

By: Representative Hood

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1712

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; AND FOR RELATED
22 PURPOSES.

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

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

26 9-7-1. A circuit judge shall be elected for and from each
27 circuit court district and the listing of individual precincts
28 shall be those precincts as they existed on October 1, 1990. He



may hold court in any other district with the consent of the judge thereof, when in their opinion the public interest may require. The terms of all circuit judges hereafter elected shall begin on the first day of January 1931 and their terms of office shall continue for four (4) years. A circuit judge shall be a resident of the district in which he or she serves but shall not be required to be a resident of a subdistrict if the district is divided into subdistricts.

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

9-7-3. (1) The state is divided into an appropriate number of circuit court districts severally numbered and composed of the counties as set forth in the sections which follow. A court to be styled "The Circuit Court of the County of ____" shall be held in each county, and within each judicial district of a county having two (2) judicial districts, at least twice a year. Court shall be held in circuit court districts consisting of a single county on the same dates state agencies and political subdivisions are open for business excluding legal holidays. The dates upon which terms shall commence and the number of days for which the terms shall continue in circuit court districts consisting of more than one (1) county shall be set by order of the circuit court judge in accordance with the provisions of subsection (2) of this section. A matter in court may extend past a term if the interest of justice so requires.



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

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

- (a) The population of the district;
- (b) The number of cases filed in the district;
- (c) The case load of each judge in the district;
- (d) The geographic area of the district;



(e) An analysis of the needs of the district by the court personnel of the district; and

(f) Any other appropriate criteria.

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

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

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

(c) Method of assimilating the specified data.

(5) In a district having more than one (1) office of circuit judge, there shall be no distinction whatsoever in the powers, duties and emoluments of those offices except that the judge who has been for the longest time continuously a judge of that court or, should no judge have served longer in office than the others, the judge who has been for the longest time a member of The Mississippi Bar, shall be the senior judge. The senior judge shall have the right to assign causes and dockets and to set terms in districts consisting of more than one (1) county. A circuit court judge shall have the right to assign criminal matters to county court as provided in Section 9-9-21.

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



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

- (a) Alcorn County;
- (b) Itawamba County;
- (c) Lee County;
- (d) Monroe County;
- (e) Pontotoc County;
- (f) Prentiss County; and
- (g) Tishomingo County.

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

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

(2) The four (4) judgeships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One * * *", "Place Two * * *", "Place Three" and "Place Four." The judge to fill Place One must reside in Alcorn, Prentiss or Tishomingo County. The judges to fill Place Two and Place Three must reside in Itawamba, Lee, Monroe or Pontotoc County. The judge to fill Place Four may be a resident of any county in the district. Election of the four (4) offices of judge shall be by election to be held in every county within the First Circuit Court District.

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



128 9-7-9. The Second Circuit Court District is composed of the
129 following counties:

- 130 (a) Hancock County;
- 131 (b) Harrison County; and
- 132 (c) Stone County.

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

135 9-7-11. (1) There shall be four (4) judges for the Second
136 Circuit Court District.

137 (2) The four (4) judgeships shall be separate and distinct
138 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as
139 "Place One * * *", "Place Two * * *", "Place Three" and "Place
140 Four."

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

143 9-7-13. The Third Circuit Court District is composed of the
144 following counties:

- 145 (a) Benton County;
- 146 (b) Calhoun County;
- 147 (c) Chickasaw County;
- 148 (d) Lafayette County;
- 149 (e) Marshall County;
- 150 (f) Tippah County; and
- 151 (g) Union County.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(d) Subdistrict 4-4 shall consist of the following precincts in Washington County: St. James Episcopal Church, Swiftwater Baptist Church, Glen Allan Health Clinic, Italian Club, Ward's Recreation Center, Buster Brown Community Center, Avon



Health Center, Kapco Company, Brent Center, William Percy Library
and Grace Methodist Church Precincts.

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) Attala County;
- (b) Carroll County;
- (c) Choctaw County;
- (d) Grenada County;
- (e) Montgomery County;
- (f) Webster County; and
- (g) Winston County.

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

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



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

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

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

- (a) Adams County;
- (b) Amite County;
- (c) Franklin County; and
- (d) Wilkinson County.

