 (a) Benton County;

1038 (b) Calhoun County;

1039 (c) Lafayette County;

1040 (d) Marshall County; and

1041 (e) Tippah County.



1042 **SECTION 71.** Section 9-5-54, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1043 brought forward as follows:

1044 9-5-54. (1) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the
1045 Eighteenth Chancery Court District.

1046 (2) The two (2) chancellorships shall be separate and
1047 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election
1048 only as "Place One" and "Place Two."

1049 **SECTION 72.** Section 9-5-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1050 brought forward as follows:

1051 9-5-55. The Nineteenth Chancery Court District is composed
1052 of the following counties:

- 1053 (a) Jones County; and
1054 (b) Wayne County.

1055 **SECTION 73.** Section 9-5-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1056 brought forward as follows:

1057 9-5-57. The Twentieth Chancery Court District shall be
1058 Rankin County.

1059 **SECTION 74.** Section 9-5-58, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1060 amended as follows:

1061 9-5-58. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the
1062 Twentieth Chancery Court District. For purposes of appointment
1063 and election the three (3) chancellorships shall be separate and
1064 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election
1065 only as "Place One * * *", "Place Two", and "Place Three * * *".



1066 **SECTION 75.** Section 9-3-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1067 brought forward as follows:

1068 9-3-1. The state shall be divided into three (3) Supreme
1069 Court districts, as follows, to wit:

1070 The counties of Bolivar, Claiborne, Copiah, Hinds, Holmes,
1071 Humphreys, Issaquena, Jefferson, Kemper, Lauderdale, Leake,
1072 Madison, Neshoba, Newton, Noxubee, Rankin, Scott, Sharkey,
1073 Sunflower, Warren, Washington and Yazoo shall constitute the First
1074 District.

1075 The counties of Adams, Amite, Clarke, Covington, Forrest,
1076 Franklin, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Jasper,
1077 Jefferson Davis, Jones, Lamar, Lawrence, Lincoln, Marion, Pearl
1078 River, Perry, Pike, Simpson, Smith, Stone, Walthall, Wayne, and
1079 Wilkinson shall constitute the Second District.

1080 The counties of Alcorn, Attala, Benton, Calhoun, Carroll,
1081 Chickasaw, Choctaw, Clay, Coahoma, DeSoto, Grenada, Itawamba,
1082 Lafayette, Lee, Leflore, Lowndes, Marshall, Monroe, Montgomery,
1083 Oktibbeha, Panola, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Quitman, Tallahatchie,
1084 Tate, Tippah, Tishomingo, Tunica, Union, Webster, Winston and
1085 Yalobusha, shall constitute the Third District.

1086 **SECTION 76.** Section 23-15-993, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1087 brought forward as follows:

1088 23-15-993. For the purpose of all elections, each of the
1089 nine (9) judgeships of the **Supreme Court shall be considered a**
1090 **separate office.** The three (3) offices in each of the three (3)



1091 Supreme Court districts shall be designated Position Number 1,
1092 Position Number 2 and Position Number 3, and in qualifying for
1093 office as a candidate for any office of judge of the Supreme Court
1094 each candidate shall state the position number of the office to
1095 which he aspires and the regular election ballots shall so
1096 indicate. In Supreme Court District Number 1: Position Number 1
1097 shall be that office for which the term ends in January 1966;
1098 Position Number 2 shall be that office for which the term ends in
1099 January 1965; and Position Number 3 shall be that office for which
1100 the term ends in January 1969. In District Number 2: Position
1101 Number 1 shall be that office for which the term ends in January
1102 1972; Position Number 2 shall be that office for which the term
1103 ends in January 1969; and Position Number 3 shall be for that
1104 office for which the term ends in January 1973. In District
1105 Number 3: Position Number 1 shall be that office for which the
1106 term ends in January 1969; Position Number 2 shall be that office
1107 for which the term ends in January 1969; and Position Number 3
1108 shall be that office for which the term ends in January 1965.

1109 **SECTION 77.** Section 9-9-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1110 brought forward as follows:

1111 9-9-1. (1) There shall be an inferior court to be known as
1112 the county court in and for each of the following counties:

1113 (a) Each county of the state wherein a county court is
1114 in existence on July 1, 1985;



1115 (b) From and after January 1, 1987, each county that
1116 has a population exceeding fifty thousand (50,000) inhabitants as
1117 shown by the latest federal decennial census; and

1118 (c) The board of supervisors of any county having a
1119 population exceeding thirty-nine thousand (39,000) inhabitants as
1120 shown by the latest federal decennial census in which Highways 589
1121 and 98 intersect shall have the option to establish a county court
1122 under the provisions of this section.

1123 (2) (a) A county judge for a county that is required to
1124 establish a county court under subsection (1)(b) of this section
1125 shall be elected by the qualified electors of the county in the
1126 same manner as provided for the election of circuit court judges
1127 at an election held at the same time as the next regular election
1128 of circuit court judges first occurring after the date upon which
1129 it can be determined that a county court is required under the
1130 provisions of subsection (1)(b) of this section to be established
1131 in such county.

1132 (b) A county judge for a county electing to establish a
1133 county court under subsection (1)(c) of this section shall be
1134 elected by the qualified electors of the county in the same manner
1135 as provided for the election of circuit court judges at an
1136 election held at the November general election first occurring
1137 after the date when the board of supervisors spreads upon its
1138 minutes a resolution creating the county court. The term of the
1139 county court judge so elected shall begin on the first day of



1140 January following the November election, and shall end at the same
1141 time as for county court judges generally. Thereafter, the county
1142 court judge shall be elected and serve for a term as provided for
1143 county court judges generally.

1144 (3) The provisions of this section shall not be construed so
1145 as to require that a county court be established in any county in
1146 which the board of supervisors has agreed and contracted with the
1147 board of supervisors of any other county or counties to support
1148 and maintain one (1) county court for such counties as provided in
1149 Section 9-9-3.

1150 **SECTION 78.** Section 9-9-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1151 brought forward as follows:

1152 9-9-3. Any two (2) or more counties in the discretion of
1153 their respective boards of supervisors may contract and agree
1154 between themselves to support and maintain one (1) county court
1155 for such counties. If such agreement be made then the expenses of
1156 the operation of said court shall be prorated among such two (2)
1157 or more counties and the pro rata part of each county shall be
1158 paid from the general funds of each county, from any special tax
1159 which may be levied for the support of such court, or any funds
1160 made available to the county from the Federal Law Enforcement
1161 Assistance Administration for this purpose.

1162 **SECTION 79.** Section 9-9-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1163 brought forward as follows:



1164 9-9-5. (1) The county judge shall possess all of the
1165 qualifications of a circuit judge as prescribed by the Mississippi
1166 Constitution. In the event of the establishment of a county court
1167 by agreement between two (2) or more counties as provided in
1168 Section 9-9-3, the judge of said court may be a qualified elector
1169 of any one (1) of said counties, and shall have such other
1170 qualifications as provided for by law. The county judge shall be
1171 elected by the qualified electors of his county at the time and in
1172 the manner as circuit judges are elected and he shall hold office
1173 for the same term. Vacancies in the office of county judge shall
1174 be filled in the same manner as vacancies in the office of circuit
1175 judge.

1176 (2) Provided, however, that in any county having a total
1177 population in excess of eleven thousand (11,000) according to the
1178 1970 federal decennial census and a total assessed valuation of
1179 real and personal property of not less than Sixteen Million
1180 Dollars (\$16,000,000.00) and not more than Seventeen Million
1181 Dollars (\$17,000,000.00) and in which Mississippi Highway 4 and
1182 United States Highway 61 intersect, in which there is a vacancy in
1183 the post of county judge resulting from the failure of a candidate
1184 to qualify for that post, the board of supervisors of such county
1185 may, upon certification of such vacancy to the board, appoint a
1186 county judge to serve out the term so vacated who shall be a
1187 licensed attorney from such county or an adjoining county. The



1188 compensation of such attorney shall be the same he would have
1189 otherwise received if elected.

1190 (3) In the event that any county wherein is located a state
1191 hospital and wherein U.S. Highway 80 and Mississippi Highway 43
1192 intersect shall establish a county court, the county judge of such
1193 county shall be elected at the general election to be held on
1194 Tuesday after the first Monday of November 1982, after qualifying
1195 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that the board of
1196 supervisors of such county may appoint a county judge who shall be
1197 a licensed attorney from such county until the office of county
1198 judge shall be filled pursuant to said election.

