

By: Senator(s) Barrett

To: Judiciary, Division A;  
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2265

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-5-47, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL CHANCELLOR FOR THE FIFTEENTH CHANCERY COURT  
3 DISTRICT; TO SPECIFY A QUALIFICATION DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATES; TO  
4 PROVIDE THAT THE INITIAL TERM OF OFFICE SHALL BEGIN ON A CERTAIN  
5 DATE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 9-5-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 9-5-47. (1) The Fifteenth Chancery Court District is  
10 composed of the following counties:

11 (a) Copiah County; and

12 (b) Lincoln County.

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

17 **SECTION 2.** Candidates for the new chancellorship created by  
18 this act shall run for the office in the special election to be  
19 conducted in November 2024. Candidates shall file the intent to



20 be a candidate not later than 5:00 p.m. on June 1, 2024, and  
21 otherwise shall qualify as provided by Section 23-15-977, and  
22 shall run for the office and be elected as provided in Sections  
23 23-15-974 through 23-15-985. The term of the chancellorship shall  
24 begin January 1, 2025, and shall be a term of three (3) years.  
25 After from the first term of two (2) years, the term of the  
26 chancellorship shall be as is provided in Section 9-5-1 for  
27 chancellors generally.

28         **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
29 and after its passage.