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

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

(i) Adams County: Airport, By-Pass Fire Station, Carpenter, Concord*, Courthouse*, Duncan Park*, Foster Mound, Maryland*, Northside School, Pine Ridge, Thompson and Washington*; and

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

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



249 (i) Adams County: Beau Pre, Bellemont, Concord*,
250 Convention Center, Courthouse*, Duncan Park*, Kingston, Liberty
251 Park, Maryland*, Morgantown, Oakland, Palestine and Washington*;
252 and

253 (ii) Amite County: Amite River, East Fork, East
254 Gloster*, East Liberty, Gloster*, Liberty, New Zion, Oneil,
255 Riceville, Smithdale, South Liberty*, Tangipahoa, Tickfaw, Walls
256 and Zion Hills.

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

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

262 9-7-23. (1) The Seventh Circuit Court District shall be
263 Hinds County.

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

266 (a) Subdistrict 7-1 shall consist of the following
267 precincts in Hinds County: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 32, 33, 34,
268 35, 36, 44, 45, 46, 47, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 92, 93, 96
269 and 97.

270 (b) Subdistrict 7-2 shall consist of the following
271 precincts in Hinds County: 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 23, 27,
272 28, 29, 30, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85,
273 Brownsville, Cynthia, Pocahontas and Tinnin.



274 (c) Subdistrict 7-3 shall consist of the following
275 precincts in Hinds County: 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 31,
276 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 66,
277 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 86, 89, and Jackson State.

278 (d) Subdistrict 7-4 shall consist of the following
279 precincts in Hinds County: 87, 88, 90, 91, 94, 95, Bolton, Byram
280 1, Byram 2, Cayuga, Chapel Hill, Clinton 1, Clinton 2, Clinton 3,
281 Clinton 4, Clinton 5, Clinton 6, Dry Grove, Edwards, Learned, Old
282 Byram, Pinehaven, Raymond 1, Raymond 2, Spring Ridge, St. Thomas,
283 Terry, Utica 1 and Utica 2.

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

286 9-7-25. (1) There shall be four (4) circuit judges for the
287 Seventh Circuit Court District. One (1) judge shall be elected
288 from each subdistrict.

289 (2) While there shall be no limitation whatsoever upon the
290 powers and duties of the said judges other than as cast upon them
291 by the Constitution and laws of this state, the court in the First
292 Judicial District of Hinds County, in the discretion of the senior
293 circuit judge, may be divided into civil and criminal divisions as
294 a matter of convenience, by the entry of an order upon the minutes
295 of the court.

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



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

- (a) Leake County;
- (b) Neshoba County;
- (c) Newton County; and
- (d) Scott County.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

330 9-7-30. There shall be two (2) judges for the Ninth Circuit
331 Court District. One (1) judge shall be elected from each
332 subdistrict.

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

335 9-7-31. The Tenth Circuit Court District is composed of the
336 following counties:

- 337 (a) Clarke County;
338 (b) Kemper County;
339 (c) Lauderdale County; and
340 (d) Wayne County.

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

343 9-7-32. (1) There shall be two (2) judges for the Tenth
344 Circuit Court District.

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



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

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

- (a) Bolivar County;
- (b) Coahoma County;
- (c) Quitman County; and
- (d) Tunica County.

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

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

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

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

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

(i) Bolivar County: Cleveland Eastgate, Duncan/Alligator, East Central Cleveland*, East Cleveland*,



372 Merigold, Mound Bayou, Northwest Cleveland*, Renova, Shelby, South
373 Cleveland* and Winstonville;

374 (ii) Coahoma County: Cagle Crossing, Clarksdale
375 1-4*, Clarksdale 3-3, Clarksdale 3-4, Clarksdale 4-2, Clarksdale
376 4-3, Dublin and Roundaway; and

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

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

381 (i) Coahoma County: Clarksdale 1-4*, Clarksdale
382 2-4*, Clarksdale 5-4*, Coahoma, Farrell*, Friar's Point,
383 Jonestown, Lula, Lyon and Sherard*; and

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

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

388 9-7-34. There shall be three (3) judges for the Eleventh
389 Circuit Court District. One (1) judge shall be elected from each
390 subdistrict.

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

393 9-7-35. (1) The Twelfth Circuit Court District is composed
394 of the following counties:

395 (a) Forrest County; and

396 (b) Perry County.



