

**Replace By Substitute  
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

**House Bill No. 722**

**BY: Committee**

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

167           **SECTION 1.** Section 9-5-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
168 brought forward as follows:

169           9-5-1. A chancellor shall be elected for and from each of  
170 the chancery court districts as provided in this chapter and the  
171 listing of individual precincts shall be those precincts as they  
172 existed on October 1, 1990. He shall hold court in any other  
173 district with the consent of the chancellor thereof when in their  
174 opinion the public interest may be thereby promoted. The terms of  
175 all chancellors elected at the regular election for the year 1930  
176 shall begin on the first day of January, 1931, and their terms of



177 office shall continue for four (4) years. A chancellor shall be a  
178 resident of the district in which he serves but shall not be  
179 required to be a resident of a subdistrict if the district is  
180 divided into subdistricts.

181 **SECTION 2.** Section 9-5-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
182 brought forward as follows:

183 9-5-3. (1) The state shall be divided into an appropriate  
184 number of chancery court districts, severally numbered and  
185 composed of the counties as set forth in the sections which  
186 follow. A court to be styled "The Chancery Court of the County of  
187 \_\_\_\_" shall be held in each county, and within each judicial  
188 district of a county having two (2) judicial districts, at least  
189 twice a year. Court shall be held in chancery court districts  
190 consisting of a single county on the same dates state agencies and  
191 political subdivisions are open for business excluding legal  
192 holidays. The dates upon which terms shall commence and the  
193 number of days for which terms shall continue in chancery court  
194 districts consisting of more than one (1) county shall be set by  
195 order of the chancellor in accordance with the provisions of  
196 subsection (2) of this section. A matter in court may extend past  
197 a term if the interest of justice so requires.

198 (2) An order establishing the commencement and continuation  
199 of terms of court for each of the counties within a chancery court  
200 district consisting of more than one (1) county shall be entered  
201 annually and not later than October 1 of the year immediately



202 preceding the calendar year for which the terms of court are to  
203 become effective. Notice of the dates upon which terms of court  
204 shall commence and the number of days for which the terms shall  
205 continue in each of the counties within a chancery court district  
206 shall be posted in the office of the chancery clerk of each county  
207 within the district and mailed to the office of the Secretary of  
208 State for publication and distribution to all Mississippi Bar  
209 members. If an order is not timely entered, the terms of court  
210 for each of the counties within the chancery court district shall  
211 remain unchanged for the next calendar year.

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

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

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

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



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

229 (c) Method of assimilating the specified data.

230 (5) In a district having more than one (1) office of  
231 chancellor, there shall be no distinction whatsoever in the  
232 powers, duties and emoluments of those offices except that the  
233 chancellor who has been for the longest time continuously a  
234 chancellor of that court or, should no chancellor have served  
235 longer in office than the others, the chancellor who has been for  
236 the longest time a member of The Mississippi Bar shall be the  
237 senior chancellor. The senior chancellor shall have the right to  
238 assign causes and dockets and to set terms in districts consisting  
239 of more than one (1) county.

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

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

243 9-5-5. The First Chancery Court District is composed of the  
244 following counties:

- 245 (a) Alcorn County;
- 246 (b) Itawamba County;
- 247 (c) Lee County;
- 248 (d) Monroe County;
- 249 (e) Pontotoc County;
- 250 (f) Prentiss County;
- 251 (g) Tishomingo County; and



252 (h) Union County.

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

255 9-5-5. The First Chancery Court District is composed of the  
256 following counties:

257 (a) Alcorn County;

258 (b) Itawamba County;

259 (c) Lee County;

260 (d) Pontotoc County;

261 (e) Prentiss County;

262 (f) Tishomingo County; and

263 (g) Union County.

264 **SECTION 4.** Section 9-5-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
265 amended as follows:

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

267 9-5-7. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the  
268 First Chancery Court District.

269 (2) The four (4) chancellorships shall be separate and  
270 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election  
271 only as "Place One," "Place Two," "Place Three" and "Place Four."  
272 The chancellor to fill Place One must be a resident of Alcorn,  
273 Prentiss or Tishomingo County. The chancellors to fill Place Two  
274 and Place Three must reside in Itawamba, Lee, Monroe, Pontotoc or  
275 Union County. The chancellor to fill Place Four may be a resident  
276 of any county in the district. Election of the four (4) offices



277 of chancellor shall be by election to be held in every county  
278 within the First Chancery Court District.

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

281 9-5-7. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the  
282 First Chancery Court District.

283 (2) The four (4) chancellorships shall be separate and  
284 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election  
285 only as "Place One," "Place Two," "Place Three" and "Place Four."  
286 The chancellor to fill Place One must be a resident of Alcorn,  
287 Prentiss or Tishomingo County. The chancellors to fill Place Two  
288 and Place Three must reside in Itawamba, Lee, Pontotoc or Union  
289 County. The chancellor to fill Place Four may be a resident of  
290 any county in the district. Election of the four (4) offices of  
291 chancellor shall be by election to be held in every county within  
292 the First Chancery Court District.

293 **SECTION 5.** Section 9-5-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
294 amended as follows:

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

296 9-5-9. The Second Chancery Court District is composed of the  
297 following counties:

- 298 (a) Jasper County;
- 299 (b) Newton County; and
- 300 (c) Scott County.



301 [From and after January 1, 2027, this section shall read as  
302 follows:]

303 9-5-9. (1) The Second Chancery Court District is composed  
304 of the following counties:

- 305 (a) Clarke County;
- 306 (b) Jasper County;
- 307 (c) Lauderdale County;
- 308 (d) Newton County;
- 309 (e) Scott County; and
- 310 (f) Smith County.

311 (2) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the Second  
312 Chancery Court District. The two (2) chancellorships shall be  
313 separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment  
314 and election only as "Place One" and "Place Two." The chancellor  
315 to fill Place One must reside in either Jasper County, Newton  
316 County, Scott County or Smith County, and the chancellor to fill  
317 Place Two must reside in either Clarke County or Lauderdale  
318 County.

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

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

322 9-5-11. (1) The Third Chancery Court District is composed  
323 of the following counties:

- 324 (a) DeSoto County;
- 325 (b) Grenada County;



- 326 (c) Montgomery County;  
327 (d) Panola County;  
328 (e) Tate County; and  
329 (f) Yalobusha County.

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

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

333 (b) Subdistrict 3-2 shall consist of Grenada County,  
334 Montgomery County, Panola County, Tate County and Yalobusha  
335 County.

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

338 9-5-11. The Third Chancery Court District is composed of the  
339 following counties:

- 340 (a) Carroll County;  
341 (b) Grenada County;  
342 (c) Montgomery County;  
343 (d) Panola County;  
344 (e) Tate County; and  
345 (f) Yalobusha County.

346 **SECTION 7.** Section 9-5-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
347 amended as follows:

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

349 9-5-13. (1) There shall be three (3) chancellors for the  
350 Third Chancery Court District.





351 (2) (a) The chancellor of Subdistrict 3-1 shall be elected  
352 from DeSoto County. The two (2) chancellors of Subdistrict 3-2  
353 shall be elected from Grenada County, Montgomery County, Panola  
354 County, Tate County and Yalobusha County.

355 (b) For purposes of appointment and election, the three  
356 (3) chancellorships shall be separate and distinct. The  
357 chancellorship in Subdistrict 3-1 shall be denominated only as  
358 "Place One," and the chancellorships in Subdistrict 3-2 shall be  
359 denominated only as "Place Two" and "Place Three."

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

362 9-5-13. (1) There shall be \* \* \* two (2) chancellors for  
363 the Third Chancery Court District.

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

368 **SECTION 8.** Section 9-5-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
369 amended as follows:

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

371 9-5-15. (1) The Fourth Chancery Court District is composed  
372 of the following counties:

- 373 (a) Amite County;  
374 (b) Franklin County;  
375 (c) Pike County; and



376 (d) Walthall County.

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

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

383 9-5-15. (1) The Fourth Chancery Court District is composed  
384 of the following counties:

385 (a) Forrest County;

386 (b) Perry County; and

387 (c) Stone County.

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

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

394 9-5-17. (1) The Fifth Chancery Court District is composed  
395 of Hinds County.

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

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



400 35, 36, 44, 45, 46, 47, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 92, 93, 96  
401 and 97.

402 (b) Subdistrict 5-2 shall consist of the following  
403 precincts in Hinds County: 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 23, 27,  
404 28, 29, 30, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85,  
405 Brownsville, Cynthia, Pocahontas and Tinnin.

406 (c) Subdistrict 5-3 shall consist of the following  
407 precincts in Hinds County: 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 31,  
408 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 66,  
409 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 86, 89 and Jackson State.

410 (d) Subdistrict 5-4 shall consist of the following  
411 precincts in Hinds County: 87, 88, 90, 91, 94, 95, Bolton, Byram  
412 1, Byram 2, Cayuga, Chapel Hill, Clinton 1, Clinton 2, Clinton 3,  
413 Clinton 4, Clinton 5, Clinton 6, Dry Grove, Edwards, Learned, Old  
414 Byram, Pinehaven, Raymond 1, Raymond 2, Spring Ridge, St. Thomas,  
415 Terry, Utica 1 and Utica 2.

416 **SECTION 10.** Section 9-5-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
417 brought forward as follows:

418 9-5-19. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the  
419 Fifth Chancery Court District. One (1) chancellor shall be  
420 elected from each subdistrict.

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



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

428         **SECTION 11.** Section 9-5-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
429 amended as follows:

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

431         9-5-21. The Sixth Chancery Court District is composed of the  
432 following counties:

- 433                 (a) Attala County;
- 434                 (b) Carroll County;
- 435                 (c) Choctaw County;
- 436                 (d) Kemper County;
- 437                 (e) Neshoba County; and
- 438                 (f) Winston County.

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

441         9-5-21. The Sixth Chancery Court District is composed of the  
442 following counties:

- 443                 (a) Attala County;
- 444                 (b) Choctaw County;
- 445                 (c) Kemper County;
- 446                 (d) Neshoba County;
- 447                 (e) Noxubee County; and
- 448                 (f) Winston County.



449           **SECTION 12.** Section 9-5-22, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
450 brought forward as follows:

451           9-5-22. (1) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the  
452 Sixth Chancery Court District.

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

456           **SECTION 13.** Section 9-5-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
457 brought forward as follows:

458           9-5-23. (1) The Seventh Chancery Court District is composed  
459 of the following counties:

- 460           (a) Bolivar County;
- 461           (b) Coahoma County;
- 462           (c) Leflore County;
- 463           (d) Quitman County;
- 464           (e) Tallahatchie County; and
- 465           (f) Tunica County.

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

- 468           (a) Subdistrict 7-1 shall consist of Bolivar County and  
469 Coahoma County;
- 470           (b) Subdistrict 7-2 shall consist of Leflore County,  
471 Quitman County, Tallahatchie County and Tunica County.

472           **SECTION 14.** Section 9-5-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
473 brought forward as follows:



474 9-5-25. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the Seventh  
475 Chancery Court District. The three (3) chancellorships shall be  
476 separate and distinct. One (1) chancellor shall be elected from  
477 Subdistrict 7-1 and shall be denominated for purposes of  
478 appointment and election only as "Place One," and two (2)  
479 chancellors shall be elected from Subdistrict 7-2 and shall be  
480 denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as  
481 "Place Two" and "Place Three."

482 **SECTION 15.** Section 9-5-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
483 amended as follows:

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

485 9-5-27. The Eighth Chancery Court District is composed of  
486 the following counties:

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

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

492 9-5-27. The Eighth Chancery Court District is composed of  
493 the following counties:

- 494 (a) Hancock County; and
- 495 (b) Harrison County.

496 **SECTION 16.** Section 9-5-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
497 brought forward as follows:



498 9-5-29. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the  
499 Eighth Chancery Court District.