1199 **SECTION 80.** Section 9-9-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1200 brought forward as follows:

1201 9-9-11. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections
1202 (2), (3) and (4), the county court judge shall receive an annual
1203 salary payable monthly out of the county treasury in an amount not
1204 to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) less than the salary
1205 which is now or shall hereafter be provided for circuit and
1206 chancery judges of this state, in the discretion of the board of
1207 supervisors of said county; provided, however, that the salary of
1208 such judge shall not be reduced during his term of office.
1209 Provided further, that the office of county court judge in any
1210 county receiving an annual salary of Thirty-six Thousand Dollars
1211 (\$36,000.00) or more shall be a full-time position, and the holder
1212 thereof shall not otherwise engage in the practice of law.



1213 (2) If a county court is established by agreement between
1214 two (2) or more counties as provided in Section 9-9-3, the county
1215 judge of the court so established shall be paid a salary equal to
1216 one and one-half (1-1/2) times that salary that he would be paid
1217 if he were the judge of the smallest of such two (2) or more
1218 counties, such salary to be paid in monthly installments as
1219 provided by law; provided that such salary shall not exceed One
1220 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) less than the salary of the circuit
1221 and chancery judges of this state.

1222 (3) The county court judge shall receive an annual salary
1223 payable monthly out of the county treasury as follows:

1224 (a) In any county having a population of seventy
1225 thousand (70,000) or more according to the 1980 federal census,
1226 the county judge shall receive an annual salary of One Thousand
1227 Dollars (\$1,000.00) less than that paid to a circuit court judge.
1228 The office of county judge shall be a full-time position, and the
1229 holder thereof shall not otherwise engage in the practice of law.

1230 (b) In any county having a population of sixty thousand
1231 (60,000) or more but less than seventy thousand (70,000) according
1232 to the 1980 federal census, the county judge shall receive an
1233 annual salary of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00). The office
1234 of county judge shall be a full-time position, and the holder
1235 thereof shall not otherwise engage in the practice of law. The
1236 county judge shall not be eligible for any additional salary
1237 except as may be authorized in subsection (4).



1238 (c) In any county having a population of twenty-seven
1239 thousand (27,000) or more but less than sixty thousand (60,000)
1240 according to the 1980 federal census, the county judge shall
1241 receive an annual salary of not less than Twelve Thousand Dollars
1242 (\$12,000.00) but not more than Forty Thousand Dollars
1243 (\$40,000.00), in the discretion of the board of supervisors of
1244 said county. The county judge shall not be eligible for any
1245 additional salary except as may be authorized in subsection (4).
1246 In the event that the board of supervisors of said county elects
1247 to pay such county judge an annual salary of Thirty Thousand
1248 Dollars (\$30,000.00) or more, the office of county judge shall be
1249 a full-time position, and the holder thereof shall not otherwise
1250 engage in the practice of law.

1251 (d) In any county having a population of less than
1252 twenty-seven thousand (27,000) according to the 1980 federal
1253 census, the county judge shall receive an annual salary of not
1254 less than Four Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$4,200.00) and not
1255 more than Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500.00), in the
1256 discretion of the board of supervisors of said county. The county
1257 judge shall not be eligible for any additional salary except as
1258 may be authorized in subsection (4).

1259 (4) The county judge of any county described in this
1260 subsection shall be paid the compensation, and he shall be subject
1261 to any restrictions set forth in the following paragraphs:



1262 (a) The county judge of any such Class 1 county with a
1263 population according to the latest federal decennial census of
1264 forty-five thousand (45,000) or more and lying wholly within a
1265 levee district and having two (2) judicial districts shall, in the
1266 discretion of the board of supervisors of such county, receive an
1267 annual salary not exceeding Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00),
1268 or a sum which is One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) less than the
1269 salary which is now or shall hereafter be provided for circuit and
1270 chancery judges of the state, whichever is greater.

1271 (b) The county judge of any Class 1 county having an
1272 area in excess of nine hundred twenty-five (925) square miles
1273 shall receive an annual salary of not less than Thirty Thousand
1274 Dollars (\$30,000.00) but, in the discretion of the board of
1275 supervisors of such county, such salary may be not more than Five
1276 Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) less than the annual salary of a circuit
1277 judge, payable monthly out of the county treasury, and the county
1278 judge shall not practice law.

1279 (c) The office of county judge in any such Class 1
1280 county with a population according to the 1970 federal decennial
1281 census of greater than thirty-nine thousand (39,000), and where
1282 U.S. Highway 61 and Mississippi Highway 6 intersect, shall receive
1283 an annual salary to be paid in monthly installments of not less
1284 than an amount equal to ninety percent (90%) of the annual salary
1285 which is now or shall hereafter be provided for circuit and
1286 chancery judges of the state, as follows: The salary of the



1287 county judge shall be increased by ten percent (10%) annually
1288 above the base salary of the preceding year until such time as the
1289 judge's salary is equal to the amount that is provided by this
1290 subsection. The office of county judge shall be a full-time
1291 position and the holder thereof shall not otherwise engage in the
1292 practice of law.

1293 (d) In any Class 1 county bordering on the Mississippi
1294 River and which has situated therein a national military park and
1295 national military cemetery, the office of county judge shall be a
1296 full-time position and the holder thereof shall not otherwise
1297 engage in the practice of law. The salary for the county judge in
1298 said county shall be fixed at a sum which is One Thousand Dollars
1299 (\$1,000.00) less than the salary which is now or shall hereafter
1300 be provided for circuit and chancery judges of this state.

1301 (e) The county judge in any county having a population
1302 of at least forty-two thousand one hundred eleven (42,111),
1303 according to the 1970 census, and where U.S. Highway 49E and U.S.
1304 Highway 82 intersect, shall receive an annual salary to be paid in
1305 monthly installments of not less than Thirty Thousand Dollars
1306 (\$30,000.00) but not more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars
1307 (\$2,500.00) less than the annual salary of the circuit judge, in
1308 the discretion of the board of supervisors of said county.

1309 (f) The county judge in any Class 1 county bordering on
1310 the Mississippi River and having an area of less than four hundred
1311 fifty (450) square miles wherein U.S. Highways 84 and 61 intersect



1312 shall receive an annual salary of Four Thousand Dollars
1313 (\$4,000.00) less than the annual salary of a circuit judge, and
1314 such county judge shall not practice law in any manner. The
1315 county judge in such county shall not be eligible to receive any
1316 additional salary authorized by this section or from any other
1317 source other than that set out and authorized by this paragraph.

1318 (g) The county judge of any Class 1 county bordering on
1319 the Mississippi River on the west and the State of Tennessee on
1320 the north, and traversed north to south by Interstate Highway 55,
1321 shall receive an annual salary of ninety percent (90%) of the
1322 salary which is now or shall hereafter be provided for chancery
1323 and circuit judges of this state, but in any event not less than
1324 Sixty Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$60,200.00).

1325 (h) The county judge of any Class 1 county with a
1326 population of greater than sixty-nine thousand (69,000) according
1327 to the 1980 federal decennial census, and wherein U.S. Highway 80
1328 and Mississippi Highway 43 intersect, shall receive an annual
1329 salary in an amount not greater than the sum of Five Hundred
1330 Dollars (\$500.00) less than the salary which is now or shall
1331 hereafter be provided for circuit and chancery judges of this
1332 state, in the discretion of the board of supervisors of said
1333 county.

1334 (i) The county judge of any county having a population
1335 in excess of sixty-six thousand (66,000) according to the 1980
1336 federal decennial census, wherein is located a state-supported



1337 university and in which U.S. Highways 49 and 11 intersect, shall
1338 receive an annual salary of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) less
1339 than that paid to a circuit court judge. The office of such
1340 county judge shall be a full-time position, and the holder thereof
1341 shall not otherwise engage in the practice of law.

1342 (j) The county judge of any county having two (2)
1343 judicial districts, having a population in excess of sixty-one
1344 thousand nine hundred (61,900) according to the 1980 federal
1345 decennial census, in which U.S. Interstate Highway 59 intersects
1346 with U.S. Highway 84, shall receive an annual salary of One
1347 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) less than the salary which is now or
1348 hereafter authorized to be paid circuit and chancery court judges
1349 of this state. The office of such county judge shall be a
1350 full-time position, and the holder thereof shall not otherwise
1351 engage in the practice of law.