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

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

403 9-7-37. (1) The Thirteenth Circuit Court District is
404 composed of the following counties:

- 405 (a) Covington County;
- 406 (b) Jasper County;
- 407 (c) Simpson County; and
- 408 (d) Smith County.

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

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

415 9-7-39. (1) The Fourteenth Circuit Court District is
416 composed of the following counties:

- 417 (a) Lincoln County;
- 418 (b) Pike County; and
- 419 (c) Walthall County.

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



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

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

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

- (a) Jefferson Davis County;
- (b) Lamar County;
- (c) Lawrence County;
- (d) Marion County; and
- (e) Pearl River County.

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

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

(2) The three (3) judgeships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One * * *", "Place Two * * *", and "Place Three * * *". The judge to fill Place One must be a resident of Jefferson Davis, Lamar, Lawrence or Marion County. The judge to fill Place Two may be a resident of any county in the district. The judge to fill Place Three must be a resident of Pearl River County.

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



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

- (a) Clay County;
- (b) Lowndes County;
- (c) Noxubee County; and
- (d) Oktibbeha County.

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

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

(2) The three (3) judgeships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One * * *", "Place Two" and "Place Three * * *". The judge to fill Place One must be a resident of Lowndes County. The judge to fill Place Two must be a resident of Oktibbeha County. The judge to fill Place Three must be a resident of either Clay or Noxubee County. Election of the three (3) offices of judge shall be by election to be held in every county within the Sixteenth Circuit Court District.

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

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

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



471 (a) Subdistrict 17-1 shall be composed of DeSoto
472 County; and

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

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

477 9-7-45. The Seventeenth Circuit Court District shall be
478 composed of the following counties:

- 479 (a) Panola County;
- 480 (b) Tallahatchie County;
- 481 (c) Tate County; and
- 482 (d) Yalobusha County.

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

485 9-7-47. The Eighteenth Circuit Court District shall be Jones
486 County.

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

489 9-7-49. (1) The Nineteenth Circuit Court District is
490 composed of the following counties:

- 491 (a) George County;
- 492 (b) Greene County; and
- 493 (c) Jackson County.

494 (2) The local contribution required for the maintenance of
495 the Nineteenth Circuit Court District shall not exceed, as to



George and Greene Counties, the amount of their present local contribution in their present respective circuit court districts, and any excess shall be paid by Jackson County.

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

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

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

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

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

(a) Madison County; and

(b) Rankin County.

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

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



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

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

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

- (a) Holmes County;
- (b) Humphreys County; and
- (c) Yazoo County.

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

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

- (a) Claiborne County;
- (b) Copiah County; and
- (c) Jefferson County.

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

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



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

547 9-7-64. (1) There shall be two (2) circuit judges for the
548 Twenty-third Circuit Court District.

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

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

554 9-5-1. A chancellor shall be elected for and from each of
555 the chancery court districts as provided in this chapter and the
556 listing of individual precincts shall be those precincts as they
557 existed on October 1, 1990. He shall hold court in any other
558 district with the consent of the chancellor thereof when in their
559 opinion the public interest may be thereby promoted. The terms of
560 all chancellors elected at the regular election for the year 1930
561 shall begin on the first day of January, 1931, and their terms of
562 office shall continue for four (4) years. A chancellor shall be a
563 resident of the district in which he serves but shall not be
564 required to be a resident of a subdistrict if the district is
565 divided into subdistricts.

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

568 9-5-3. (1) The state shall be divided into an appropriate
569 number of chancery court districts, severally numbered and



composed of the counties as set forth in the sections which follow. A court to be styled "The Chancery Court of the County of ____" shall be held in each county, and within each judicial district of a county having two (2) judicial districts, at least twice a year. Court shall be held in chancery court districts consisting of a single county on the same dates state agencies and political subdivisions are open for business excluding legal holidays. The dates upon which terms shall commence and the number of days for which terms shall continue in chancery court districts consisting of more than one (1) county shall be set by order of the chancellor in accordance with the provisions of subsection (2) of this section. A matter in court may extend past a term if the interest of justice so requires.