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

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

510 **SECTION 17.** Section 9-5-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
511 brought forward as follows:

512 9-5-31. (1) The Ninth Chancery Court District is composed  
513 of the following counties:

- 514 (a) Humphreys County;
- 515 (b) Issaquena County;
- 516 (c) Sharkey County;
- 517 (d) Sunflower County;
- 518 (e) Warren County; and
- 519 (f) Washington County.

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



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

524 (i) Sunflower County: Boyer-Linn, Drew,  
525 Fairview-Hale, Indianola 2 East\*, Indianola 3 North\*, Indianola 3  
526 Northeast\*, Indianola 3 South\*, Rome, Ruleville, Ruleville North  
527 and Sunflower Plantation; and

528 (ii) Washington County: American Legion, Brent  
529 Center, Buster Brown Community Center, Darlove Baptist Church\*,  
530 Elks Club, Extension Building, Grace Methodist Church\*, Greenville  
531 Industrial College, Leland Health Department Clinic, Leland Rotary  
532 Club, Metcalf City Hall and Potter House Church.

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

535 (i) Sunflower County: Doddsville, Indianola 2  
536 East\*, Indianola 2 West, Indianola 3 North\*, Indianola 3  
537 Northeast\*, Indianola 3 South\*, Indianola Southeast, Inverness,  
538 Moorhead, Sunflower 3 and Sunflower 4; and

539 (ii) Washington County: Arcola City Hall, Christ  
540 Wesleyan Methodist Church, Darlove Baptist Church\*, Glen Allan  
541 Health Clinic, Grace Methodist Church\*, Hollandale City Hall, St.  
542 James Episcopal Church, Swiftwater Baptist Church, Tampa Drive and  
543 Ward's Recreation Center.

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





546           **SECTION 18.** Section 9-5-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
547 brought forward as follows:

548           9-5-33. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the Ninth  
549 Chancery Court District. One (1) chancellor shall be elected from  
550 each subdistrict.

551           **SECTION 19.** Section 9-5-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
552 amended as follows:

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

554           9-5-35. The Tenth Chancery Court District is composed of the  
555 following counties:

- 556                   (a) Forrest County;
- 557                   (b) Lamar County;
- 558                   (c) Marion County;
- 559                   (d) Pearl River County; and
- 560                   (e) Perry County.

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

563           9-5-35. The Tenth Chancery Court District is composed of the  
564 following counties:

- 565                   (a) Lamar County;
- 566                   (b) Marion County; and
- 567                   (c) Pearl River County.

568           **SECTION 20.** Section 9-5-36, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
569 amended as follows:

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



571 9-5-36. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the  
572 Tenth Chancery Court District.

573 (2) The four (4) chancellorships shall be separate and  
574 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election  
575 only as "Place One," "Place Two," "Place Three" and "Place Four."  
576 The chancellor to fill Place One and Place Four may be a resident  
577 of any county in the district. The chancellor to fill Place Two  
578 must be a resident of Lamar, Marion, Pearl River or Perry County.  
579 The chancellor to fill Place Three must be a resident of Forrest  
580 County. Election of the four (4) offices of chancellor shall be  
581 by election to be held in every county within the Tenth Chancery  
582 Court District.

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

585 9-5-36. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the  
586 Tenth Chancery Court District.

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

590 **SECTION 21.** Section 9-5-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
591 brought forward as follows:

592 9-5-37. (1) The Eleventh Chancery Court District is  
593 composed of the following counties:

594 (a) Holmes County;

595 (b) Leake County;



596 (c) Madison County; and

597 (d) Yazoo County.

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

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

604 (b) Subdistrict 11-2 shall consist of Leake County and  
605 the following precincts in Madison County: Bear Creek, Camden,  
606 Cameron, Canton 1, Canton 2, Canton 3, Canton 7, Cedar Grove,  
607 Cobblestone, Couparle, Gluckstadt, Highland Colony Baptist Church,  
608 Liberty, Lorman/Cavalier, Luther Branson School, Madison 1,  
609 Madison 2, Madison 3, Main Harbor, New Industrial Park, North Bay,  
610 Ratliff Ferry, Ridgeland 1, Ridgeland 3, Ridgeland 4, Ridgeland  
611 First Methodist Church, Ridgeland Tennis Center, Sharon,  
612 Sunnybrook, Tougaloo, Trace Harbor, Victory Baptist Church,  
613 Virililia, Whisper Lake and Yandell Road.

614 **SECTION 22.** Section 9-5-38, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
615 brought forward as follows:

616 9-5-38. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the  
617 Eleventh Chancery Court District. The three (3) chancellorships  
618 shall be separate and distinct. One (1) chancellor shall be  
619 elected from Subdistrict 11-1 and denominated for purposes of  
620 appointment and election only as "Place One," one (1) chancellor



621 shall be elected from Subdistrict 11-2 and denominated for  
622 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place Two," and one  
623 (1) chancellor shall be elected at large from the entire Eleventh  
624 Chancery Court District and denominated for purposes of  
625 appointment and election only as "Place Three."

626 **SECTION 23.** Section 9-5-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
627 amended as follows:

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

629 9-5-39. The Twelfth Chancery Court District is composed of  
630 the following counties:

- 631 (a) Clarke County; and  
632 (b) Lauderdale County.

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

635 9-5-39. The Twelfth Chancery Court District is composed of  
636 the following counties:

- 637 (a) George County;  
638 (b) Greene County;  
639 (b) Jones County; and  
640 (c) Wayne County.

641 **SECTION 24.** Section 9-5-40, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
642 amended as follows:

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

644 9-5-40. (1) There shall be two (2) judges for the Twelfth  
645 Chancery Court District.



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

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

651 9-5-40. (1) There shall be two (2) judges for the Twelfth  
652 Chancery Court District.

653 (2) The two (2) chancellorships shall be separate and  
654 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election  
655 only as "Place One" and "Place Two." The chancellor to fill Place  
656 One must reside in either Jones County or Wayne County, and the  
657 chancellor to fill Place Two must reside in either George County  
658 or Greene County.

659 **SECTION 25.** Section 9-5-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
660 amended as follows:

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

662 9-5-41. (1) The Thirteenth Chancery Court District is  
663 composed of the following counties:

- 664 (a) Covington County;
- 665 (b) Jefferson Davis County;
- 666 (c) Lawrence County;
- 667 (d) Simpson County; and
- 668 (e) Smith County.

669 (2) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the Thirteenth  
670 Chancery Court District. The two (2) chancellorships shall be



671 separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment  
672 and election only as "Place One" and "Place Two."

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

675 9-5-41. (1) The Thirteenth Chancery Court District is  
676 composed of the following counties:

- 677 (a) Covington County;  
678 (b) Jefferson Davis County; and  
679 (c) Simpson County.

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

684 **SECTION 26.** Section 9-5-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
685 amended as follows:

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

687 9-5-43. (1) The Fourteenth Chancery Court District is  
688 composed of the following counties:

- 689 (a) Chickasaw County;  
690 (b) Clay County;  
691 (c) Lowndes County;  
692 (d) Noxubee County;  
693 (e) Oktibbeha County; and  
694 (f) Webster County.



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

697 (a) Subdistrict 14-1 shall consist of Chickasaw County,  
698 Webster County and the following precincts in Oktibbeha County:  
699 Bell Schoolhouse\*, Bradley, Center Grove, Central Starkville\*,  
700 Craig Springs, Double Springs, East Starkville\*, Gillespie Street  
701 Center\*, Maben, North Adaton, North Longview, North Starkville 2\*,  
702 North Starkville 3, Northeast Starkville, Self Creek, South  
703 Adaton, South Longview, South Starkville\*, Sturgis and West  
704 Starkville\*.

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

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

709 (ii) Lowndes County: Air Base A, Air Base B, Air  
710 Base C, Air Base D, Air Base E, Brandon A, Brandon B, Brandon C,  
711 Brandon D, Caledonia, Columbus High School A, Columbus High School  
712 B, Columbus High School C, Columbus High School D, Dowdle Gas  
713 Training Center B, Fairgrounds C, Fairgrounds E, Fairgrounds F,  
714 Hunt C, Lee Middle School, Mitchell A, New Hope A, New Hope B, New  
715 Hope C, New Hope D, New Hope E, Rural Hill A, Rural Hill B, Rural  
716 Hill C, Sale A, Sale B, Sale C, Steens A, Steens B, Steens C,  
717 Trinity B, Union Academy B, Union Academy C and University A.

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



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

722 (ii) Lowndes County: Artesia, Coleman A, Coleman  
723 B, Crawford A, Fairgrounds A, Fairgrounds B, Fairgrounds D,  
724 Fairgrounds G, Hunt A, Hunt B, Mitchell B, New Hope F, Plum Grove  
725 A, Plum Grove B, Plum Grove C, Propst Park Community Hut, Trinity  
726 A, Union Academy A, University B, West Lowndes A and West Lowndes  
727 B; and

728 (iii) Oktibbeha County: Bell Schoolhouse\*,  
729 Central Starkville\*, East Starkville\*, Gillespie Street Center\*,  
730 Hickory Grove, North Starkville 2\*, Oktoc, Osborn, Sessums, South  
731 Starkville\*, Southeast Oktibbeha and West Starkville\*.

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

734 9-5-43. (1) The Fourteenth Chancery Court District is  
735 composed of the following counties:

- 736 (a) Chickasaw County;  
737 (b) Clay County;  
738 (c) Lowndes County;  
739 (d) Monroe County;  
740 (e) Oktibbeha County; and  
741 (f) Webster County.

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





744           (a) Subdistrict 14-1 shall consist of Chickasaw County,  
745 Webster County and the following precincts in Oktibbeha County:  
746 Bell Schoolhouse\*, Bradley, Center Grove, Central Starkville\*,  
747 Craig Springs, Double Springs, East Starkville\*, Gillespie Street  
748 Center\*, Maben, North Adaton, North Longview, North Starkville 2\*,  
749 North Starkville 3, Northeast Starkville, Self Creek, South  
750 Adaton, South Longview, South Starkville\*, Sturgis and West  
751 Starkville\*.

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

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

756                   (ii) Lowndes County: Air Base A, Air Base B, Air  
757 Base C, Air Base D, Air Base E, Brandon A, Brandon B, Brandon C,  
758 Brandon D, Caledonia, Columbus High School A, Columbus High School  
759 B, Columbus High School C, Columbus High School D, Dowdle Gas  
760 Training Center B, Fairgrounds C, Fairgrounds E, Fairgrounds F,  
761 Hunt C, Lee Middle School, Mitchell A, New Hope A, New Hope B, New  
762 Hope C, New Hope D, New Hope E, Rural Hill A, Rural Hill B, Rural  
763 Hill C, Sale A, Sale B, Sale C, Steens A, Steens B, Steens C,  
764 Trinity B, Union Academy B, Union Academy C and University A.

765           (c) Subdistrict 14-3 shall consist of Monroe County and  
766 the following precincts in the following counties:

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



769                    (ii) Lowndes County: Artesia, Coleman A, Coleman  
770 B, Crawford A, Fairgrounds A, Fairgrounds B, Fairgrounds D,  
771 Fairgrounds G, Hunt A, Hunt B, Mitchell B, New Hope F, Plum Grove  
772 A, Plum Grove B, Plum Grove C, Propst Park Community Hut, Trinity  
773 A, Union Academy A, University B, West Lowndes A and West Lowndes  
774 B; and

775                    (iii) Oktibbeha County: Bell Schoolhouse\*,  
776 Central Starkville\*, East Starkville\*, Gillespie Street Center\*,  
777 Hickory Grove, North Starkville 2\*, Oktoc, Osborn, Sessums, South  
778 Starkville\*, Southeast Oktibbeha and West Starkville\*.

779                    **SECTION 27.** Section 9-5-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
780 brought forward as follows:

781                    9-5-45. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the  
782 Fourteenth Chancery Court District. One (1) chancellor shall be  
783 elected from each subdistrict.