1352 (k) The office of county judge of any Class I county
1353 wherein U.S. Highway 51 and U.S. Highway 98 intersect shall be a
1354 full-time position and the holder thereof shall not otherwise
1355 engage in the practice of law. The annual salary for the office
1356 of county judge in said county may be fixed, in the discretion of
1357 the board of supervisors of said county, at a sum not to exceed
1358 Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) less than the salary which is now
1359 or shall hereafter be provided for circuit and chancery judges of
1360 this state.



1361 (1) The county judge of any county having a population
1362 of more than forty-one thousand six hundred (41,600) but less than
1363 forty-one thousand six hundred fifty (41,650) according to the
1364 1980 federal census, and wherein U.S. Highway 49 intersects with
1365 Mississippi Highway 22, shall receive an annual salary payable
1366 monthly out of the county treasury of One Thousand Dollars
1367 (\$1,000.00) less than the salary provided now or hereafter for
1368 circuit and chancery judges of this state.

1369 (m) The county judge of any county having a population
1370 of more than fifty-seven thousand (57,000) but less than
1371 fifty-seven thousand one hundred (57,100) according to the 1980
1372 federal census, wherein U.S. Highway 45 intersects with
1373 Mississippi Highway 6, shall receive an annual salary in an amount
1374 established by the board of supervisors, but in no event to exceed
1375 the salary provided now or hereafter for circuit and chancery
1376 judges of this state.

1377 (n) The county judge of any county having a population
1378 of more than fifty-seven thousand three hundred (57,300) according
1379 to the 1980 federal decennial census, wherein is located a
1380 state-supported university and wherein U.S. Highways 82 and 45
1381 intersect, shall receive an annual salary in an amount established
1382 by the board of supervisors, but in no event to exceed the salary
1383 provided now or hereafter for circuit and chancery judges of this
1384 state.



1385 (5) The salary of a county court judge or justice court
1386 judge shall not be reduced during his term of office as a result
1387 of a population decrease based upon the 1990 federal decennial
1388 census.

1389 (6) The salary of a sheriff shall not be reduced during his
1390 term of office as a result of a population decrease based upon the
1391 1990 federal decennial census.

1392 (7) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the
1393 contrary, the board of supervisors of any county, in its
1394 discretion, may pay its county court judge an annual salary of One
1395 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) less than that paid to a circuit
1396 court judge. The office of county judge shall be a full-time
1397 position, and the holder thereof shall not otherwise engage in the
1398 practice of law.

1399 (8) (a) There shall be transferred to the county for each
1400 county court judge, payment to be made in monthly installments
1401 from the Judicial System Operation Fund created under Section
1402 9-21-45, an annual salary supplement of:

1403 (i) From and after January 1, 2013, through
1404 December 31, 2013, the sum of Seven Thousand Nine Hundred
1405 Fifty-seven Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$7,957.50), plus any
1406 applicable fringe benefits resulting from this amount;

1407 (ii) From and after January 1, 2014, through
1408 December 31, 2014, the sum of Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred



1409 Fifteen Dollars (\$15,915.00), plus any applicable fringe benefits
1410 resulting from this amount;

1411 (iii) From and after January 1, 2015, through
1412 December 31, 2015, the sum of Twenty-three Thousand Eight Hundred
1413 Seventy-two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$23,872.50), plus any
1414 applicable fringe benefits resulting from this amount; and

1415 (iv) From and after January 1, 2016, through
1416 December 31, 2019, the sum of Thirty-one Thousand Eight Hundred
1417 Thirty Dollars (\$31,830.00), plus any applicable fringe benefits
1418 resulting from this amount.

1419 (b) From and after January 1, 2019, and every four (4)
1420 years thereafter, the annual salary in this subsection (8) shall
1421 be adjusted according to the level of compensation recommended by
1422 the State Personnel Board for county court judges in the board's
1423 most recent report on judicial salaries, as required under Section
1424 25-9-115, to the extent that sufficient funds are available.

1425 (c) The total annual salary paid to the county court
1426 judge out of the county treasury and out of the Judicial System
1427 Operation Fund created under Section 9-21-45 shall not exceed the
1428 salary limitation set forth in subsection (7) of this section.

1429 **SECTION 81.** Section 9-9-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1430 brought forward as follows:

1431 9-9-9. The county judge shall not practice law in any of the
1432 courts of the county wherein he holds court, but this prohibition
1433 shall not prohibit the judges of the county courts from practicing



1434 in any of the courts so far as to enable them to bring to a
1435 conclusion cases actually pending when they were appointed or
1436 elected, in which such county judges were then employed as
1437 provided in Section 9-1-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, for judges
1438 of the circuit court and chancellors.

1439 **SECTION 82.** Section 9-9-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1440 brought forward as follows:

1441 9-9-13. The governing body of any municipality with a
1442 population in excess of one hundred thousand (100,000) persons,
1443 upon determination that municipal security or efficiency is
1444 involved in the judicial process in the handling of appeals from
1445 municipal court and of related matters, may contract to supplement
1446 the salary of county judicial officers in the county in which such
1447 municipality is located in exchange for the surrender by such
1448 judicial officers of the right to engage in the practice of law.
1449 The salary of such judicial officer so supplemented shall not
1450 exceed the salary of circuit or chancery judges in such county or
1451 of municipal councilmen, whichever is less.

1452 **SECTION 83.** Section 9-9-14, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1453 brought forward as follows:

1454 9-9-14. (1) In order to relieve the crowded condition of
1455 the docket in the county court of Harrison County and particularly
1456 to facilitate and make possible the trial and disposition of the
1457 large number of causes on said docket, there shall be three (3)



1458 county judges for Harrison County provided for and elected as
1459 herein set out.

1460 (2) For the purposes of nomination and election, the three
1461 (3) judgeships shall be separate and distinct, to be denominated
1462 for purposes of appointment, nomination and election only as
1463 "place one," "place two" and "place three." There shall be no
1464 distinction whatsoever in the powers, duties and emoluments of the
1465 three (3) offices of county judge, except that the county judge of
1466 Harrison County who has been for the longest time continuously a
1467 county judge of said county shall have the power to assign causes,
1468 terms and dockets.

1469 (3) While there shall be no limitation whatsoever upon the
1470 powers and duties of the said county judges other than as cast
1471 upon them by the constitution and laws of this state, the county
1472 court of Harrison County may, in the discretion of the county
1473 judge who has been for the longest time continuously a judge of
1474 said court, be divided into civil, equity and criminal divisions
1475 as a matter of convenience, by the entry of an order upon the
1476 minutes of the court.

1477 (4) The Governor shall appoint some qualified person from
1478 Harrison County to fill the office of county judge hereby created,
1479 who shall hold office until his successor is elected and qualified
1480 in the manner and form as provided in Section 9-9-5, Mississippi
1481 Code of 1972, and said appointment and election shall in all
1482 respects be of the same import as if the office had heretofore



1483 been in existence and a vacancy had as of October 1, 1972,
1484 occurred therein.

1485 (5) Each county judge shall appoint his own court reporter
1486 in accordance with Section 9-13-61, Mississippi Code of 1972, for
1487 the purpose of doing the necessary stenographic work of the court.

1488 (6) The family court judge in Harrison County shall be the
1489 county judge for "place three" from and after the passage of House
1490 Bill No. 876, 1999 Regular Session, to serve for the term expiring
1491 December 31, 2002.

1492 **SECTION 84.** Section 9-9-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1493 brought forward as follows:

1494 9-9-15. (1) In order to relieve the crowded condition of
1495 the docket in the county court and in the youth court of the First
1496 Judicial District of Hinds County and particularly to facilitate
1497 and make possible the trial and disposition of the large number of
1498 causes on said docket and in the youth court, there shall be three
1499 (3) county judges for Hinds County, Mississippi, provided for and
1500 elected as herein set out.

1501 (2) For purposes of appointment, nomination and election,
1502 the three (3) judgeships shall be separate and distinct, the
1503 presently existing judgeship and its succession to be denominated
1504 for purposes of appointment, nomination and election only as Place
1505 One, Place Two and Place Three. There shall be no distinction
1506 whatsoever in the powers, duties and emoluments of the three (3)
1507 offices of county judge, except that the county judge of Hinds



1508 County who has been for the longest time continuously a county
1509 judge of said county, shall have the right to assign causes, terms
1510 and dockets.