(2) An order establishing the commencement and continuation of terms of court for each of the counties within a chancery court district consisting of more than one (1) county shall be entered annually and not later than October 1 of the year immediately preceding the calendar year for which the terms of court are to become effective. Notice of the dates upon which terms of court shall commence and the number of days for which the terms shall continue in each of the counties within a chancery court district shall be posted in the office of the chancery clerk of each county within the district and mailed to the office of the Secretary of State for publication and distribution to all Mississippi Bar members. If an order is not timely entered, the terms of court



for each of the counties within the chancery court district shall remain unchanged for the next calendar year.

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

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

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

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

(5) In a district having more than one (1) office of chancellor, there shall be no distinction whatsoever in the powers, duties and emoluments of those offices except that the chancellor who has been for the longest time continuously a chancellor of that court or, should no chancellor have served



620 longer in office than the others, the chancellor who has been for
621 the longest time a member of The Mississippi Bar shall be the
622 senior chancellor. The senior chancellor shall have the right to
623 assign causes and dockets and to set terms in districts consisting
624 of more than one (1) county.

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

627 9-5-5. The First Chancery Court District is composed of the
628 following counties:

- 629 (a) Alcorn County;
- 630 (b) Itawamba County;
- 631 (c) Lee County;
- 632 (d) Monroe County;
- 633 (e) Pontotoc County;
- 634 (f) Prentiss County;
- 635 (g) Tishomingo County; and
- 636 (h) Union County.

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

639 9-5-7. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the
640 First Chancery Court District.

641 (2) The four (4) chancellorships shall be separate and
642 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election
643 only as "Place One * * *", "Place Two * * *", "Place Three" and
644 "Place Four." The chancellor to fill Place One must be a resident



645 of Alcorn, Prentiss or Tishomingo County. The chancellors to fill
646 Place Two and Place Three must reside in Itawamba, Lee, Monroe,
647 Pontotoc or Union County. The chancellor to fill Place Four may
648 be a resident of any county in the district. Election of the four
649 (4) offices of chancellor shall be by election to be held in every
650 county within the First Chancery Court District.

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

653 9-5-9. The Second Chancery Court District is composed of the
654 following counties:

- 655 (a) Jasper County;
- 656 (b) Newton County; and
- 657 (c) Scott County.

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

660 9-5-11. (1) The Third Chancery Court District is composed
661 of the following counties:

- 662 (a) DeSoto County;
- 663 (b) Grenada County;
- 664 (c) Montgomery County;
- 665 (d) Panola County;
- 666 (e) Tate County; and
- 667 (f) Yalobusha County.

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



670 (a) Subdistrict 3-1 shall consist of DeSoto County.

671 (b) Subdistrict 3-2 shall consist of Grenada County,
672 Montgomery County, Panola County, Tate County and Yalobusha
673 County.

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

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

677 9-5-13. (1) There shall be three (3) chancellors for the
678 Third Chancery Court District.

679 (2) (a) The chancellor of Subdistrict 3-1 shall be elected
680 from DeSoto County. The two (2) chancellors of Subdistrict 3-2
681 shall be elected from Grenada County, Montgomery County, Panola
682 County, Tate County and Yalobusha County.

683 (b) For purposes of appointment and election, the three
684 (3) chancellorships shall be separate and distinct. The
685 chancellorship in Subdistrict 3-1 shall be denominated only as
686 "Place One * * *", and the chancellorships in Subdistrict 3-2
687 shall be denominated only as "Place Two" and "Place Three * * *".

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

690 9-5-13. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the
691 Third Chancery Court District.

692 (2) (a) The two (2) chancellors of Subdistrict 3-1 shall be
693 elected from DeSoto County. The two (2) chancellors of



Subdistrict 3-2 shall be elected from Grenada County, Montgomery County, Panola County, Tate County and Yalobusha County.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(c) Subdistrict 5-3 shall consist of the following precincts in Hinds County: 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 31,



50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 66,
67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 86, 89 and Jackson State.

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

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

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

(2) While there shall be no limitation whatsoever upon the
powers and duties of the said chancellors other than as cast upon
them by the Constitution and laws of this state, the court in the
First Judicial District of Hinds County, in the discretion of the
senior chancellor, may be divided into four (4) divisions as a
matter of convenience by the entry of an order upon the minutes of
the court.