784                    **SECTION 28.** Section 9-5-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
785 amended as follows:

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

787                    9-5-47. The Fifteenth Chancery Court District is composed of  
788 the following counties:

789                    (a) Covich County; and

790                    (b) Lincoln County.

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



793           9-5-47. (1) The Fifteenth Chancery Court District is  
794 composed of the following counties:

- 795                 (a) Copleah County;  
796                 (b) Franklin County;  
797                 (c) Lawrence County; and  
798                 (d) Lincoln County.

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

803           **SECTION 29.** Section 9-5-49, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
804 amended as follows:

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

806           9-5-49. The Sixteenth Chancery Court District is composed of  
807 the following counties:

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

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

813           9-5-49. The Sixteenth Chancery Court District shall be  
814 Jackson County.

815           **SECTION 30.** Section 9-5-50, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
816 brought forward as follows:



817 9-5-50. (1) There shall be three (3) chancellors for the  
818 Sixteenth Chancery Court District.

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

822 **SECTION 31.** Section 9-5-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
823 amended as follows:

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

825 9-5-51. (1) The Seventeenth Chancery Court District is  
826 composed of the following counties:

- 827 (a) Adams County;
- 828 (b) Claiborne County;
- 829 (c) Jefferson County; and
- 830 (d) Wilkinson County.

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

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

837 (b) Subdistrict 17-2 shall consist of Wilkinson County  
838 and the following precincts in Adams County: Beau Pre, Bellemont,  
839 By-Pass Fire Station, Carpenter\*, Concord, Convention Center\*,  
840 Courthouse, Duncan Park, Kingston, Liberty Park, Maryland\*,  
841 Morgantown, Oakland and Washington\*.



842 (3) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the Seventeenth  
843 Chancery Court District. One (1) chancellor shall be elected from  
844 each subdistrict.

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

847 9-5-51. (1) The Seventeenth Chancery Court District is  
848 composed of the following counties:

- 849 (a) Adams County;
- 850 (b) Amite County;
- 851 (c) Claiborne County;
- 852 (d) Jefferson County;
- 853 (e) Pike County;
- 854 (f) Walthall County; and
- 855 (g) Wilkinson County.

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

860 **SECTION 32.** Section 9-5-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
861 brought forward as follows:

862 9-5-53. The Eighteenth Chancery Court District is composed  
863 of the following counties:

- 864 (a) Benton County;
- 865 (b) Calhoun County;
- 866 (c) Lafayette County;



867 (d) Marshall County; and

868 (e) Tippah County.

869 **SECTION 33.** Section 9-5-54, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
870 brought forward as follows:

871 9-5-54. (1) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the  
872 Eighteenth Chancery Court District.

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

876 **SECTION 34.** Section 9-5-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
877 amended as follows:

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

879 9-5-55. The Nineteenth Chancery Court District is composed  
880 of the following counties:

881 (a) Jones County; and

882 (b) Wayne County.

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

885 9-5-55. (1) The Nineteenth Chancery Court District shall be  
886 Desoto County.

887 (2) There shall be three (3) chancellors for the Nineteenth  
888 Chancery Court District.

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



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

894           9-5-57. The Twentieth Chancery Court District shall be  
895 Rankin County.

896           **SECTION 36.** Section 9-5-58, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
897 brought forward as follows:

898           9-5-58. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the  
899 Twentieth Chancery Court District. For purposes of appointment  
900 and election the three (3) chancellorships shall be separate and  
901 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election  
902 only as "Place One," "Place Two" and "Place Three."

903           **SECTION 37.** Section 9-7-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
904 brought forward as follows:

905           9-7-1. A circuit judge shall be elected for and from each  
906 circuit court district and the listing of individual precincts  
907 shall be those precincts as they existed on October 1, 1990. He  
908 may hold court in any other district with the consent of the judge  
909 thereof, when in their opinion the public interest may require.  
910 The terms of all circuit judges hereafter elected shall begin on  
911 the first day of January 1931 and their terms of office shall  
912 continue for four (4) years. A circuit judge shall be a resident  
913 of the district in which he or she serves but shall not be  
914 required to be a resident of a subdistrict if the district is  
915 divided into subdistricts.



916           **SECTION 38.** Section 9-7-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
917 brought forward as follows:

918           9-7-3. (1) The state is divided into an appropriate number  
919 of circuit court districts severally numbered and composed of the  
920 counties as set forth in the sections which follow. A court to be  
921 styled "The Circuit Court of the County of \_\_\_\_" shall be held in  
922 each county, and within each judicial district of a county having  
923 two (2) judicial districts, at least twice a year. Court shall be  
924 held in circuit court districts consisting of a single county on  
925 the same dates state agencies and political subdivisions are open  
926 for business excluding legal holidays. The dates upon which terms  
927 shall commence and the number of days for which the terms shall  
928 continue in circuit court districts consisting of more than one  
929 (1) county shall be set by order of the circuit court judge in  
930 accordance with the provisions of subsection (2) of this section.  
931 A matter in court may extend past a term if the interest of  
932 justice so requires.

933           (2) An order establishing the commencement and continuation  
934 of terms of court for each of the counties within a circuit court  
935 district consisting of more than one (1) county shall be entered  
936 annually and not later than October 1 of the year immediately  
937 preceding the calendar year for which the terms of court are to  
938 become effective. Notice of the dates upon which the terms of  
939 court shall commence and the number of days for which the terms  
940 shall continue in each of the counties within a circuit court





941 district shall be posted in the office of the circuit clerk of  
942 each county within the district and mailed to the office of the  
943 Secretary of State for publication and distribution to all  
944 Mississippi Bar members. If an order is not timely entered, the  
945 terms of court for each of the counties within any circuit court  
946 district shall remain unchanged for the next calendar year. A  
947 certified copy of any order entered under the provisions of this  
948 subsection shall, immediately upon the entry thereof, be delivered  
949 to the clerk of the board of supervisors in each of the counties  
950 within the circuit court district.

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

- 954 (a) The population of the district;
- 955 (b) The number of cases filed in the district;
- 956 (c) The case load of each judge in the district;
- 957 (d) The geographic area of the district;
- 958 (e) An analysis of the needs of the district by the  
959 court personnel of the district; and
- 960 (f) Any other appropriate criteria.

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

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



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

968 (c) Method of assimilating the specified data.

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

980 **SECTION 39.** Section 9-7-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
981 amended as follows:

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

983 9-7-5. The First Circuit Court District is composed of the  
984 following counties:

- 985 (a) Alcorn County;
- 986 (b) Itawamba County;
- 987 (c) Lee County;
- 988 (d) Monroe County;
- 989 (e) Pontotoc County;
- 990 (f) Prentiss County; and



991 (g) Tishomingo County.

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

994 9-7-5. The First Circuit Court District is composed of the  
995 following counties:

996 (a) Alcorn County;

997 (b) Itawamba County;

998 (c) Lee County;

999 (d) Pontotoc County;

1000 (e) Prentiss County; and

1001 (f) Tishomingo County.

1002 **SECTION 40.** Section 9-7-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1003 amended as follows:

1004 **[Until January 1, 2027, this section shall read as follows:]**

1005 9-7-7. (1) There shall be four (4) judges for the First  
1006 Circuit Court District.

1007 (2) The four (4) judgeships shall be separate and distinct  
1008 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as  
1009 "Place One," "Place Two," "Place Three" and "Place Four." The  
1010 judge to fill Place One must reside in Alcorn, Prentiss or  
1011 Tishomingo County. The judges to fill Place Two and Place Three  
1012 must reside in Itawamba, Lee, Monroe or Pontotoc County. The  
1013 judge to fill Place Four may be a resident of any county in the  
1014 district. Election of the four (4) offices of judge shall be by



1015 election to be held in every county within the First Circuit Court  
1016 District.

1017 **[From and after January 1, 2027, this section shall read as**  
1018 **follows:]**

1019 9-7-7. (1) There shall be four (4) judges for the First  
1020 Circuit Court District.

1021 (2) The four (4) judgeships shall be separate and distinct  
1022 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as  
1023 "Place One," "Place Two," "Place Three" and "Place Four." The  
1024 judge to fill Place One must reside in Alcorn, Prentiss or  
1025 Tishomingo County. The judges to fill Place Two and Place Three  
1026 must reside in Itawamba, Lee, or Pontotoc County. The judge to  
1027 fill Place Four may be a resident of any county in the district.  
1028 Election of the four (4) offices of judge shall be by election to  
1029 be held in every county within the First Circuit Court District.

1030 **SECTION 41.** Section 9-7-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1031 brought forward as follows:

1032 9-7-9. The Second Circuit Court District is composed of the  
1033 following counties:

- 1034 (a) Hancock County;
- 1035 (b) Harrison County; and
- 1036 (c) Stone County.

1037 **SECTION 42.** Section 9-7-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1038 brought forward as follows:



1039 9-7-11. (1) There shall be four (4) judges for the Second  
1040 Circuit Court District.

1041 (2) The four (4) judgeships shall be separate and distinct  
1042 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as  
1043 "Place One," "Place Two," "Place Three" and "Place Four."

1044 **SECTION 43.** Section 9-7-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1045 amended as follows:

1046 **[Until January 1, 2027, this section shall read as follows:]**

1047 9-7-13. The Third Circuit Court District is composed of the  
1048 following counties:

- 1049 (a) Benton County;
- 1050 (b) Calhoun County;
- 1051 (c) Chickasaw County;
- 1052 (d) Lafayette County;
- 1053 (e) Marshall County;
- 1054 (f) Tippah County; and
- 1055 (g) Union County.

1056 **[From and after January 1, 2027, this section shall read as**  
1057 **follows:]**

1058 9-7-13. The Third Circuit Court District is composed of the  
1059 following counties:

- 1060 (a) Benton County;
- 1061 (b) Calhoun County;
- 1062 (c) Lafayette County;
- 1063 (d) Marshall County;



1064                   (e) Tippah County; and

1065                   (f) Union County.

1066                   **SECTION 44.** Section 9-7-14, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1067 brought forward as follows:

1068                   9-7-14. (1) There shall be three (3) judges for the Third  
1069 Circuit Court District.

1070                   (2) The three (3) judgeships shall be separate and distinct  
1071 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as  
1072 "Place One," "Place Two" and "Place Three."

1073                   **SECTION 45.** Section 9-7-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1074 amended as follows:

1075                   **[Until January 1, 2027, this section shall read as follows:]**

1076                   9-7-15. (1) The Fourth Circuit Court District shall be  
1077 composed of the following counties:

- 1078                   (a) Leflore County;
- 1079                   (b) Sunflower County; and
- 1080                   (c) Washington County.

1081                   (2) The Fourth Circuit Court District shall be divided into  
1082 four (4) subdistricts as follows:

1083                   (a) Subdistrict 4-1 shall consist of the following  
1084 precincts in the following counties:

- 1085                   (i) Leflore County: Minter City, North Greenwood,  
1086 Money, Northeast Greenwood, Schlater, West Greenwood, Mississippi  
1087 Valley State University and Southeast Greenwood Precincts; and



1088 (ii) Sunflower County: Ruleville, Rome, Sunflower  
1089 Plantation, Drew, Doddsville, Boyer-Linn, Fairview-Hale and  
1090 Ruleville North Precincts.

1091 (b) Subdistrict 4-2 shall consist of the following  
1092 precincts in the following counties:

1093 (i) Sunflower County: Indianola 1, Sunflower,  
1094 Indianola 3 North, Indianola 3 South and Indianola 3 Northeast  
1095 Precincts; and

1096 (ii) Washington County: Extension Building, Faith  
1097 Lutheran Church, American Legion, Metcalfe City Hall, Elks Club,  
1098 Leland Health Department Clinic, Leland Light and Water Plant and  
1099 Greenville Industrial College Precincts.