1511 (3) While there shall be no limitation whatsoever upon the
1512 powers and duties of the said county judges other than as cast
1513 upon them by the constitution and laws of this state, the county
1514 court in Hinds County may, in the discretion of the county judge
1515 who has been for the longest time continuously a judge of said
1516 court, be divided into civil, criminal and youth court divisions
1517 as a matter of convenience, by the entry of an order upon the
1518 minutes of the court.

1519 **SECTION 85.** Section 9-9-16, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1520 amended as follows:

1521 9-9-16. (1) In order to relieve the crowded condition of
1522 the docket in the county court of Washington County and
1523 particularly to facilitate and make possible the trial and
1524 disposition of the large number of causes on said docket, it is
1525 enacted that from and after January 1, 1976, in the manner
1526 provided herein, there shall be two (2) county judges for
1527 Washington County, Mississippi, provided for and elected as herein
1528 set out.

1529 (2) For the purposes of nomination and election, the two (2)
1530 judgeships shall be separate and distinct, the presently existing
1531 judgeship and its succession to be denominated for purposes of
1532 appointment, nomination and election only as "Place One" and the



1533 judgeship hereby created and its succession for said selfsame
1534 purposes and none other to be designated as "Place Two." There
1535 shall be no distinction whatsoever in the powers, duties and
1536 emoluments of the two (2) offices of county judge, except that the
1537 county judge of Washington County who has been for the longest
1538 time continuously a county judge of said county shall have the
1539 power to assign causes, terms and dockets. Should neither judge
1540 of said county court have served longer in said office than the
1541 other, then that judge of this county court who has been for the
1542 longest time a member of The Mississippi * * * Bar shall have the
1543 right to assign causes, terms and dockets.

1544 (3) While there shall be no limitation whatsoever upon the
1545 powers and duties of the said county judges other than as cast
1546 upon them by the Constitution and laws of this state, the County
1547 Court of Washington County may, in the discretion of the county
1548 judge who has been for the longest time continuously a judge of
1549 said court, be divided into civil, equity, youth and criminal
1550 divisions as a matter of convenience, by the entry of an order
1551 upon the minutes of the court.

1552 (4) Each county judge shall appoint his own court reporter
1553 in accordance with Section 9-13-61, Mississippi Code of 1972, for
1554 the purpose of doing the necessary stenographic work of the court.

1555 (5) The additional judgeship created by this section shall
1556 remain vacant unless prior to May 10, 1975, the Board Of
1557 Supervisors of Washington County, Mississippi, shall adopt an



1558 order duly entered upon the minutes of said board stating that
1559 sufficient county funds are available for the compensation and
1560 related expenses of the additional judgeship created herein.

1561 (6) If the order of the board of supervisors as required
1562 under subsection (5) of this section shall have been duly adopted
1563 and entered upon the minutes of said board prior to May 10, 1975,
1564 then the additional judgeship herein created shall be filled by a
1565 person elected in the regular primary and general elections to be
1566 held in 1975, and the person so elected shall hold office from
1567 January 1, 1976, for the remainder of the regular term for county
1568 judges. All candidates for such office shall possess all of the
1569 qualifications of a circuit judge as prescribed by the State
1570 Constitution and shall qualify for election in the same manner and
1571 be governed by the same statutes as other candidates for county
1572 office. After the first election to fill the judgeship created
1573 herein, the provisions of Section 9-9-5, Mississippi Code of 1972,
1574 shall apply to the judgeship created herein.

1575 **SECTION 86.** Section 9-9-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1576 brought forward as follows:

1577 9-9-17. (1) In order to relieve the crowded condition of
1578 the docket in the county court and in the youth court of Jackson
1579 County and particularly to facilitate and make possible the trial
1580 and disposition of the large number of causes on said docket and
1581 in the youth court, there shall be two (2) county judges for



1582 Jackson County, Mississippi, provided for and elected as herein
1583 set out.

1584 (2) For the purposes of nomination and election, the two (2)
1585 judgeships shall be separate and distinct, the presently existing
1586 judgeship and its succession to be denominated for purposes of
1587 appointment, nomination and election only as Place One and the
1588 judgeship hereby created and its succession for said selfsame
1589 purposes and none other to be designated as Place Two. There
1590 shall be no distinction whatsoever in the powers, duties and
1591 emoluments of the two (2) offices of county judge, except that the
1592 county judge of Jackson County who has been for the longest time
1593 continuously a county judge of said county shall have the right to
1594 assign causes, terms and dockets.

1595 (3) While there shall be no limitation whatsoever upon the
1596 powers and duties of the said county judges other than as cast
1597 upon them by the Constitution and laws of this state, the county
1598 court of Jackson County may, in the discretion of the county judge
1599 who has been for the longest time continuously a judge of said
1600 court, be divided into civil, equity, criminal and youth court
1601 divisions as a matter of convenience by the entry of an order upon
1602 the minutes of the court.

1603 (4) The two (2) county judges shall be elected at the same
1604 time and in the same manner now prescribed by law for the existing
1605 judgeship of Jackson County.



1606 (5) The Board of Supervisors of Jackson County may, in its
1607 discretion, set aside, appropriate and expend monies from the
1608 general fund to be used in the payment of salaries of judges,
1609 clerks, reporters, officers and employees of the youth court
1610 division of the county court, including the related facilities of
1611 the youth court division of the county court, and such funds shall
1612 be expended for no other purposes.

1613 The county shall not be reimbursed for the amount of any such
1614 levy provided for by this section under the terms of the Homestead
1615 Exemption Law.

1616 **SECTION 87.** Section 9-9-18, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1617 brought forward as follows:

1618 9-9-18. (1) In order to relieve the crowded condition of
1619 the docket in the county court and in the youth court of Rankin
1620 County and particularly to facilitate and make possible the trial
1621 and disposition of the large number of causes on the docket and in
1622 the youth court, there shall be two (2) county judges for Rankin
1623 County, provided for and elected as herein set out.

1624 (2) For the purposes of nomination and election, the two (2)
1625 judgeships shall be separate and distinct, the presently existing
1626 judgeship and its succession to be denominated for purposes of
1627 appointment, nomination and election only as "Place One" and the
1628 judgeship hereby created and its succession for said selfsame
1629 purposes and none other to be designated as "Place Two." There
1630 shall be no distinction whatsoever in the powers, duties and



1631 emoluments of the two (2) offices of county judge, except that the
1632 county judge of Rankin County who has been for the longest time
1633 continuously a county judge of the county shall have the right to
1634 assign causes, terms and dockets. Should neither judge of the
1635 county court have served longer in office than the other, then
1636 that judge of this county court who has been for the longest time
1637 a member of The Mississippi Bar shall have the right to assign
1638 causes, terms and dockets.

1639 (3) While there shall be no limitation whatsoever upon the
1640 powers and duties of the county judges other than as cast upon
1641 them by the Constitution and laws of this state, the county court
1642 of Rankin County may, in the discretion of the county judge who
1643 has been for the longest time continuously a judge of the court,
1644 be divided into civil, equity, criminal and youth court divisions
1645 as a matter of convenience by the entry of an order upon the
1646 minutes of the court.

1647 (4) The initial holder of the additional judgeship created
1648 by this section, or "Place Two," shall be elected in the regular
1649 election of November 2002; candidates therefor shall qualify to
1650 run not later than forty-five (45) days before that election. The
1651 person elected shall begin the term of office in January of 2003
1652 at the same time as county judges generally, and there shall be no
1653 vacancy of the office before that time. The two (2) judges shall
1654 otherwise be elected, and any vacancy in office filled, as
1655 provided for county judges generally.



1656 (5) The Board of Supervisors of Rankin County may, in its
1657 discretion, set aside, appropriate and expend monies from the
1658 general fund to be used in the payment of salaries of judges,
1659 clerks, reporters, officers and employees of the youth court
1660 division of the county court, including the related facilities of
1661 the youth court division of the county court, and such funds shall
1662 be expended for no other purposes. The county shall not be
1663 reimbursed for the amount of any such levy provided for by this
1664 section under the terms of the Homestead Exemption Law.

1665 **SECTION 88.** Section 9-9-18.1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1666 brought forward as follows:

1667 9-9-18.1. (1) In order to relieve the crowded condition of
1668 the docket in the county court and in the youth court of Madison
1669 County and particularly to facilitate and make possible the trial
1670 and disposition of the large number of causes on the docket and in
1671 the youth court, there shall be two (2) county judges for Madison
1672 County, provided for and elected as herein set out.