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

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

(a) Attala County;



- 744 (b) Carroll County;
745 (c) Choctaw County;
746 (d) Kemper County;
747 (e) Neshoba County; and
748 (f) Winston County.

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

751 9-5-22. (1) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the
752 Sixth Chancery Court District.

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

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

758 9-5-23. (1) The Seventh Chancery Court District is composed
759 of the following counties:

- 760 (a) Bolivar County;
761 (b) Coahoma County;
762 (c) Leflore County;
763 (d) Quitman County;
764 (e) Tallahatchie County; and
765 (f) Tunica County.

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

- (a) Humphreys County;
- (b) Issaquena County;
- (c) Sharkey County;
- (d) Sunflower County;
- (e) Warren County; and
- (f) Washington County.

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

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



818 (i) Sunflower County: Boyer-Linn, Drew,
819 Fairview-Hale, Indianola 2 East*, Indianola 3 North*, Indianola 3
820 Northeast*, Indianola 3 South*, Rome, Ruleville, Ruleville North
821 and Sunflower Plantation; and

822 (ii) Washington County: American Legion, Brent
823 Center, Buster Brown Community Center, Darlove Baptist Church*,
824 Elks Club, Extension Building, Grace Methodist Church*, Greenville
825 Industrial College, Leland Health Department Clinic, Leland Rotary
826 Club, Metcalf City Hall and Potter House Church.

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

829 (i) Sunflower County: Doddsville, Indianola 2
830 East*, Indianola 2 West, Indianola 3 North*, Indianola 3
831 Northeast*, Indianola 3 South*, Indianola Southeast, Inverness,
832 Moorhead, Sunflower 3 and Sunflower 4; and

833 (ii) Washington County: Arcola City Hall, Christ
834 Wesleyan Methodist Church, Darlove Baptist Church*, Glen Allan
835 Health Clinic, Grace Methodist Church*, Hollandale City Hall, St.
836 James Episcopal Church, Swiftwater Baptist Church, Tampa Drive and
837 Ward's Recreation Center.

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

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



842 9-5-33. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the Ninth
843 Chancery Court District. One (1) chancellor shall be elected from
844 each subdistrict.

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

847 9-5-35. The Tenth Chancery Court District is composed of the
848 following counties:

- 849 (a) Forrest County;
- 850 (b) Lamar County;
- 851 (c) Marion County;
- 852 (d) Pearl River County; and
- 853 (e) Perry County.

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

856 9-5-36. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the
857 Tenth Chancery Court District.

858 (2) The four (4) chancellorships shall be separate and
859 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election
860 only as "Place One * * *", "Place Two * * *", "Place Three" and
861 "Place Four." The chancellor to fill Place One and Place Four may
862 be a resident of any county in the district. The chancellor to
863 fill Place Two must be a resident of Lamar, Marion, Pearl River or
864 Perry County. The chancellor to fill Place Three must be a
865 resident of Forrest County. Election of the four (4) offices of



866 chancellor shall be by election to be held in every county within
867 the Tenth Chancery Court District.

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

870 9-5-37. (1) The Eleventh Chancery Court District is
871 composed of the following counties:

- 872 (a) Holmes County;
- 873 (b) Leake County;
- 874 (c) Madison County; and
- 875 (d) Yazoo County.

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

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

882 (b) Subdistrict 11-2 shall consist of Leake County and
883 the following precincts in Madison County: Bear Creek, Camden,
884 Cameron, Canton 1, Canton 2, Canton 3, Canton 7, Cedar Grove,
885 Cobblestone, Couparle, Gluckstadt, Highland Colony Baptist Church,
886 Liberty, Lorman/Cavalier, Luther Branson School, Madison 1,
887 Madison 2, Madison 3, Main Harbor, New Industrial Park, North Bay,
888 Ratliff Ferry, Ridgeland 1, Ridgeland 3, Ridgeland 4, Ridgeland
889 First Methodist Church, Ridgeland Tennis Center, Sharon,



890 Sunnybrook, Tougaloo, Trace Harbor, Victory Baptist Church,
891 Virililia, Whisper Lake and Yandell Road.

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

894 9-5-38. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the
895 Eleventh Chancery Court District. The three (3) chancellorships
896 shall be separate and distinct. One (1) chancellor shall be
897 elected from Subdistrict 11-1 and denominated for purposes of
898 appointment and election only as "Place One * * *", one (1)
899 chancellor shall be elected from Subdistrict 11-2 and denominated
900 for purposes of appointment and election only as "Place
901 Two * * *", and one (1) chancellor shall be elected at large from
902 the entire Eleventh Chancery Court District and denominated for
903 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place Three * * *".