1100 (c) Subdistrict 4-3 shall consist of the following  
1101 precincts in the following counties:

1102 (i) Leflore County: East Greenwood Sub-A, East  
1103 Greenwood Sub-B, Central Greenwood, North Itta Bena, South Itta  
1104 Bena, Southwest Greenwood, Rising Sun, Sidon, Morgan City,  
1105 Swiftown and South Greenwood Precincts;

1106 (ii) Sunflower County: Moorhead, Inverness,  
1107 Indianola 2 West and Indianola 2 East Precincts; and

1108 (iii) Washington County: Arcola City Hall,  
1109 Hollandale City Hall, Darlove Baptist Church and Mangelardi  
1110 Bourbon Store Precincts.

1111 (d) Subdistrict 4-4 shall consist of the following  
1112 precincts in Washington County: St. James Episcopal Church,



1113 Swiftwater Baptist Church, Glen Allan Health Clinic, Italian Club,  
1114 Ward's Recreation Center, Buster Brown Community Center, Avon  
1115 Health Center, Kapco Company, Brent Center, William Percy Library  
1116 and Grace Methodist Church Precincts.

1117 (3) The local contributions required for the maintenance of  
1118 the Fourth Circuit Court District shall be paid on a pro rata  
1119 basis each by Leflore, Sunflower and Washington Counties.

1120 **[From and after January 1, 2027, this section shall read as**  
1121 **follows:]**

1122 9-7-15. The Fourth Circuit Court District shall be Desoto  
1123 County.

1124 **SECTION 46.** Section 9-7-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1125 amended as follows:

1126 **[Until January 1, 2027, this section shall read as follows:]**

1127 9-7-17. There shall be four (4) circuit judges for the  
1128 Fourth Circuit Court District. One (1) circuit judge shall be  
1129 elected from each subdistrict.

1130 **[From and after January 1, 2027, this section shall read as**  
1131 **follows:]**

1132 9-7-17. (1) There shall be three (3) circuit judges for the  
1133 Fourth Circuit Court District.

1134 (2) For the purposes of appointment and election, the two  
1135 (2) judgeships shall be separate and distinct and denominated as  
1136 "Place One," "Place Two" and "Place Three."





1137           **SECTION 47.** Section 9-7-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1138 amended as follows:

1139           **[Until January 1, 2027, this section shall read as follows:]**

1140           9-7-19. The Fifth Circuit Court District is composed of the  
1141 following counties:

- 1142           (a) Attala County;
- 1143           (b) Carroll County;
- 1144           (c) Choctaw County;
- 1145           (d) Grenada County;
- 1146           (e) Montgomery County;
- 1147           (f) Webster County; and
- 1148           (g) Winston County.

1149           **[From and after January 1, 2027, this section shall read as**  
1150 **follows:]**

1151           9-7-19. The Fifth Circuit Court District is composed of the  
1152 following counties:

- 1153           (a) Attala County;
- 1154           (b) Carroll County;
- 1155           (c) Choctaw County;
- 1156           (d) Grenada County;
- 1157           (e) Montgomery County; and
- 1158           (f) Winston County.

1159           **SECTION 48.** Section 9-7-20, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1160 brought forward as follows:



1161 9-7-20. (1) There shall be two (2) judges for the Fifth  
1162 Circuit Court District.

1163 (2) The two (2) judgeships shall be separate and distinct  
1164 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as  
1165 "Place One" and "Place Two."

1166 **SECTION 49.** Section 9-7-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1167 amended as follows:

1168 **[Until January 1, 2027, this section shall read as follows:]**

1169 9-7-21. (1) The Sixth Circuit Court District is composed of  
1170 the following counties:

- 1171 (a) Adams County;
- 1172 (b) Amite County;
- 1173 (c) Franklin County; and
- 1174 (d) Wilkinson County.

1175 (2) The Sixth Circuit Court District shall be divided into  
1176 two (2) subdistricts as follows:

1177 (a) Subdistrict 6-1 shall consist of Wilkinson County  
1178 and the following precincts in the following counties:

1179 (i) Adams County: Airport, By-Pass Fire Station,  
1180 Carpenter, Concord\*, Courthouse\*, Duncan Park\*, Foster Mound,  
1181 Maryland\*, Northside School, Pine Ridge, Thompson and Washington\*;  
1182 and

1183 (ii) Amite County: Ariel, Berwick, Crosby, East  
1184 Centreville, East Gloster\*, Gloster\*, Homochitto, South Liberty\*  
1185 and Street.



1186 (b) Subdistrict 6-2 shall consist of Franklin County  
1187 and the following precincts in the following counties:

1188 (i) Adams County: Beau Pre, Bellemont, Concord\*,  
1189 Convention Center, Courthouse\*, Duncan Park\*, Kingston, Liberty  
1190 Park, Maryland\*, Morgantown, Oakland, Palestine and Washington\*;  
1191 and

1192 (ii) Amite County: Amite River, East Fork, East  
1193 Gloster\*, East Liberty, Gloster\*, Liberty, New Zion, Oneil,  
1194 Riceville, Smithdale, South Liberty\*, Tangipahoa, Tickfaw, Walls  
1195 and Zion Hills.

1196 (3) There shall be two (2) judges for the Sixth Circuit  
1197 Court District. The two (2) judgeships shall be separate and  
1198 distinct. One (1) judge shall be elected from each subdistrict.

1199 **[From and after January 1, 2027, this section shall read as**  
1200 **follows:]**

1201 9-7-21. (1) The Sixth Circuit Court District is composed of  
1202 the following counties:

1203 (a) Adams County;

1204 (b) Amite County;

1205 (c) Claiborne County;

1206 (d) Jefferson County;

1207 (e) Pike County;

1208 (f) Walthall County; and

1209 (g) Wilkinson County.



1210           (2) There shall be two (2) judges for the Sixth Circuit  
1211 Court District. The two (2) judgeships shall be separate and  
1212 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election  
1213 only as "Place One" and "Place Two."

1214           **SECTION 50.** Section 9-7-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1215 brought forward as follows:

1216           9-7-23. (1) The Seventh Circuit Court District shall be  
1217 Hinds County.

1218           (2) The Seventh Circuit Court District shall be divided into  
1219 four (4) subdistricts in Hinds County as follows:

1220           (a) Subdistrict 7-1 shall consist of the following  
1221 precincts in Hinds County: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 32, 33, 34,  
1222 35, 36, 44, 45, 46, 47, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 92, 93, 96  
1223 and 97.

1224           (b) Subdistrict 7-2 shall consist of the following  
1225 precincts in Hinds County: 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 23, 27,  
1226 28, 29, 30, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85,  
1227 Brownsville, Cynthia, Pocahontas and Tinnin.

1228           (c) Subdistrict 7-3 shall consist of the following  
1229 precincts in Hinds County: 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 31,  
1230 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 66,  
1231 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 86, 89, and Jackson State.

1232           (d) Subdistrict 7-4 shall consist of the following  
1233 precincts in Hinds County: 87, 88, 90, 91, 94, 95, Bolton, Byram  
1234 1, Byram 2, Cayuga, Chapel Hill, Clinton 1, Clinton 2, Clinton 3,



1235 Clinton 4, Clinton 5, Clinton 6, Dry Grove, Edwards, Learned, Old  
1236 Byram, Pinehaven, Raymond 1, Raymond 2, Spring Ridge, St. Thomas,  
1237 Terry, Utica 1 and Utica 2.

1238           **SECTION 51.** Section 9-7-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1239 brought forward as follows:

1240           9-7-25. (1) There shall be four (4) circuit judges for the  
1241 Seventh Circuit Court District. One (1) judge shall be elected  
1242 from each subdistrict.

1243           (2) While there shall be no limitation whatsoever upon the  
1244 powers and duties of the said judges other than as cast upon them  
1245 by the Constitution and laws of this state, the court in the First  
1246 Judicial District of Hinds County, in the discretion of the senior  
1247 circuit judge, may be divided into civil and criminal divisions as  
1248 a matter of convenience, by the entry of an order upon the minutes  
1249 of the court.

1250           **SECTION 52.** Section 9-7-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1251 brought forward as follows:

1252           9-7-27. (1) The Eighth Circuit Court District is composed  
1253 of the following counties:

- 1254           (a) Leake County;
- 1255           (b) Neshoba County;
- 1256           (c) Newton County; and
- 1257           (d) Scott County.

1258           (2) There shall be two (2) judges for the Eighth Circuit  
1259 Court District.



1260 (3) The two (2) judgeships shall be separate and distinct  
1261 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as  
1262 "Place One" and "Place Two."

1263 **SECTION 53.** Section 9-7-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1264 brought forward as follows:

1265 9-7-29. (1) The Ninth Circuit Court District is composed of  
1266 the following counties:

- 1267 (a) Issaquena County;
- 1268 (b) Sharkey County; and
- 1269 (c) Warren County.

1270 (2) The Ninth Circuit Court District shall be divided into  
1271 two (2) subdistricts as follows:

1272 (a) Subdistrict 9-1 shall consist of Issaquena County,  
1273 Sharkey County and the following precincts in Warren County: 3-61  
1274 Store\*, American Legion Hall, Auditorium, Brunswick, Cedar Grove\*,  
1275 Kings\*, Number 7 Fire Station\*, St. Aloysius and Vicksburg Junior  
1276 High School\*.

1277 (b) Subdistrict 9-2 shall consist of the following  
1278 precincts in Warren County: 3-61 Store\*, Beechwood, Bovina, Cedar  
1279 Grove\*, Culkin, Elks Lodge, Goodrum, Jett, Kings\*, Moose Lodge,  
1280 Number 7 Fire Station\*, Oak Ridge, Plumbers Hall, Redwood,  
1281 Tingleville, Vicksburg Junior High School\*, YMCA and Yokena.

1282 **SECTION 54.** Section 9-7-30, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1283 brought forward as follows:



1284 9-7-30. There shall be two (2) judges for the Ninth Circuit  
1285 Court District. One (1) judge shall be elected from each  
1286 subdistrict.

1287 **SECTION 55.** Section 9-7-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1288 amended as follows:

1289 **[Until January 1, 2027, this section shall read as follows:]**

1290 9-7-31. The Tenth Circuit Court District is composed of the  
1291 following counties:

- 1292 (a) Clarke County;
- 1293 (b) Kemper County;
- 1294 (c) Lauderdale County; and
- 1295 (d) Wayne County.

1296 **[From and after January 1, 2027, this section shall read as**  
1297 **follows:]**

1298 9-7-31. The Tenth Circuit Court District is composed of the  
1299 following counties:

- 1300 (a) Kemper County;
- 1301 (b) Lauderdale County; and
- 1302 (c) Noxubee County.

1303 **SECTION 56.** Section 9-7-32, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1304 brought forward as follows:

1305 9-7-32. (1) There shall be two (2) judges for the Tenth  
1306 Circuit Court District.



1307 (2) The two (2) judgeships shall be separate and distinct  
1308 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as  
1309 "Place One" and "Place Two."

1310 **SECTION 57.** Section 9-7-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1311 amended as follows:

1312 **[Until January 1, 2027, this section shall read as follows:]**

1313 9-7-33. (1) The Eleventh Circuit Court District is composed  
1314 of the following counties:

- 1315 (a) Bolivar County;
- 1316 (b) Coahoma County;
- 1317 (c) Quitman County; and
- 1318 (d) Tunica County.

1319 (2) The Eleventh Circuit Court District shall be divided  
1320 into three (3) subdistricts as follows:

1321 (a) Subdistrict 11-1 shall consist of the following  
1322 precincts from the following counties:

1323 (i) Bolivar County: Benoit, Beulah, Boyle,  
1324 Choctaw, Cleveland Courthouse, East Central Cleveland\*, East  
1325 Cleveland\*, East Rosedale, Gunnison, Longshot, North Cleveland,  
1326 Northwest Cleveland\*, Pace, Scott, Shaw, Skene, South Cleveland\*,  
1327 Stringtown, West Central Cleveland, West Cleveland and West  
1328 Rosedale; and

1329 (ii) Coahoma County: Bobo, Clarksdale 2-4\*,  
1330 Clarksdale 5-4\*, Farrell\*, Rena Lara and Sherard\*.