1673 (2) For the purposes of nomination and election, the two (2)
1674 judgeships shall be separate and distinct, the presently existing
1675 judgeship and its succession to be denominated for purposes of
1676 appointment, nomination and election only as "Place One" and the
1677 judgeship hereby created and its succession for said selfsame
1678 purposes and none other to be designated as "Place Two." There
1679 shall be no distinction whatsoever in the powers, duties and
1680 emoluments of the two (2) offices of county judge, except that the



1681 county judge of Madison County who has been for the longest time
1682 continuously a county judge of the county shall have the right to
1683 assign causes, terms and dockets. Should neither judge of the
1684 county court have served longer in office than the other, then
1685 that judge of this county court who has been for the longest time
1686 a member of The Mississippi Bar shall have the right to assign
1687 causes, terms and dockets.

1688 (3) While there shall be no limitation whatsoever upon the
1689 powers and duties of the county judges other than as cast upon
1690 them by the Constitution and laws of this state, the county court
1691 of Madison County may, in the discretion of the county judge who
1692 has been for the longest time continuously a judge of the court,
1693 be divided into civil, equity, criminal and youth court divisions
1694 as a matter of convenience by the entry of an order upon the
1695 minutes of the court.

1696 (4) The initial holder of the additional judgeship created
1697 by this section, or "Place Two," shall be elected in the regular
1698 election of November 2002; candidates therefor shall qualify to
1699 run not later than forty-five (45) days before that election. The
1700 person elected shall begin the term of office in January of 2003
1701 at the same time as county judges generally, and there shall be no
1702 vacancy of the office before that time. The two (2) judges shall
1703 otherwise be elected, and any vacancy in office filled, as
1704 provided for county judges generally.



1705 (5) The Board of Supervisors of Madison County may, in its
1706 discretion, set aside, appropriate and expend monies from the
1707 general fund to be used in the payment of salaries of judges,
1708 clerks, reporters, officers and employees of the youth court
1709 division of the county court, including the related facilities of
1710 the youth court division of the county court, and such funds shall
1711 be expended for no other purposes. The county shall not be
1712 reimbursed for the amount of any such levy provided for by this
1713 section under the terms of the Homestead Exemption Law.

1714 **SECTION 89.** Section 9-9-18.2, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1715 brought forward as follows:

1716 9-9-18.2. (1) In order to relieve the crowded condition of
1717 the docket in the courts and in the youth court of Pearl River
1718 County and particularly to facilitate and make possible the trial
1719 and disposition of the large number of causes on the docket and in
1720 the youth court, there shall be a county court with one (1) county
1721 judge for Pearl River County, provided for and elected as herein
1722 set out.

1723 (2) The county court of Pearl River County may, in the
1724 discretion of the county judge, be divided into civil, equity,
1725 criminal and youth court divisions as a matter of convenience by
1726 the entry of an order upon the minutes of the court.

1727 (3) The initial holder of the judgeship created by this
1728 section shall be elected in the regular election of November 2010;
1729 candidates therefor shall qualify to run not later than sixty (60)



1730 days before that election. The person elected shall begin the
1731 term of office in January of 2011 at the same time as county
1732 judges generally, and there shall be no vacancy of the office
1733 before that time. Thereafter, the judge shall otherwise be
1734 elected, and any vacancy in office filled, as provided for county
1735 judges generally.

1736 (4) The Board of Supervisors of Pearl River County may, in
1737 its discretion, set aside, appropriate and expend monies from the
1738 general fund to be used in the payment of salaries of the judge,
1739 clerks, reporters, officers and employees of the youth court
1740 division of the county court, including the related facilities of
1741 the youth court division of the county court, and such funds shall
1742 be expended for no other purposes. The county shall not be
1743 reimbursed for the amount of any such levy provided for by this
1744 section under the terms of the Homestead Exemption Law.

1745 **SECTION 90.** Section 9-9-18.3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1746 brought forward as follows:

1747 9-9-18.3. (1) In order to relieve the crowded condition of
1748 the docket in the county court and in the youth court of
1749 Lauderdale County and particularly to facilitate and make possible
1750 the trial and disposition of the large number of causes on the
1751 docket and in the youth court, there shall be two (2) county
1752 judges for Lauderdale County, provided for and elected as herein
1753 set out.



1754 (2) For the purposes of nomination and election, the two (2)
1755 judgeships shall be separate and distinct, the presently existing
1756 judgeship and its succession to be denominated for purposes of
1757 appointment, nomination and election only as "Place One" and the
1758 judgeship hereby created and its succession for said selfsame
1759 purposes and none other to be designated as "Place Two." There
1760 shall be no distinction whatsoever in the powers, duties and
1761 emoluments of the two (2) offices of county judge, except that the
1762 county judge of Lauderdale County who has been for the longest
1763 time continuously a county judge of the county shall have the
1764 right to assign causes, terms and dockets. Should neither judge
1765 of the county court have served longer in office than the other,
1766 then that judge of the county court who has been for the longest
1767 time a member of The Mississippi Bar shall have the right to
1768 assign causes, terms and dockets.

1769 (3) While there shall be no limitation whatsoever upon the
1770 powers and duties of the said county judges other than as cast
1771 upon them by the Constitution and laws of this state, the county
1772 court of Lauderdale County may, in the discretion of the county
1773 judge who has been for the longest time continuously a judge of
1774 said court, be divided into civil, equity, criminal and youth
1775 court divisions as a matter of convenience by the entry of an
1776 order upon the minutes of the court.

1777 (4) The initial holder of the additional judgeship created
1778 by this section, or "Place Two," shall be elected in the regular



1779 election of November 2006; candidates therefor shall qualify to
1780 run not later than forty-five (45) days before that election. The
1781 person elected shall begin the term of office in January of 2007
1782 at the same time as county judges generally, and there shall be no
1783 vacancy of the office before that time. Thereafter the two (2)
1784 judges shall otherwise be elected, and any vacancy in office
1785 filled, as provided for county judges generally.

1786 (5) The Board of Supervisors of Lauderdale County may, in
1787 its discretion, set aside, appropriate and expend monies from the
1788 general fund to be used in the payment of salaries of judges,
1789 clerks, reporters, officers and employees of the youth court
1790 division of the county court, including the related facilities of
1791 the youth court division of the county court, and such funds shall
1792 be expended for no other purposes. The county shall not be
1793 reimbursed for the amount of any such levy provided for by this
1794 section under the terms of the Homestead Exemption Law.

1795 **SECTION 91.** Section 9-9-18.5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1796 brought forward as follows:

1797 9-9-18.5. (1) In order to relieve the crowded condition of
1798 the docket in the county court and in the youth court of DeSoto
1799 County and particularly to facilitate and make possible the trial
1800 and disposition of the large number of causes on the docket and in
1801 the youth court, there shall be two (2) county judges for DeSoto
1802 County, provided for and elected as herein set out.



1803 (2) For the purposes of nomination and election, the two (2)
1804 judgeships shall be separate and distinct, the first existing
1805 judgeship and its succession to be denominated for purposes of
1806 appointment, nomination and election only as "Place One" and the
1807 judgeship hereby created and its succession for said selfsame
1808 purposes and none other to be designated as "Place Two." There
1809 shall be no distinction whatsoever in the powers, duties and
1810 emoluments of the two (2) offices of county judge, except that the
1811 county judge of DeSoto County who has been for the longest time
1812 continuously a county judge of the county shall have the right to
1813 assign causes, terms and dockets. Should neither judge of the
1814 county court have served longer in office than the other, then
1815 that judge who has been for the longest time a member of The
1816 Mississippi Bar shall have the right to assign causes, terms and
1817 dockets.

1818 (3) While there shall be no limitation whatsoever upon the
1819 powers and duties of the county judges other than as cast upon
1820 them by the Constitution and laws of this state, the county court
1821 of DeSoto County may, in the discretion of the county judge who
1822 has been for the longest time continuously a judge of the court,
1823 be divided into civil, equity, criminal and youth court divisions
1824 as a matter of convenience by the entry of an order upon the
1825 minutes of the court.

1826 (4) The initial holder of the additional judgeship created
1827 by this section, or "Place Two," shall be elected in the regular



1828 election of November 2008; candidates therefor shall qualify to
1829 run not later than forty-five (45) days before that election. The
1830 term of office of the person elected shall begin on the first day
1831 of January following the November election and shall end at the
1832 same time as for county judges generally. The two (2) judges
1833 shall otherwise be elected, and any vacancy in office filled, as
1834 provided for county judges generally.