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

906 9-5-39. The Twelfth Chancery Court District is composed of
907 the following counties:

- 908 (a) Clarke County; and
909 (b) Lauderdale County.

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

912 9-5-40. (1) There shall be two (2) judges for the Twelfth
913 Chancery Court District.



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

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

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

- (a) Covington County;
- (b) Jefferson Davis County;
- (c) Lawrence County;
- (d) Simpson County; and
- (e) Smith County.

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

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

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

- (a) Chickasaw County;
- (b) Clay County;
- (c) Lowndes County;
- (d) Noxubee County;
- (e) Oktibbeha County; and



939 (f) Webster County.

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

942 (a) Subdistrict 14-1 shall consist of Chickasaw County,
943 Webster County and the following precincts in Oktibbeha County:
944 Bell Schoolhouse*, Bradley, Center Grove, Central Starkville*,
945 Craig Springs, Double Springs, East Starkville*, Gillespie Street
946 Center*, Maben, North Adaton, North Longview, North Starkville 2*,
947 North Starkville 3, Northeast Starkville, Self Creek, South
948 Adaton, South Longview, South Starkville*, Sturgis and West
949 Starkville*.

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

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

954 (ii) Lowndes County: Air Base A, Air Base B, Air
955 Base C, Air Base D, Air Base E, Brandon A, Brandon B, Brandon C,
956 Brandon D, Caledonia, Columbus High School A, Columbus High School
957 B, Columbus High School C, Columbus High School D, Dowdle Gas
958 Training Center B, Fairgrounds C, Fairgrounds E, Fairgrounds F,
959 Hunt C, Lee Middle School, Mitchell A, New Hope A, New Hope B, New
960 Hope C, New Hope D, New Hope E, Rural Hill A, Rural Hill B, Rural
961 Hill C, Sale A, Sale B, Sale C, Steens A, Steens B, Steens C,
962 Trinity B, Union Academy B, Union Academy C and University A.



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

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

967 (ii) Lowndes County: Artesia, Coleman A, Coleman
968 B, Crawford A, Fairgrounds A, Fairgrounds B, Fairgrounds D,
969 Fairgrounds G, Hunt A, Hunt B, Mitchell B, New Hope F, Plum Grove
970 A, Plum Grove B, Plum Grove C, Propst Park Community Hut, Trinity
971 A, Union Academy A, University B, West Lowndes A and West Lowndes
972 B; and

973 (iii) Oktibbeha County: Bell Schoolhouse*,
974 Central Starkville*, East Starkville*, Gillespie Street Center*,
975 Hickory Grove, North Starkville 2*, Oktoc, Osborn, Sessums, South
976 Starkville*, Southeast Oktibbeha and West Starkville*.

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

979 9-5-45. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the
980 Fourteenth Chancery Court District. One (1) chancellor shall be
981 elected from each subdistrict.

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

984 9-5-47. The Fifteenth Chancery Court District is composed of
985 the following counties:

986 (a) Copiah County; and

987 (b) Lincoln County.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) Adams County;
- (b) Claiborne County;
- (c) Jefferson County; and
- (d) Wilkinson County.

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



1012 (a) Subdistrict 17-1 shall consist of Claiborne County,
1013 Jefferson County, and the following precincts in Adams County:
1014 Airport Carpenter*, Convention Center*, Foster Mound, Maryland*,
1015 Northside School, Palestine, Pine Ridge, Thompson and Washington*.

1016 (b) Subdistrict 17-2 shall consist of Wilkinson County
1017 and the following precincts in Adams County: Beau Pre, Bellemont,
1018 By-Pass Fire Station, Carpenter*, Concord, Convention Center*,
1019 Courthouse, Duncan Park, Kingston, Liberty Park, Maryland*,
1020 Morgantown, Oakland and Washington*.

1021 (3) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the Seventeenth
1022 Chancery Court District. One (1) chancellor shall be elected from
1023 each subdistrict.