1331 (b) Subdistrict 11-2 shall consist of the following  
1332 precincts from the following counties:

1333 (i) Bolivar County: Cleveland Eastgate,  
1334 Duncan/Alligator, East Central Cleveland\*, East Cleveland\*,  
1335 Merigold, Mound Bayou, Northwest Cleveland\*, Renova, Shelby, South  
1336 Cleveland\* and Winstonville;

1337 (ii) Coahoma County: Cagle Crossing, Clarksdale  
1338 1-4\*, Clarksdale 3-3, Clarksdale 3-4, Clarksdale 4-2, Clarksdale  
1339 4-3, Dublin and Roundaway; and

1340 (iii) Quitman County: Belen\*, District 3 South\*,  
1341 Lambert, Northwest Marks, Southwest Marks and West Lambert.

1342 (c) Subdistricts 11-3 shall consist of Tunica County  
1343 and the following precincts in the following counties:

1344 (i) Coahoma County: Clarksdale 1-4\*, Clarksdale  
1345 2-4\*, Clarksdale 5-4\*, Coahoma, Farrell\*, Friar's Point,  
1346 Jonestown, Lula, Lyon and Sherard\*; and

1347 (ii) Quitman County: Belen\*, Crenshaw, Crowder,  
1348 Darling, District 3 North, District 3 South\* and Sledge.

1349 **[From and after January 1, 2027, this section shall read as**  
1350 **follows:]**

1351 9-7-33. The Eleventh Circuit Court District is composed of  
1352 the following counties:

1353 (a) Bolivar County;

1354 (b) Coahoma County;

1355 (c) Leflore County;



- 1356            (d) Quitman County;  
1357            (e) Sunflower County;  
1358            (f) Tunica County; and  
1359            (g) Washington County.

1360            **SECTION 58.** Section 9-7-34, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1361 amended as follows:

1362            **[Until January 1, 2027, this section shall read as follows:]**

1363            9-7-34. There shall be three (3) judges for the Eleventh  
1364 Circuit Court District. One (1) judge shall be elected from each  
1365 subdistrict.

1366            **[From and after January 1, 2027, this section shall read as**  
1367 **follows:]**

1368            9-7-34. There shall be three (3) judges for the Eleventh  
1369 Circuit Court District. The three (3) judgeships shall be  
1370 separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment  
1371 and election only as "Place One," "Place Two," and "Place Three."

1372            **SECTION 59.** Section 9-7-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1373 brought forward as follows:

1374            9-7-35. (1) The Twelfth Circuit Court District is composed  
1375 of the following counties:

- 1376            (a) Forrest County; and  
1377            (b) Perry County.

1378            (2) There shall be two (2) judges for the Twelfth Circuit  
1379 Court District. The two (2) judgeships shall be separate and



1380 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election  
1381 only as "Place One" and "Place Two."

1382         **SECTION 60.** Section 9-7-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1383 amended as follows:

1384         **[Until January 1, 2027, this section shall read as follows:]**

1385         9-7-37. (1) The Thirteenth Circuit Court District is  
1386 composed of the following counties:

- 1387                 (a) Covington County;
- 1388                 (b) Jasper County;
- 1389                 (c) Simpson County; and
- 1390                 (d) Smith County.

1391         (2) There shall be two (2) judges for the Thirteenth Circuit  
1392 Court District. The two (2) judgeships shall be separate and  
1393 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election  
1394 only as "Place One" and "Place Two."

1395         **[From and after January 1, 2027, this section shall read as**  
1396 **follows:]**

1397         9-7-37. (1) The Thirteenth Circuit Court District is  
1398 composed of the following counties:

- 1399                 (a) Clarke County;
- 1400                 (b) Covington County;
- 1401                 (c) Jasper County;
- 1402                 (d) Jefferson Davis County;
- 1403                 (e) Simpson County; and
- 1404                 (f) Smith County.



1405       (2) There shall be two (2) judges for the Thirteenth Circuit  
1406 Court District. The two (2) judgeships shall be separate and  
1407 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election  
1408 only as "Place One" and "Place Two."

1409       **SECTION 61.** Section 9-7-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1410 amended as follows:

1411       **[Until January 1, 2027, this section shall read as follows:]**

1412       9-7-39. (1) The Fourteenth Circuit Court District is  
1413 composed of the following counties:

- 1414               (a) Lincoln County;
- 1415               (b) Pike County; and
- 1416               (c) Walthall County.

1417       (2) (a) There shall be two (2) judges for the Fourteenth  
1418 Circuit Court District.

1419               (b) The two (2) judgeships shall be separate and  
1420 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election  
1421 only as "Place One" and "Place Two."

1422       **[From and after January 1, 2027, this section shall read as**  
1423 **follows:]**

1424       9-7-39. (1) The Fourteenth Circuit Court District is  
1425 composed of the following counties:

- 1426               (a) Covich County;
- 1427               (b) Franklin County;
- 1428               (c) Lawrence County; and
- 1429               (d) Lincoln County.



1430       (2) There shall be two (2) judges for the Fourteenth Circuit  
1431 Court District. The two (2) judgeships shall be separate and  
1432 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election  
1433 only as "Place One" and "Place Two."

1434       **SECTION 62.** Section 9-7-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1435 amended as follows:

1436       **[Until January 1, 2027, this section shall read as follows:]**

1437       9-7-41. The Fifteenth Circuit Court District is composed of  
1438 the following counties:

- 1439           (a) Jefferson Davis County;
- 1440           (b) Lamar County;
- 1441           (c) Lawrence County;
- 1442           (d) Marion County; and
- 1443           (e) Pearl River County.

1444       **[From and after January 1, 2027, this section shall read as**  
1445 **follows:]**

1446       9-7-41. The Fifteenth Circuit Court District is composed of  
1447 the following counties:

- 1448           (a) Lamar County;
- 1449           (b) Marion County; and
- 1450           (c) Pearl River County.

1451       **SECTION 63.** Section 9-7-42, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1452 amended as follows:

1453       **[Until January 1, 2027, this section shall read as follows:]**



1454 9-7-42. (1) There shall be three (3) judges for the  
1455 Fifteenth Circuit Court District.

1456 (2) The three (3) judgeships shall be separate and distinct  
1457 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as  
1458 "Place One," "Place Two," and "Place Three." The judge to fill  
1459 Place One must be a resident of Jefferson Davis, Lamar, Lawrence  
1460 or Marion County. The judge to fill Place Two may be a resident  
1461 of any county in the district. The judge to fill Place Three must  
1462 be a resident of Pearl River County.

1463 **[From and after January 1, 2027, this section shall read as**  
1464 **follows:]**

1465 9-7-42. (1) There shall be three (3) judges for the  
1466 Fifteenth Circuit Court District.

1467 (2) The three (3) judgeships shall be separate and distinct  
1468 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as  
1469 "Place One," "Place Two," and "Place Three." The judge to fill  
1470 Place One must be a resident of Lamar or Marion County. The judge  
1471 to fill Place Two may be a resident of any county in the district.  
1472 The judge to fill Place Three must be a resident of Pearl River  
1473 County.

1474 **SECTION 64.** Section 9-7-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1475 amended as follows:

1476 **[Until January 1, 2027, this section shall read as follows:]**

1477 9-7-43. The Sixteenth Circuit Court District is composed of  
1478 the following counties:



- 1479 (a) Clay County;  
1480 (b) Lowndes County;  
1481 (c) Noxubee County; and  
1482 (d) Oktibbeha County.

1483 **[From and after January 1, 2027, this section shall read as**  
1484 **follows:]**

1485 9-7-43. The Sixteenth Circuit Court District is composed of  
1486 the following counties:

- 1487 (a) Chickasaw County;  
1488 (b) Clay County;  
1489 (c) Lowndes County;  
1490 (d) Monroe County;  
1491 (e) Oktibbeha County; and  
1492 (f) Webster County.

1493 **SECTION 65.** Section 9-7-44, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1494 amended as follows:

1495 **[Until January 1, 2027, this section shall read as follows:]**

1496 9-7-44. (1) There shall be three (3) judges for the  
1497 Sixteenth Circuit Court District.

1498 (2) The three (3) judgeships shall be separate and distinct  
1499 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as  
1500 "Place One," "Place Two" and "Place Three." The judge to fill  
1501 Place One must be a resident of Lowndes County. The judge to fill  
1502 Place Two must be a resident of Oktibbeha County. The judge to  
1503 fill Place Three must be a resident of either Clay or Noxubee



1504 County. Election of the three (3) offices of judge shall be by  
1505 election to be held in every county within the Sixteenth Circuit  
1506 Court District.

1507 **[From and after January 1, 2027, this section shall read as**  
1508 **follows:]**

1509 9-7-44. (1) There shall be three (3) judges for the  
1510 Sixteenth Circuit Court District.

1511 (2) The three (3) judgeships shall be separate and distinct  
1512 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as  
1513 "Place One," "Place Two" and "Place Three." The judge to fill  
1514 Place One must be a resident of either Clay County or Lowndes  
1515 County. The judge to fill Place Two must be a resident of either  
1516 Webster County or Oktibbeha County. The judge to fill Place Three  
1517 must be a resident of either Chickasaw County or Monroe County.

1518 **SECTION 66.** Section 9-7-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1519 brought forward as follows:

1520 9-7-45. The Seventeenth Circuit Court District shall be  
1521 composed of the following counties:

- 1522 (a) Panola County;
- 1523 (b) Tallahatchie County;
- 1524 (c) Tate County; and
- 1525 (d) Yalobusha County.

1526 **SECTION 67.** Section 9-7-46, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1527 brought forward as follows:





1528 9-7-46. (1) There shall be two (2) circuit judges for the  
1529 Seventeenth Circuit Court District.

1530 (2) For the purpose of appointment and election, the two (2)  
1531 judgeships shall be separate and distinct, and be denominated as  
1532 "Place One" and "Place Two."

1533 **SECTION 68.** Section 9-7-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1534 amended follows:

1535 **[Until January 1, 2027, this section shall read as follows:]**

1536 9-7-47. The Eighteenth Circuit Court District shall be Jones  
1537 County.

1538 **[From and after January 1, 2027, this section shall read as**  
1539 **follows:]**

1540 9-7-47. (1) The Eighteenth Circuit Court District shall be  
1541 composed of the following counties:

1542 (a) George County;

1543 (b) Greene County;

1544 (c) Jones County; and

1545 (d) Wayne County.

1546 (2) There shall be two (2) circuit judges for the Eighteenth  
1547 Circuit Court District. The two (2) judgeships shall be separate  
1548 and distinct and be denominated for the purpose of appointment and  
1549 election as "Place One" and "Place Two." The judge to fill Place  
1550 One must reside in either Jones or Wayne County, and the judge to  
1551 fill Place Two must reside in either George County or Greene  
1552 County.



1553           **SECTION 69.** Section 9-7-49, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1554 amended as follows:

1555           **[Until January 1, 2027, this section shall read as follows:]**

1556           9-7-49. \* \* \* The Nineteenth Circuit Court District is  
1557 composed of the following counties:

- 1558                   (a) George County;
- 1559                   (b) Greene County; and
- 1560                   (c) Jackson County.

1561           \* \* \*

1562           **[From and after January 1, 2027, this section shall read as**  
1563 **follows:]**

1564           9-7-49. The Nineteenth Circuit Court District shall be  
1565 Jackson County.

1566           **SECTION 70.** Section 9-7-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1567 brought forward as follows:

1568           9-7-51. (1) There shall be three (3) judges for the  
1569 Nineteenth Circuit Court District. The three (3) judgeships shall  
1570 be separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of  
1571 appointment and election only as "Place One," "Place Two" and  
1572 "Place Three."