1835 (5) The Board of Supervisors of DeSoto County may, in its
1836 discretion, set aside, appropriate and expend monies from the
1837 general fund to be used in the payment of salaries of judges,
1838 clerks, reporters, officers and employees of the youth court
1839 division of the county court, including the related facilities of
1840 the youth court division of the county court, and such funds shall
1841 be expended for no other purposes. The county shall not be
1842 reimbursed for the amount of any such levy provided for by this
1843 section under the terms of the Homestead Exemption Law.

1844 **SECTION 92.** Section 9-9-18.6, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1845 brought forward as follows:

1846 9-9-18.6. (1) In order to relieve the crowded condition of
1847 the docket in the county court and in the youth court of Lee
1848 County and particularly to facilitate and make possible the trial
1849 and disposition of the large number of causes in the youth court,
1850 there shall be two (2) county judges for Lee County, provided for
1851 and elected as herein set out.



1852 (2) For the purposes of nomination and election, the two (2)
1853 judgeships shall be separate and distinct, with the county
1854 judgeship that existed on January 1, 2018, to be denominated for
1855 purposes of appointment, nomination and election only as "Place
1856 One" and the additional judgeship hereby created to be designated
1857 as "Place Two." There shall be no distinction whatsoever in the
1858 powers, duties and emoluments of the two (2) offices of county
1859 judge, except that the county judge of Lee County who has been for
1860 the longest time continuously a county judge of the county shall
1861 have the right to assign causes, terms and dockets. Should
1862 neither judge of the county court have served longer in office
1863 than the other, then that judge of the county court who has been
1864 for the longest time a member of The Mississippi Bar shall have
1865 the right to assign causes, terms and dockets.

1866 (3) While there shall be no limitation whatsoever upon the
1867 powers and duties of the county judges other than as cast upon
1868 them by the Constitution and laws of this state, the county court
1869 of Lee County may, in the discretion of the county judge who has
1870 been for the longest time continuously a judge of the court, be
1871 divided into civil, equity, criminal and youth court divisions as
1872 a matter of convenience by the entry of an order upon the minutes
1873 of the court.

1874 (4) The initial holder of the additional judgeship created
1875 by this section, or "Place Two," shall be elected in the regular
1876 election of November 2018. The person elected shall begin the



1877 term of office in January 2019 at the same time as county judges
1878 generally, and there shall be no vacancy of the office before that
1879 time. The two (2) judges shall otherwise be elected, and any
1880 vacancy in office filled, as provided for county judges generally.

1881 (5) Each county judge shall appoint a court reporter in
1882 accordance with Section 9-13-61 for the purpose of doing the
1883 necessary stenographic work of the court.

1884 (6) The Board of Supervisors of Lee County may, in its
1885 discretion, set aside, appropriate and expend monies from the
1886 general fund to be used in the payment of salaries of judges,
1887 clerks, reporters, officers and employees of the youth court
1888 division of the county court, including the related facilities of
1889 the youth court division of the county court, and such funds shall
1890 be expended for no other purposes. The county shall not be
1891 reimbursed for the amount of any such levy provided for by this
1892 section under the terms of the Homestead Exemption Law.

1893 **SECTION 93.** Section 9-9-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1894 amended as follows:

1895 9-9-19. (1) A term of court shall be held in the county
1896 courthouse of the county, beginning on the second Monday of each
1897 month and continuing so long as may be necessary; but in counties
1898 where there are two (2) circuit court districts the county court
1899 shall meet alternately in the two (2) districts in the county
1900 courthouse in the same month and in the same district as the board
1901 of supervisors of said county holds its meetings. Provided that



1902 in the County of Jones, a county having two (2) judicial
1903 districts, that a term shall be held in the second judicial
1904 district of said county on the second Monday of each month; and
1905 provided that in the first judicial district a term shall be held
1906 on the fourth Monday of January, the fourth Monday of March, the
1907 fourth Monday of April, the fourth Monday of June and the fourth
1908 Monday of October. Provided that in the County of Hinds, a county
1909 having two (2) judicial districts, a term shall be held in the
1910 first judicial district on the second Monday of each month and in
1911 the second judicial district on the second Monday of March, June,
1912 September and December, and provided further that, when such terms
1913 are held concurrently, either of the county judges of Hinds County
1914 may be assigned to hold all or any part of such terms in either of
1915 the two (2) judicial districts. Provided, further, that in the
1916 County of Bolivar, a county having two (2) judicial districts, a
1917 term shall be held in the first judicial district on the second
1918 Monday of April, August and December, and in the second judicial
1919 district on the second Monday of January, February, March, May,
1920 June, July, September, October and November. Provided, however,
1921 that in the County of Harrison, a county having two (2) county
1922 judges and two (2) judicial districts, that a term shall be held
1923 in each judicial district concurrently each month. Provided,
1924 however, that the judge of the county court for good cause shown
1925 may, by order spread on the minutes of the county court, designate
1926 some place other than the county courthouse for the holding of



1927 such term of the county court as may be designated in said order.
1928 The county judge may call a special term of the county court upon
1929 giving ten (10) days' notice, and such notice shall be given by
1930 posting the same at the front door of the courthouse in said
1931 county and by the publication of said notice for one (1) insertion
1932 in some newspaper of general circulation in the county.

1933 (2) If a county court is established pursuant to an
1934 agreement between two (2) or more counties as provided in Section
1935 9-9-3, the terms thereof shall remain continuously open and shall
1936 not be closed and the judge of such court shall sit in rotation in
1937 the county seat of each county, beginning on Monday of each week
1938 for at least a week in each county in each month.

1939 **SECTION 94.** Section 9-9-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1940 brought forward as follows:

1941 9-9-21. (1) The jurisdiction of the county court shall be
1942 as follows: It shall have jurisdiction concurrent with the
1943 justice court in all matters, civil and criminal of which the
1944 justice court has jurisdiction; and it shall have jurisdiction
1945 concurrent with the circuit and chancery courts in all matters of
1946 law and equity wherein the amount of value of the thing in
1947 controversy shall not exceed, exclusive of costs and interest, the
1948 sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00), and the
1949 jurisdiction of the county court shall not be affected by any
1950 setoff, counterclaim or cross-bill in such actions where the
1951 amount sought to be recovered in such setoff, counterclaim or



1952 cross-bill exceeds Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00).
1953 Provided, however, the party filing such setoff, counterclaim or
1954 cross-bill which exceeds Two Hundred Thousand Dollars
1955 (\$200,000.00) shall give notice to the opposite party or parties
1956 as provided in Section 13-3-83, and on motion of all parties filed
1957 within twenty (20) days after the filing of such setoff,
1958 counterclaim or cross-bill, the county court shall transfer the
1959 case to the circuit or chancery court wherein the county court is
1960 situated and which would otherwise have jurisdiction. It shall
1961 have exclusively the jurisdiction heretofore exercised by the
1962 justice court in the following matters and causes: namely,
1963 eminent domain, the partition of personal property, and actions of
1964 unlawful entry and detainer, provided that the actions of eminent
1965 domain and unlawful entry and detainer may be returnable and
1966 triable before the judge of said court in vacation. The county
1967 court shall have jurisdiction over criminal matters in the county
1968 assigned by a judge of the circuit court district in which the
1969 county is included.

1970 (2) In the event of the establishment of a county court by
1971 an agreement between two (2) or more counties as provided in
1972 Section 9-9-3, it shall be lawful for such court sitting in one
1973 (1) county to act upon any and all matters of which it has
1974 jurisdiction as provided by law arising in the other county under
1975 the jurisdiction of said court.



1976 **SECTION 95.** Section 9-9-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1977 amended as follows:

1978 9-9-23. The county judge shall have power to issue writs,
1979 and to try matters, of habeas corpus on application to him or her
1980 therefor, or when made returnable before him or her by a superior
1981 judge. He shall also have the power to order the issuance of
1982 writs of certiorari, supersedeas, attachments, and other remedial
1983 writs in all cases pending in, or within the jurisdiction of, his
1984 or her court. He or she shall have the authority to issue search
1985 warrants in his or her county returnable to his or her own court
1986 or to any court of a justice of the peace within his or her county
1987 in the same manner as is provided by law for the issuance of
1988 search warrants by justices of the peace. In all cases pending
1989 in, or within the jurisdiction of, his or her court, he or she
1990 shall have, in term time, and in vacation, the power to order, do
1991 or determine to the same extent and in the same manner as a
1992 justice of the peace or a circuit judge or a chancellor could do
1993 in term time or in vacation in such cases. But he or she shall
1994 not have original power to issue writs of injunction, or other
1995 remedial writs in equity or in law except in those cases
1996 hereinabove specified as being within his or her jurisdiction:
1997 Provided, however, that when any judge or chancellor authorized to
1998 issue such writs of injunction, or any other equitable or legal
1999 remedial writs hereinabove reserved, shall so direct in writing
2000 the hearing of application therefor may be by him or her referred



2001 to the county judge, in which event the said direction of the
2002 superior judge shall vest in the said county judge all authority
2003 to take such action on said application as the said superior judge
2004 could have taken under the right and the law, had the said
2005 application been at all times before the said superior judge. The
2006 jurisdiction authorized under the foregoing proviso shall cease
2007 upon the denying or granting of the application.