1024 **SECTION 70.** Section 9-5-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1025 brought forward as follows:

1026 9-5-53. The Eighteenth Chancery Court District is composed
1027 of the following counties:

- 1028 (a) Benton County;
- 1029 (b) Calhoun County;
- 1030 (c) Lafayette County;
- 1031 (d) Marshall County; and
- 1032 (e) Tippah County.

1033 **SECTION 71.** Section 9-5-54, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1034 brought forward as follows:

1035 9-5-54. (1) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the
1036 Eighteenth Chancery Court District.



1037 (2) The two (2) chancellorships shall be separate and
1038 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election
1039 only as "Place One" and "Place Two."

1040 **SECTION 72.** Section 9-5-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1041 brought forward as follows:

1042 9-5-55. The Nineteenth Chancery Court District is composed
1043 of the following counties:

1044 (a) Jones County; and

1045 (b) Wayne County.

1046 **SECTION 73.** Section 9-5-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1047 brought forward as follows:

1048 9-5-57. The Twentieth Chancery Court District shall be
1049 Rankin County.

1050 **SECTION 74.** Section 9-5-58, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1051 amended as follows:

1052 9-5-58. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the
1053 Twentieth Chancery Court District. For purposes of appointment
1054 and election the three (3) chancellorships shall be separate and
1055 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election
1056 only as "Place One * * *", "Place Two", and "Place Three * * *".

1057 **SECTION 75.** Section 9-3-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1058 brought forward as follows:

1059 9-3-1. The state shall be divided into three (3) Supreme
1060 Court districts, as follows, to wit:



1061 The counties of Bolivar, Claiborne, Copiah, Hinds, Holmes,
1062 Humphreys, Issaquena, Jefferson, Kemper, Lauderdale, Leake,
1063 Madison, Neshoba, Newton, Noxubee, Rankin, Scott, Sharkey,
1064 Sunflower, Warren, Washington and Yazoo shall constitute the First
1065 District.

1066 The counties of Adams, Amite, Clarke, Covington, Forrest,
1067 Franklin, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Jasper,
1068 Jefferson Davis, Jones, Lamar, Lawrence, Lincoln, Marion, Pearl
1069 River, Perry, Pike, Simpson, Smith, Stone, Walthall, Wayne, and
1070 Wilkinson shall constitute the Second District.

1071 The counties of Alcorn, Attala, Benton, Calhoun, Carroll,
1072 Chickasaw, Choctaw, Clay, Coahoma, DeSoto, Grenada, Itawamba,
1073 Lafayette, Lee, Leflore, Lowndes, Marshall, Monroe, Montgomery,
1074 Oktibbeha, Panola, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Quitman, Tallahatchie,
1075 Tate, Tippah, Tishomingo, Tunica, Union, Webster, Winston and
1076 Yalobusha, shall constitute the Third District.

1077 **SECTION 76.** Section 23-15-993, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1078 brought forward as follows:

1079 23-15-993. For the purpose of all elections, each of the
1080 nine (9) judgeships of the Supreme Court shall be considered a
1081 separate office. The three (3) offices in each of the three (3)
1082 Supreme Court districts shall be designated Position Number 1,
1083 Position Number 2 and Position Number 3, and in qualifying for
1084 office as a candidate for any office of judge of the Supreme Court
1085 each candidate shall state the position number of the office to



1086 which he aspires and the regular election ballots shall so
1087 indicate. In Supreme Court District Number 1: Position Number 1
1088 shall be that office for which the term ends in January 1966;
1089 Position Number 2 shall be that office for which the term ends in
1090 January 1965; and Position Number 3 shall be that office for which
1091 the term ends in January 1969. In District Number 2: Position
1092 Number 1 shall be that office for which the term ends in January
1093 1972; Position Number 2 shall be that office for which the term
1094 ends in January 1969; and Position Number 3 shall be for that
1095 office for which the term ends in January 1973. In District
1096 Number 3: Position Number 1 shall be that office for which the
1097 term ends in January 1969; Position Number 2 shall be that office
1098 for which the term ends in January 1969; and Position Number 3
1099 shall be that office for which the term ends in January 1965.

1100 **SECTION 77.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
1101 and after July 1, 2024.