1573           (2) The senior judge of the Nineteenth Circuit Court  
1574 District may divide the court of any county within the district  
1575 into civil, criminal and appellate court divisions as a matter of  
1576 convenience by the entry of an order upon the minutes of the  
1577 court.



1578           **SECTION 71.** Section 9-7-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1579 brought forward as follows:

1580           9-7-53. The Twentieth Circuit Court District is composed of  
1581 the following counties:

1582                   (a) Madison County; and

1583                   (b) Rankin County.

1584           **SECTION 72.** Section 9-7-54, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1585 brought forward as follows:

1586           9-7-54. (1) There shall be three (3) judges for the  
1587 Twentieth Circuit Court District.

1588                   (2) The three (3) judgeships shall be separate and distinct  
1589 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as  
1590 "Place One," "Place Two" and "Place Three." The judge to fill  
1591 Place One must reside in Rankin County, the judge to fill Place  
1592 Two must reside in Madison County, and the judge to fill Place  
1593 Three may reside in either Madison or Rankin County.

1594           **SECTION 73.** Section 9-7-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1595 brought forward as follows:

1596           9-7-55. The Twenty-first Circuit Court District is composed  
1597 of the following counties:

1598                   (a) Holmes County;

1599                   (b) Humphreys County; and

1600                   (c) Yazoo County.

1601           **SECTION 74.** Section 9-7-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1602 amended as follows:



1603 9-7-57. (1) The Twenty-second Circuit Court District is  
1604 composed of the following counties:

- 1605 (a) Claiborne County;
- 1606 (b) Copiah County; and
- 1607 (c) Jefferson County.

1608 (2) This section shall stand repealed on January 1, 2027.

1609 **SECTION 75.** Section 9-7-63, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1610 amended as follows:

1611 9-7-63. The Twenty-third Circuit Court District shall be  
1612 DeSoto County. This section shall stand repealed on January 1,  
1613 2027.

1614 **SECTION 76.** Section 9-7-64, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1615 amended as follows:

1616 9-7-64. (1) There shall be two (2) circuit judges for the  
1617 Twenty-third Circuit Court District.

1618 (2) For the purposes of appointment and election, the two  
1619 (2) judgeships shall be separate and distinct and denominated as  
1620 "Place One" and "Place Two."

1621 (3) This section shall stand repealed on January 1, 2027.

1622 **SECTION 77.** Section 25-31-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1623 amended as follows:

1624 **[Until January 1, 2027, this section shall read as follows:]**

1625 25-31-5. (1) The following number of full-time legal  
1626 assistants are authorized in the following circuit court  
1627 districts:



1628           (a) First Circuit Court District..... ten (10)  
1629 legal assistants.  
1630           (b) Second Circuit Court District..... eleven (11)  
1631 legal assistants.  
1632           (c) Third Circuit Court District..... six (6)  
1633 legal assistants.  
1634           (d) Fourth Circuit Court District..... six (6)  
1635 legal assistants.  
1636           (e) Fifth Circuit Court District.....five (5)  
1637 legal assistants.  
1638           (f) Sixth Circuit Court District..... three (3)  
1639 legal assistants.  
1640           (g) Seventh Circuit Court District..... \* \* \*  
1641 fourteen (14) legal assistants. Effective July 1, 2023, through  
1642 July 1, 2025, the Seventh Circuit Court District shall have \* \* \*  
1643 sixteen (16) legal assistants.  
1644           (h) Eighth Circuit Court District.....three (3)  
1645 legal assistants.  
1646           (i) Ninth Circuit Court District.....three (3)  
1647 legal assistants.  
1648           (j) Tenth Circuit Court District..... five (5)  
1649 legal assistants.  
1650           (k) Eleventh Circuit Court District.....five (5)  
1651 legal assistants.



1652                   (l) Twelfth Circuit Court District.....five (5)  
1653 legal assistants.  
1654                   (m) Thirteenth Circuit Court District.....four (4)  
1655 legal assistants.  
1656                   (n) Fourteenth Circuit Court District..... six (6)  
1657 legal assistants.  
1658                   (o) Fifteenth Circuit Court District..... seven (7)  
1659 legal assistants.  
1660                   (p) Sixteenth Circuit Court District..... six (6)  
1661 legal assistants.  
1662                   (q) Seventeenth Circuit Court District..... four (4)  
1663 legal assistants.  
1664                   (r) Eighteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1665 legal assistants.  
1666                   (s) Nineteenth Circuit Court District..... seven (7)  
1667 legal assistants.  
1668                   (t) Twentieth Circuit Court District..... seven (7)  
1669 legal assistants.  
1670                   (u) Twenty-first Circuit Court District..... \* \* \*  
1671 five (5) legal assistants.  
1672                   (v) Twenty-second Circuit Court District..... three (3)  
1673 legal assistants.  
1674                   (w) Twenty-third Circuit Court District ..... five (5)  
1675 legal assistants.



1676 (2) In addition to any legal assistants authorized pursuant  
1677 to subsection (1) of this section, the following number of  
1678 full-time legal assistants are authorized (i) in the following  
1679 circuit court districts if funds are appropriated by the  
1680 Legislature to adequately fund the salaries, expenses and fringe  
1681 benefits of such legal assistants, or (ii) in any of the following  
1682 circuit court districts in which the board of supervisors of one  
1683 or more of the counties in a circuit court district adopts a  
1684 resolution to pay all of the salaries, supplemental pay, expenses  
1685 and fringe benefits of legal assistants authorized in such  
1686 district pursuant to this subsection:

1687 (a) First Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1688 legal assistants.

1689 (b) Second Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1690 legal assistants.

1691 (c) Third Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1692 legal assistants.

1693 (d) Fourth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1694 legal assistants.

1695 (e) Fifth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1696 legal assistants.

1697 (f) Sixth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1698 legal assistants.

1699 (g) Seventh Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1700 legal assistants.



1701           (h) Eighth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1702 legal assistants.  
1703           (i) Ninth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1704 legal assistants.  
1705           (j) Tenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1706 legal assistants.  
1707           (k) Eleventh Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1708 legal assistants.  
1709           (l) Twelfth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1710 legal assistants.  
1711           (m) Thirteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1712 legal assistants.  
1713           (n) Fourteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1714 legal assistants.  
1715           (o) Fifteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1716 legal assistants.  
1717           (p) Sixteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1718 legal assistants.  
1719           (q) Seventeenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1720 legal assistants.  
1721           (r) Eighteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1722 legal assistants.  
1723           (s) Nineteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1724 legal assistants.





1725                   (t) Twentieth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1726 legal assistants.

1727                   (u) Twenty-first Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1728 legal assistants.

1729                   (v) Twenty-second Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1730 legal assistants.

1731                   (w) Twenty-third Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1732 legal assistants.

1733           (3) The board of supervisors of any county may pay all or a  
1734 part of the salary, supplemental pay, expenses and fringe benefits  
1735 of any district attorney or legal assistant authorized in the  
1736 circuit court district to which such county belongs pursuant to  
1737 this section.

1738           (4) The district attorney of any circuit court district may  
1739 employ additional legal assistants or criminal investigators, or  
1740 both, without regard to any limitation on the number of legal  
1741 assistants authorized in this section or criminal investigators  
1742 authorized by other provisions of law to the extent that the  
1743 district attorney's office receives funds from any source. Any  
1744 source shall include, but is not limited to, office-generated  
1745 funds, funds from a county, a combination of counties, a  
1746 municipality, a combination of municipalities, federal funds,  
1747 private grants or foundations, or by means of an Interlocal  
1748 Cooperative Agreement authorized by Section 17-13-1 which may be  
1749 expended for those positions in an amount sufficient to pay all of



1750 the salary, supplemental pay, expenses and fringe benefits of the  
1751 positions. Such funds may either be paid out of district attorney  
1752 accounts, transferred by the district attorney to the Department  
1753 of Finance and Administration or to one or more of the separate  
1754 counties comprising the circuit court district, and the funds  
1755 shall be disbursed to such employees in the same manner as  
1756 state-funded criminal investigators and full-time legal  
1757 assistants. The district attorney shall report to the board of  
1758 supervisors of each county comprising the circuit court district  
1759 the amount and source of the supplemental salary, expenses and  
1760 fringe benefits, and the board in each county shall spread the  
1761 same on its minutes. The district attorney shall also report such  
1762 information to the Department of Finance and Administration which  
1763 shall make such information available to the Legislative Budget  
1764 Office.

1765 (5) The district attorney shall be authorized to assign the  
1766 duties of a legal assistant regardless of the source of funding  
1767 for such legal assistants.

1768 **[From and after January 1, 2027, this section shall read as**  
1769 **follows:]**

1770 25-31-5. (1) The following number of full-time legal  
1771 assistants are authorized in the following circuit court  
1772 districts:

1773 (a) First Circuit Court District..... ten (10)  
1774 legal assistants.



1775           (b) Second Circuit Court District..... eleven (11)  
1776 legal assistants.  
1777           (c) Third Circuit Court District..... six (6)  
1778 legal assistants.  
1779           (d) Fourth Circuit Court District.....five (5)  
1780 legal assistants.  
1781           (e) Fifth Circuit Court District.....five (5)  
1782 legal assistants.  
1783           (f) Sixth Circuit Court District..... three (3)  
1784 legal assistants.  
1785           (g) Seventh Circuit Court District..... fourteen  
1786 (14) legal assistants. Effective July 1, 2023, through July 1,  
1787 2025, the Seventh Circuit Court District shall have sixteen (16)  
1788 legal assistants.  
1789           (h) Eighth Circuit Court District.....three (3)  
1790 legal assistants.  
1791           (i) Ninth Circuit Court District.....three (3)  
1792 legal assistants.  
1793           (j) Tenth Circuit Court District..... five (5)  
1794 legal assistants.  
1795           (k) Eleventh Circuit Court District.....five (5)  
1796 legal assistants.  
1797           (l) Twelfth Circuit Court District.....five (5)  
1798 legal assistants.



1799           (m) Thirteenth Circuit Court District.....four (4)

1800 legal assistants.

1801           (n) Fourteenth Circuit Court District..... six (6)

1802 legal assistants.

1803           (o) Fifteenth Circuit Court District..... seven (7)

1804 legal assistants.

1805           (p) Sixteenth Circuit Court District..... six (6)

1806 legal assistants.

1807           (q) Seventeenth Circuit Court District..... four (4)

1808 legal assistants.

1809           (r) Eighteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)

1810 legal assistants.

1811           (s) Nineteenth Circuit Court District..... seven (7)

1812 legal assistants.

1813           (t) Twentieth Circuit Court District..... seven (7)

1814 legal assistants.

1815           (u) Twenty-first Circuit Court District..... five (5)

1816 legal assistants.

1817           (2) In addition to any legal assistants authorized pursuant

1818 to subsection (1) of this section, the following number of

1819 full-time legal assistants are authorized (i) in the following

1820 circuit court districts if funds are appropriated by the

1821 Legislature to adequately fund the salaries, expenses and fringe

1822 benefits of such legal assistants, or (ii) in any of the following

1823 circuit court districts in which the board of supervisors of one



1824 or more of the counties in a circuit court district adopts a  
1825 resolution to pay all of the salaries, supplemental pay, expenses  
1826 and fringe benefits of legal assistants authorized in such  
1827 district pursuant to this subsection:

1828 (a) First Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1829 legal assistants.

1830 (b) Second Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1831 legal assistants.

1832 (c) Third Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1833 legal assistants.

1834 (d) Fourth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1835 legal assistants.

1836 (e) Fifth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1837 legal assistants.

1838 (f) Sixth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1839 legal assistants.

1840 (g) Seventh Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1841 legal assistants.

1842 (h) Eighth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1843 legal assistants.

1844 (i) Ninth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1845 legal assistants.

1846 (j) Tenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1847 legal assistants.