2008 **SECTION 96.** Section 9-9-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
2009 brought forward as follows:

2010 9-9-27. In any civil case instituted in the circuit court,
2011 wherein all parties file a motion to transfer said case to the
2012 county court for trial, or wherein all parties file an instrument
2013 of writing consenting to such a transfer, the circuit court may,
2014 in its discretion, transfer the case to the county court for
2015 trial; and the said county court shall have full jurisdiction of
2016 and shall proceed to try any case so transferred, provided,
2017 however, that such order of transfer be rendered prior to the
2018 empaneling of the jury in such cases.

2019 In misdemeanor cases and in felony cases not capital, wherein
2020 indictments have been returned by the grand jury, the circuit
2021 court may transfer with full jurisdiction all or any of the same,
2022 in its discretion, to the county court for trial; and the said
2023 county court shall have jurisdiction of and shall proceed to try
2024 all charges of misdemeanor which may be preferred by the district
2025 attorney or by the county prosecuting attorney or by the sheriff



2026 on affidavit sworn to before the circuit clerk of the county; and
2027 prosecutions by affidavit are hereby authorized in misdemeanor
2028 cases under the same procedure as if indictments had been returned
2029 in the circuit court and same had been transferred to the county
2030 court.

2031 And, provided further, any reputable citizen may make an
2032 affidavit charging crime before the judge of the county court, and
2033 such affidavit shall be filed with the clerk of the county court,
2034 and if the crime charged is a misdemeanor, the county court shall
2035 have jurisdiction to try and dispose of said charge and, if the
2036 crime charged be a felony, the county judge shall have
2037 jurisdiction to hear and determine said cause, the same as now
2038 provided by law to be done by justices of the peace, and to commit
2039 the person so charged, with or without bail as the evidence may
2040 warrant, or to discharge the defendant.

2041 **SECTION 97.** Section 9-9-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
2042 brought forward as follows:

2043 9-9-29. The county court shall be a court of record and the
2044 clerk of the circuit court shall be the clerk of the county court,
2045 and he or his deputy shall attend all the sessions of the county
2046 court, and have present at all sessions, all books, records,
2047 files, and papers pertaining to the term then in session. The
2048 dockets, minutes, and records of the county court shall be kept,
2049 so far as is practicable, in the same manner as are those of the
2050 circuit court as provided by statute and the Mississippi Rules of



2051 Civil Procedure. The sheriff shall be the executive officer of
2052 the county court; he shall by himself, or deputy, attend all its
2053 sessions, and he shall serve all process and execute all writs
2054 issued therefrom in the manner as such process and writs would be
2055 served and executed when issued by the justice courts, or by the
2056 circuit or chancery courts according as appertains to the value of
2057 the cause or matter in hand. The clerk and sheriff shall receive
2058 the same fees for attendance, and for other services as are
2059 allowed by law to the clerk and to the sheriffs for like duties in
2060 the circuit and chancery courts; provided however, that in all
2061 cases where the justice courts have concurrent jurisdiction with
2062 the county court, the clerk shall be allowed to receive only such
2063 fees as are allowed to justice courts, and the sheriff shall be
2064 allowed only such fees as the constable in said justice court
2065 would be entitled to under the law for similar services.

2066 **SECTION 98.** Section 9-9-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
2067 brought forward as follows:

2068 9-9-31. The county prosecuting attorney shall be the
2069 prosecuting attorney of the county court, and he shall prosecute
2070 all cases therein which he is now required by law to prosecute,
2071 and all cases appealed from the county court to the circuit court,
2072 in which it is the duty of the county attorney, under the law, to
2073 appear and prosecute.

2074 **SECTION 99.** Section 9-9-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
2075 brought forward as follows:



2076 9-9-35. In any county in cases where an overcrowded docket
2077 justifies the same, any circuit judge may assign to a county judge
2078 in said county only, for hearing and final disposition, any case,
2079 cause, hearing or motion, or any proceedings involved in the trial
2080 and final disposition thereof.

2081 All orders in said cause, trial or hearing may be signed as
2082 follows: "_____ County Judge and Acting Circuit Judge by
2083 assignment." No special order evidencing said assignment shall be
2084 entered on the minutes, except in cases where a county judge is
2085 assigned the duty of opening and organizing a court where a grand
2086 jury is to be impaneled, in which case an order so assigning the
2087 said county judge to act shall be signed and entered on the
2088 minutes of the court on the opening day thereof.

2089 No compensation for said services shall be allowed said
2090 county judge, neither shall said county judge be compelled to
2091 accept any assignment except at his will.

2092 **SECTION 100.** Section 9-9-36, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
2093 brought forward as follows:

2094 9-9-36. In any county in cases where an overcrowded docket
2095 justifies the same, any chancellor may assign to a county judge in
2096 that county only, for hearing and final disposition, any case,
2097 cause, hearing or motion, or any proceedings involved in the trial
2098 and final disposition thereof.

2099 All orders in the cause, trial or hearing may be signed as
2100 follows: "_____ County Judge and Acting Chancellor by



2101 assignment." No special order evidencing the assignment shall be
2102 entered on the minutes.

2103 No compensation for those services shall be allowed the
2104 county judge, neither shall the county judge be compelled to
2105 accept any assignment except at his will. Furthermore, no
2106 assignment of any cause or hearing shall be made where counsel on
2107 both sides object to the assignment.

2108 **SECTION 101.** Section 9-9-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
2109 brought forward as follows:

2110 9-9-37. (1) From and after July 1, 2013, or the date this
2111 section is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of
2112 1965, whichever is later, in any county not brought within the
2113 provisions of this chapter by the terms of Sections 9-9-1 and
2114 9-9-3, the board of supervisors is authorized to determine whether
2115 a county court shall be established in the county. If a majority
2116 of the board are in favor of a county court, then the board shall
2117 so certify to the Secretary of State and the Governor shall then
2118 issue a proclamation establishing the county court in the county;
2119 and thereafter at the next succeeding meeting of the board of
2120 supervisors the board shall call an election for the election of a
2121 county judge, and the election shall be conducted in the way and
2122 manner now provided by law for holding a special election.

2123 (2) (a) Any county not brought within the provisions of
2124 this chapter by the terms of Sections 9-9-1 and 9-9-3 that has a
2125 county court established under the provisions of subsection (1) of



2126 this section may thereafter come from under this chapter in the
2127 manner hereinafter provided. On petition of twenty percent (20%)
2128 of the qualified electors of the county, addressed to the board of
2129 supervisors of the county, an election shall be called by the
2130 board of supervisors and conducted in the way and manner now
2131 provided by law for a special election for the purpose of
2132 determining whether the county court shall be abolished; and, if
2133 the majority vote at the election is in favor of abolishing the
2134 county court, then the election commission shall so certify to the
2135 Secretary of State. The Governor shall then issue a proclamation
2136 declaring that the county court in said county be abolished on the
2137 first day of the month next succeeding the election.

2138 (b) If a county court is abolished under the provisions
2139 of this subsection (2), the board of supervisors is not authorized
2140 to establish a county court within less than two (2) years
2141 thereafter.

2142 (3) The salary of the county judge shall be as provided in
2143 Section 9-9-11.

2144 **SECTION 102.** Section 9-9-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
2145 brought forward as follows:

2146 9-9-39. All pending matters in any county court that may be
2147 abolished shall be transferred to the court of proper jurisdiction
2148 without the necessity for any motion or order of court for such
2149 transfer or for reformation of pleadings, and final judgments or
2150 decrees in causes transferred shall include costs incurred in the



2151 county court. After abolishment of a county court, executions and
2152 all process on final judgments or decrees theretofore entered
2153 therein shall be issued by the clerk of the circuit court of the
2154 county and made returnable to any court in the county where
2155 rendered then having jurisdiction of the subject-matter involved
2156 or of any of the parties, and the court to which such executions
2157 or process is returned shall have jurisdiction thereof and try all
2158 issues pertaining thereto.