1848           (k) Eleventh Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1849 legal assistants.  
1850           (l) Twelfth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1851 legal assistants.  
1852           (m) Thirteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1853 legal assistants.  
1854           (n) Fourteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1855 legal assistants.  
1856           (o) Fifteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1857 legal assistants.  
1858           (p) Sixteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1859 legal assistants.  
1860           (q) Seventeenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1861 legal assistants.  
1862           (r) Eighteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1863 legal assistants.  
1864           (s) Nineteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1865 legal assistants.  
1866           (t) Twentieth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1867 legal assistants.  
1868           (u) Twenty-first Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1869 legal assistants.  
1870           (3) The board of supervisors of any county may pay all or a  
1871 part of the salary, supplemental pay, expenses and fringe benefits  
1872 of any district attorney or legal assistant authorized in the



1873 circuit court district to which such county belongs pursuant to  
1874 this section.

1875 (4) The district attorney of any circuit court district may  
1876 employ additional legal assistants or criminal investigators, or  
1877 both, without regard to any limitation on the number of legal  
1878 assistants authorized in this section or criminal investigators  
1879 authorized by other provisions of law to the extent that the  
1880 district attorney's office receives funds from any source. Any  
1881 source shall include, but is not limited to, office-generated  
1882 funds, funds from a county, a combination of counties, a  
1883 municipality, a combination of municipalities, federal funds,  
1884 private grants or foundations, or by means of an Interlocal  
1885 Cooperative Agreement authorized by Section 17-13-1 which may be  
1886 expended for those positions in an amount sufficient to pay all of  
1887 the salary, supplemental pay, expenses and fringe benefits of the  
1888 positions. Such funds may either be paid out of district attorney  
1889 accounts, transferred by the district attorney to the Department  
1890 of Finance and Administration or to one or more of the separate  
1891 counties comprising the circuit court district, and the funds  
1892 shall be disbursed to such employees in the same manner as  
1893 state-funded criminal investigators and full-time legal  
1894 assistants. The district attorney shall report to the board of  
1895 supervisors of each county comprising the circuit court district  
1896 the amount and source of the supplemental salary, expenses and  
1897 fringe benefits, and the board in each county shall spread the



1898 same on its minutes. The district attorney shall also report such  
1899 information to the Department of Finance and Administration which  
1900 shall make such information available to the Legislative Budget  
1901 Office.

1902 (5) The district attorney shall be authorized to assign the  
1903 duties of a legal assistant regardless of the source of funding  
1904 for such legal assistants.

1905 **SECTION 78.** Section 25-31-10, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1906 amended as follows:

1907 **[Until January 1, 2027, this section shall read as follows:]**

1908 25-31-10. (1) Any district attorney may appoint a full-time  
1909 criminal investigator.

1910 (2) The district attorneys of the Fifth, Ninth, Tenth,  
1911 Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth,  
1912 Seventeenth \* \* \* and Twentieth \* \* \* Circuit Court Districts may  
1913 appoint one (1) additional full-time criminal investigator for a  
1914 total of two (2) full-time criminal investigators.

1915 (3) The district attorneys of the First, Second, Third,  
1916 Fourth, Nineteenth, Twenty-first and Twenty-third Circuit Court  
1917 Districts may appoint two (2) additional full-time criminal  
1918 investigators for a total of three (3) full-time criminal  
1919 investigators.

1920 (4) The district attorney of the Seventh Circuit Court  
1921 District may appoint \* \* \* four (4) additional full-time criminal





1922 investigator for a total of \* \* \* five (5) full-time criminal  
1923 investigators.

1924 (5) No district attorney or assistant district attorney  
1925 shall accept any private employment, civil or criminal, in any  
1926 matter investigated by such criminal investigators.

1927 (6) The full and complete compensation for all public duties  
1928 rendered by the criminal investigators shall be not more than  
1929 Sixty-three Thousand Dollars (\$63,000.00) per annum, to be  
1930 determined at the discretion of the district attorney based upon  
1931 the qualifications, education and experience of the criminal  
1932 investigator, plus necessary travel and other expenses, to be paid  
1933 in accordance with Section 25-31-8. However, the maximum salary  
1934 under this subsection for a criminal investigator who has a law  
1935 degree may be supplemented by the district attorney from other  
1936 available funds, but not to exceed the maximum salary for a legal  
1937 assistant to a district attorney.

1938 (7) Any criminal investigator may be designated by the  
1939 district attorney to attend the Law Enforcement Officers Training  
1940 Program set forth in Section 45-6-1 et seq. The total expenses  
1941 associated with attendance by criminal investigators at the Law  
1942 Enforcement Officers Training Program shall be paid out of the  
1943 funds of the appropriate district attorney.

1944 (8) The district attorney shall be authorized to assign the  
1945 duties of criminal investigators regardless of the source of  
1946 funding for such criminal investigators.



1947 [From and after January 1, 2027, this section shall read as  
1948 follows:]

1949 25-31-10. (1) Any district attorney may appoint a full-time  
1950 criminal investigator.

1951 (2) The district attorneys of the Fifth, Ninth, Tenth,  
1952 Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth,  
1953 Seventeenth and Twentieth Circuit Court Districts may appoint one  
1954 (1) additional full-time criminal investigator for a total of two  
1955 (2) full-time criminal investigators.

1956 (3) The district attorneys of the First, Second, Third,  
1957 Fourth, Nineteenth and Twenty-first Circuit Court Districts may  
1958 appoint two (2) additional full-time criminal investigators for a  
1959 total of three (3) full-time criminal investigators.

1960 (4) The district attorney of the Seventh Circuit Court  
1961 District may appoint four (4) additional full-time criminal  
1962 investigator for a total of five (5) full-time criminal  
1963 investigators.

1964 (5) No district attorney or assistant district attorney  
1965 shall accept any private employment, civil or criminal, in any  
1966 matter investigated by such criminal investigators.

1967 (6) The full and complete compensation for all public duties  
1968 rendered by the criminal investigators shall be not more than  
1969 Sixty-three Thousand Dollars (\$63,000.00) per annum, to be  
1970 determined at the discretion of the district attorney based upon  
1971 the qualifications, education and experience of the criminal



1972 investigator, plus necessary travel and other expenses, to be paid  
1973 in accordance with Section 25-31-8. However, the maximum salary  
1974 under this subsection for a criminal investigator who has a law  
1975 degree may be supplemented by the district attorney from other  
1976 available funds, but not to exceed the maximum salary for a legal  
1977 assistant to a district attorney.

1978 (7) Any criminal investigator may be designated by the  
1979 district attorney to attend the Law Enforcement Officers Training  
1980 Program set forth in Section 45-6-1 et seq. The total expenses  
1981 associated with attendance by criminal investigators at the Law  
1982 Enforcement Officers Training Program shall be paid out of the  
1983 funds of the appropriate district attorney.

1984 (8) The district attorney shall be authorized to assign the  
1985 duties of criminal investigators regardless of the source of  
1986 funding for such criminal investigators.

1987 **SECTION 79.** The boundaries of the precincts described in  
1988 Sections 9-5-17 (Fifth Chancery Court District), 9-5-31, (Ninth  
1989 Chancery Court District), 9-5-37 (Eleventh Chancery District),  
1990 9-5-43 (Fourteenth Chancery Court District), 9-5-51 (Seventeenth  
1991 Chancery Court District), 9-7-21 (Sixth Circuit Court District),  
1992 9-7-23 (Seventh Circuit Court District), 9-7-29 (Ninth Circuit  
1993 Court District) and 9-7-33 (Eleventh Circuit Court District),  
1994 Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be the boundaries of the precincts  
1995 as those boundaries are contained in the Census Bureau's 2010



1996 TIGER/Line Shapefiles released in November 2010. Partial or split  
1997 precincts are identified by an asterisk (\*).

1998           **SECTION 80.** (1) The Standing Joint Legislative Committee on  
1999 Reapportionment is directed to provide the counties census block  
2000 equivalency files and maps necessary to assist the counties in  
2001 identifying the boundaries of any subdistricts within a chancery  
2002 or circuit court district.

2003           (2) The Split Precinct Block List developed in conjunction  
2004 with House Bill No. 703, 2015 Regular Session, that details the  
2005 portions of the partial or split precincts that are contained  
2006 within a judicial subdistrict by census block number as that list  
2007 is utilized to detail partial or split precincts for judicial  
2008 subdistricts in this act is hereby incorporated into and shall be  
2009 construed to be an integral part of this act. A partial or split  
2010 precinct contained in this act is identified by an asterisk (\*)  
2011 following its designation within any judicial subdistrict. The  
2012 Standing Joint Legislative Committee on Reapportionment shall file  
2013 the Split Precinct Block List with the Secretary of State.

2014           (3) (a) This act shall be liberally construed to effectuate  
2015 the purposes hereof and to redistrict the trial courts of this  
2016 state in compliance with constitutional requirements.

2017           (b) It is intended that this act and the districts and  
2018 subdistricts described herein completely encompass all the area  
2019 within the state and all the voters in this state. It is also  
2020 intended that no district shall include any of the area included



2021 within the description of any other district, and that no  
2022 subdistrict shall include any of the area included within the  
2023 description of any other subdistrict.

2024 (c) (i) If the districts or subdistricts described in  
2025 this act do not carry out the purposes hereof because of:  
2026 omissions; duplication; overlapping areas; erroneous nomenclature;  
2027 lack of adequate maps or descriptions of political subdivisions,  
2028 wards or other divisions thereof, or of their boundary lines; then  
2029 the Secretary of State, at the joint request of the Lieutenant  
2030 Governor and the Speaker of the House, by order, shall correct any  
2031 omissions, overlaps, erroneous nomenclature or other defects in  
2032 the description of the districts and subdistricts so as to  
2033 accomplish the purposes and objectives of this act.

2034 (ii) In promulgating any order under this  
2035 subsection (3), the Secretary of State, in addition to insuring  
2036 that all areas of the state are completely and accurately  
2037 encompassed in the districts and subdistricts, shall be guided by  
2038 the following standards:

2039 1. Gaps in the description of any district or  
2040 subdistrict shall be completed in a manner that results in a total  
2041 description of the district or subdistrict that is consonant with  
2042 the description of adjacent districts or subdistricts and results  
2043 in complete contiguity of districts and subdistricts;

2044 2. In any allocation of area or correction of  
2045 descriptions made pursuant to this subsection, the Secretary of



2046 State shall, consistent with the foregoing standards, preserve the  
2047 contiguity and compactness of districts and subdistricts and avoid  
2048 the unnecessary division of political subdivisions.

2049 (d) A copy of any order issued under this subsection  
2050 shall be filed by the Secretary of State in his own office and in  
2051 the offices of the affected commissioners of election and  
2052 registrars. The Secretary of State may adopt reasonable rules  
2053 regulating the procedure for applications for orders under this  
2054 act and the manner of serving and filing any notice or copy of  
2055 orders. Upon the filing of an order, the description of any  
2056 affected district or subdistrict shall be deemed to have been  
2057 corrected to the full extent as if the correction had been  
2058 contained in the original description set forth in this act.

2059 (e) The redistricting contained in this act supersedes  
2060 any prior redistricting.

2061 (4) The Joint Legislative Committee on Compilation, Revision  
2062 and Publication of Legislation shall direct that subsections (1)  
2063 through (3) of this section are placed in the editor's notes that  
2064 follow Sections 9-5-1 and 9-7-1, Mississippi Code of 1972.

2065 **SECTION 81.** Candidates for the offices of district attorney  
2066 created by this act shall run for office in the general election  
2067 for judicial officers to be conducted November 2026. Candidates  
2068 shall file as is otherwise provided by law for district attorneys.  
2069 The district attorney elected shall serve a five-year term to



2070 begin January 1, 2027, and the term of the office shall thereafter  
2071 be as is provided for district attorneys generally.

2072         **SECTION 82.** Candidates for the chancellorships and the  
2073 circuit judgeships created by this act shall run for those offices  
2074 in the general election for judicial officers to be conducted in  
2075 November 2026. Candidates shall file as is provided by Section  
2076 23-15-977, and shall run for office and be elected as provided in  
2077 Sections 23-15-974 through 23-15-985 which is the Nonpartisan  
2078 Judicial Election Act. The judges elected shall serve a four-year  
2079 term to begin January 1, 2027, and the terms of those offices  
2080 shall thereafter be as is provided for chancellors and circuit  
2081 judges generally.

2082         **SECTION 83.** Section 25-31-37, Mississippi Code of 1972,  
2083 which authorizes the appointment of two full-time assistant  
2084 district and one full-time criminal investigator for the Seventh  
2085 Circuit Court District, shall stand repealed.

2086         **SECTION 84.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
2087 and after July 1, 2024, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2024.

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

1         AN ACT TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 9-5-1 AND 9-5-3, MISSISSIPPI  
2 CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDE FOR CHANCELLORS AND CHANCERY COURT  
3 DISTRICTS, FOR PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO AMEND SECTIONS  
4 9-5-5 AND 9-5-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE MONROE COUNTY  
5 FROM THE FIRST CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-5-9,  
6 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ADD CLARKE COUNTY, LAUDERDALE COUNTY,  
7 AND SMITH COUNTY TO THE SECOND CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE  
8 TWO CHANCELLORS WITH RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SECOND



9 CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-5-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE  
10 OF 1972, TO REMOVE DESOTO COUNTY AND DELETE THE SUBDISTRICTS FROM  
11 THE THIRD CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-5-13,  
12 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THERE SHALL BE TWO  
13 CHANCELLORS FOR THE THIRD CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND  
14 SECTION 9-5-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE THE CURRENT  
15 COUNTIES FROM THE FOURTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO ADD FORREST  
16 COUNTY, PERRY COUNTY, AND STONE COUNTY TO THE FOURTH CHANCERY  
17 COURT DISTRICT; TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 9-5-17 AND 9-5-19,  
18 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDE FOR THE FIFTH CHANCERY  
19 COURT DISTRICT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO AMEND  
20 SECTION 9-5-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE CARROLL COUNTY  
21 FROM THE SIXTH CHANCERY DISTRICT; TO ADD NOXUBEE COUNTY TO THE  
22 SIXTH CHANCERY DISTRICT; TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 9-5-22, 9-5-23  
23 AND 9-5-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH RELATE TO THE SIXTH  
24 AND SEVENTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICTS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE  
25 AMENDMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-5-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
26 REMOVE STONE COUNTY FROM THE EIGHTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO  
27 BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 9-5-29, 9-5-31 AND 9-5-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE  
28 OF 1972, WHICH RELATE TO THE EIGHTH AND NINTH CHANCERY COURT  
29 DISTRICTS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO AMEND  
30 SECTIONS 9-5-35 AND 9-5-36, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE  
31 FORREST COUNTY AND PERRY COUNTY FROM THE TENTH CHANCERY COURT  
32 DISTRICT; TO REVISE THE RESIDUARY REQUIREMENTS OF THE JUDGES  
33 ELECTED FROM THE TENTH CHANCERY COURT; TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS  
34 9-5-37 AND 9-5-38, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDE FOR THE  
35 ELEVENTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE  
36 AMENDMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-5-39, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
37 REMOVE THE CURRENT COUNTIES FROM THE TWELFTH CHANCERY COURT  
38 DISTRICT; TO ADD GEORGE COUNTY, GREENE COUNTY, JONES COUNTY, AND  
39 WAYNE COUNTY TO THE TWELFTH CHANCERY DISTRICT COURT; TO AMEND  
40 SECTION 9-5-40, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE RESIDENCY  
41 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ELECTION OF CHANCELLORS FOR THE TWELFTH  
42 CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-5-41, MISSISSIPPI CODE  
43 OF 1972, TO REMOVE LAWRENCE COUNTY AND SMITH COUNTY FROM THE  
44 THIRTEENTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE THAT THERE SHALL BE  
45 TWO CHANCELLORS FOR THE THIRTEENTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO  
46 AMEND SECTION 9-5-43, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE NOXUBEE  
47 COUNTY FROM THE FOURTEENTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO ADD MONROE  
48 COUNTY TO THE FOURTEENTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO REVISE THE  
49 GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARY OF SUBDISTRICT 14-3 IN CONFORMITY TO THE  
50 ADDITION OF MONROE COUNTY; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 9-5-45,  
51 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES THE NUMBER OF CHANCELLORS  
52 IN THE FOURTEENTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT, FOR PURPOSES OF  
53 POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-5-47, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
54 1972, TO ADD FRANKLIN COUNTY AND LAWRENCE COUNTY TO THE FIFTEENTH  
55 CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE THAT THERE SHALL BE TWO  
56 CHANCELLORS FOR THE FIFTEENTH DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-5-49,  
57 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE GEORGE COUNTY AND GREENE  
58 COUNTY FROM THE SIXTEENTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO BRING





59 FORWARD SECTION 9-5-50, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES  
60 FOR CHANCELLORS FOR THE SIXTEENTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT, FOR THE  
61 PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-5-51,  
62 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ADD AMITE COUNTY, PIKE COUNTY AND  
63 WALTHALL COUNTY TO THE SEVENTEENTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO  
64 DELETE THE SUBDISTRICTS IN THE SEVENTEENTH CHANCERY COURT  
65 DISTRICT; TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 9-5-53 AND 9-5-54, MISSISSIPPI  
66 CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDE FOR THE EIGHTEENTH CHANCERY COURT  
67 DISTRICT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO AMEND SECTION  
68 9-5-55, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE THE CURRENT COUNTIES  
69 FROM THE NINETEENTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO ADD DESOTO COUNTY  
70 TO THE NINETEENTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO BRING FORWARD  
71 SECTIONS 9-5-57 AND 9-5-58, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH  
72 PROVIDE FOR THE TWENTIETH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT, FOR THE PURPOSE  
73 OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 9-7-1 AND 9-7-3,  
74 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDE FOR CIRCUIT JUDGES AND  
75 CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICTS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO  
76 AMEND SECTIONS 9-7-5 AND 9-7-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
77 REMOVE MONROE COUNTY FROM THE FIRST CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO  
78 BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 9-7-9 AND 9-7-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
79 WHICH PROVIDE FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT, FOR THE  
80 PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-7-13,  
81 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE CHICKASAW COUNTY FROM THE  
82 THIRD CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 9-7-14,  
83 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES FOR CIRCUIT JUDGES IN THE  
84 THIRD CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE  
85 AMENDMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-7-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
86 REMOVE THE CURRENT COUNTIES AND SUBDISTRICTS FROM THE FOURTH  
87 CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO ADD DESOTO COUNTY TO THE FOURTH CIRCUIT  
88 COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-7-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
89 TO PROVIDE THAT THERE SHALL BE THREE CIRCUIT JUDGES FOR THE FOURTH  
90 CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-7-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE  
91 OF 1972, TO REMOVE WEBSTER COUNTY FROM THE FIFTH CIRCUIT COURT  
92 DISTRICT; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 9-7-20, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
93 1972, WHICH PROVIDES THE NUMBER OF CIRCUIT JUDGES IN THE FIFTH  
94 CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-7-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE  
95 OF 1972, TO REMOVE FRANKLIN COUNTY FROM THE SIXTH CIRCUIT COURT  
96 DISTRICT; TO ADD CLAIBORNE, JEFFERSON COUNTY, PIKE COUNTY AND  
97 WALTHALL COUNTY TO THE SIXTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO DELETE THE  
98 SUBDISTRICTS IN THE SIXTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO BRING FORWARD  
99 SECTIONS 9-7-23, 9-7-25, 9-7-27, 9-7-29 AND 9-7-30, MISSISSIPPI  
100 CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDE FOR THE SEVENTH, EIGHTH, AND NINTH  
101 CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICTS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO  
102 AMEND SECTION 9-7-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE CLARKE  
103 COUNTY AND WAYNE COUNTY FROM THE TENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO  
104 ADD NOXUBEE COUNTY TO THE TENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO BRING  
105 FORWARD SECTION 9-7-32, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES  
106 FOR THE NUMBER OF CIRCUIT JUDGES IN THE TENTH CIRCUIT COURT  
107 DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTIONS 9-7-33 AND 9-7-34, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
108 1972, TO ADD LEFLORE COUNTY, SUNFLOWER COUNTY, AND WASHINGTON



109 COUNTY TO THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO DELETE THE  
110 SUBDISTRICTS FROM THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO BRING  
111 FORWARD SECTION 9-7-35, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES  
112 FOR THE TWELFTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
113 POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-7-37, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
114 1972, TO ADD CLARK COUNTY AND JEFFERSON DAVIS COUNTY TO THE  
115 THIRTEENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-7-39,  
116 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE PIKE COUNTY AND WALTHALL  
117 COUNTY FROM THE FOURTEENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO ADD COPIAH  
118 COUNTY, FRANKLIN COUNTY AND LAWRENCE COUNTY TO THE FOURTEENTH  
119 CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTIONS 9-7-41 AND 9-7-42  
120 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE JEFFERSON DAVIS COUNTY AND  
121 LAWRENCE COUNTY FROM THE FIFTEENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO  
122 AMEND SECTIONS 9-7-43 AND 9-7-44, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
123 REMOVE NOXUBEE COUNTY FROM THE SIXTEENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT;  
124 TO ADD CHICKASAW COUNTY, MONROE COUNTY, AND WEBSTER COUNTY TO THE  
125 SIXTEENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO REVISE THE RESIDENCY  
126 REQUIREMENT FOR THE ELECTION OF CIRCUIT JUDGES IN THE SIXTEENTH  
127 CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 9-7-45 AND  
128 9-7-46, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDE FOR THE  
129 SEVENTEENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE  
130 AMENDMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-7-47, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
131 ADD GEORGE COUNTY, GREENE COUNTY AND WAYNE COUNTY TO THE  
132 EIGHTEENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE THAT THERE SHALL BE  
133 TWO CIRCUIT JUDGES IN THE EIGHTEENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO  
134 AMEND SECTION 9-7-49, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE GEORGE  
135 COUNTY AND GREENE COUNTY FROM THE NINETEENTH CIRCUIT COURT  
136 DISTRICT; TO DELETE LANGUAGE GOVERNING THE AMOUNT OF LOCAL  
137 CONTRIBUTION TO SUPPORT THE NINETEENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO  
138 BRING FORWARD SECTION 9-7-51, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH  
139 PROVIDES THE NUMBER OF CIRCUIT JUDGES IN THE NINETEENTH CIRCUIT  
140 COURT DISTRICT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO BRING  
141 FORWARD SECTIONS 9-7-53, 9-7-54 AND 9-7-55, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
142 1972, WHICH PROVIDE FOR THE TWENTIETH AND TWENTY-FIRST CIRCUIT  
143 COURT DISTRICTS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO AMEND  
144 SECTIONS 9-7-57, 9-7-63 AND 9-7-64, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
145 PROVIDE THAT THE SECTIONS SHALL REPEAL ON A CERTAIN DATE; TO AMEND  
146 SECTION 25-31-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE AN  
147 ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO THE TWENTY-FIRST  
148 DISTRICT; TO CONFORM; TO AMEND SECTION 25-31-10, MISSISSIPPI CODE  
149 OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THE TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT WITH AN ADDITIONAL  
150 CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR; TO PROVIDE THAT REVISED PRECINCTS ARE FROM  
151 THE 2010 CENSUS; TO REQUIRE THE STANDING JOINT LEGISLATIVE  
152 COMMITTEE ON REAPPORTIONMENT TO ASSIST THE COUNTIES IN IDENTIFYING  
153 THE BOUNDARIES OF SUBDISTRICTS; TO REPEAL SECTION 25-31-37,  
154 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH AUTHORIZES THE APPOINTMENT OF  
155 ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR FOR THE  
156 SEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