2159 After the abolishment of a county court, the circuit clerk of
2160 the county shall be the official custodian of all its records and
2161 may certify to copies thereof under his seal. When the result of
2162 an appeal to the Supreme Court shall be a reversal of the circuit
2163 court and in material particulars in effect an affirmance of the
2164 judgment of a county court which has been abolished, the Supreme
2165 Court shall enter judgment in the cause or remand it to the
2166 circuit court which shall have full jurisdiction thereof and shall
2167 enter final judgment in accordance with the opinion and fiat of
2168 the Supreme Court or proceed as the supreme court may otherwise
2169 direct.

2170 **SECTION 103.** Section 9-9-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
2171 brought forward as follows:

2172 9-9-41. In any county in which there is a city of more than
2173 thirteen thousand six hundred inhabitants and less than fourteen
2174 thousand inhabitants, as shown by the next preceding regular
2175 federal census, and having a county court established by Section



2176 9-9-1, the board of supervisors shall, on petition of not less
2177 than twenty per cent (20%) of the qualified electors of said
2178 county, call an election for the purpose of ascertaining whether
2179 said court shall be abolished. Said election shall be held in the
2180 manner provided by law for holding general elections and at least
2181 three weeks' notice thereof shall be given by publication in some
2182 newspaper having a general circulation within the county.

2183 The tickets used at said election shall have on their face
2184 the following:

2185 For abolishing the county court of ____ county ()
2186 Against abolishing the county court of ____ county ()
2187 and the voters shall vote by placing a cross mark after
2188 one of said
2189 propositions.

2190 In the event a majority of the qualified electors of said
2191 county voting in said election vote in favor of the abolition of
2192 said court then the same shall immediately cease to exist and the
2193 clerk of the circuit court shall transfer all cases pending on the
2194 docket of said court. Those cases involving misdemeanors or
2195 amounts under Two Hundred Dollars shall be transferred to the
2196 proper justice of the peace and those involving over Two Hundred
2197 Dollars shall be transferred to the circuit court of the county.

2198 In the event said county court is abolished as hereinabove
2199 provided, all executions or garnishments issued on judgment
2200 rendered by said court shall be returnable before the circuit



2201 court of the county and shall be disposed of just as if the
2202 judgment had been rendered by said circuit court.

2203 **SECTION 104.** Section 9-9-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
2204 brought forward as follows:

2205 9-9-43. In any county now having a county court established
2206 by Chapter 131 of the laws of 1926 and having only one judicial
2207 district therein and in which the assessed valuation of real and
2208 personal property has fallen below Seventeen Million Dollars but
2209 exceeds Fifteen Million Dollars according to the assessment of
2210 1932, and in which the urban population exceeds the rural
2211 population, and having therein a municipality in excess of 15,000
2212 population, according to the last federal census, said county
2213 court shall remain in existence until abolished by a direct act of
2214 the legislature or by an election as now provided by law.

2215 **SECTION 105.** Section 9-9-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
2216 brought forward as follows:

2217 9-9-45. When hereafter any county of the state shall become
2218 eligible by reason of the growth in population, in assessed
2219 valuation and the existence therein of a municipality of the
2220 number of inhabitants all as specified in Section 9-9-1 of this
2221 chapter, it shall be the duty of the Governor, upon the
2222 determination by him of the facts aforesaid, to issue his public
2223 proclamation establishing a county court in the said county, and
2224 calling an election on a date to be fixed in said proclamation for
2225 the election of a county judge. The term of office of a county



2226 judge elected under this section and Section 9-9-39 shall expire
2227 thereafter at the same time at which there expires the regular
2228 terms of circuit judges and chancellors. When in the last year of
2229 any four-year judicial period any county has fallen below the
2230 requirements of eligibility as stated in Section 9-9-1 of this
2231 chapter, it shall be the duty of the Governor so to ascertain and
2232 proclaim, thereupon after the expiration of the then four-year
2233 term, the county court shall cease to exist in such county, unless
2234 by an election held under the provisions of Section 9-9-39 the
2235 said court be retained or reestablished.

2236 **SECTION 106.** Section 9-7-46, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
2237 amended as follows:

2238 9-7-46. (1) There shall be two (2) circuit judges for the
2239 Seventeenth Circuit Court District.

2240 (2) For the purpose of appointment and election, the two (2)
2241 judgeships shall be separate and distinct, and be denominated as
2242 "Place One" and "Place Two * * *".

2243 **SECTION 107.** Section 9-5-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
2244 amended as follows:

2245 9-5-15. (1) The Fourth Chancery Court District is composed
2246 of the following counties:

- 2247 (a) Amite County;
- 2248 (b) Franklin County;
- 2249 (c) Pike County; and
- 2250 (d) Walthall County.



2251 (2) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the Fourth
2252 Chancery Court District. The two (2) chancellorships shall be
2253 separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment
2254 and election only as "Place One" and "Place Two * * *".

2255 **SECTION 108.** Section 43-21-111, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
2256 brought forward as follows:

2257 43-21-111. (1) In any county not having a county court or
2258 family court the judge may appoint as provided in Section
2259 43-21-123 regular or special referees who shall be attorneys at
2260 law and members of the bar in good standing to act in cases
2261 concerning children within the jurisdiction of the youth court,
2262 and a regular referee shall hold office until removed by the
2263 judge. The requirement that regular or special referees appointed
2264 pursuant to this subsection be attorneys shall apply only to
2265 regular or special referees who were not first appointed regular
2266 or special referees prior to July 1, 1991.

2267 (2) Any referee appointed pursuant to subsection (1) of this
2268 section shall be required to receive judicial training approved by
2269 the Mississippi Judicial College and shall be required to receive
2270 regular annual continuing education in the field of juvenile
2271 justice. The amount of judicial training and annual continuing
2272 education which shall be satisfactory to fulfill the requirements
2273 of this section shall conform with the amount prescribed by the
2274 Rules and Regulations for Mandatory Continuing Judicial Education
2275 promulgated by the Supreme Court. The Administrative Office of



2276 Courts shall maintain a roll of referees appointed under this
2277 section, shall enforce the provisions of this subsection and shall
2278 maintain records on all such referees regarding such training.
2279 Should a referee miss two (2) consecutive training sessions
2280 sponsored or approved by the Mississippi Judicial College as
2281 required by this subsection or fail to attend one (1) such
2282 training session within six (6) months of their initial
2283 appointment as a referee, the referee shall be disqualified to
2284 serve and be immediately removed as a referee and another member
2285 of the bar shall be appointed as provided in this section.

2286 (3) The judge may direct that hearings in any case or class
2287 of cases be conducted in the first instance by the referee. The
2288 judge may also delegate his own administrative responsibilities to
2289 the referee.

2290 (4) All hearings authorized to be heard by a referee shall
2291 proceed in the same manner as hearings before the youth court
2292 judge. A referee shall possess all powers and perform all the
2293 duties of the youth court judge in the hearings authorized to be
2294 heard by the referee.

2295 (5) An order entered by the referee shall be mailed
2296 immediately to all parties and their counsel. A rehearing by the
2297 judge shall be allowed if any party files a written motion for a
2298 rehearing or on the court's own motion within three (3) days after
2299 notice of referee's order. The youth court may enlarge the time
2300 for filing a motion for a rehearing for good cause shown. Any



2301 rehearing shall be upon the record of the hearing before the
2302 referee, but additional evidence may be admitted in the discretion
2303 of the judge. A motion for a rehearing shall not act as a
2304 supersedeas of the referee's order, unless the judge shall so
2305 order.

2306 (6) The salary for the referee shall be fixed on order of
2307 the judge as provided in Section 43-21-123 and shall be paid by
2308 the county out of any available funds budgeted for the youth court
2309 by the board of supervisors.

2310 (7) Upon request of the boards of supervisors of two (2) or
2311 more counties, the judge of the chancery court may appoint a
2312 suitable person as referee to two (2) or more counties within his
2313 district, and the payment of salary may be divided in such ratio
2314 as may be agreed upon by the boards of supervisors.

2315 **SECTION 109.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
2316 and after July 1, 2024.

