By: Representative Thompson   To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 699

1   AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-7-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2   INCREASE THE NUMBER OF JUDGES IN THE FIRST CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT;
3   TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 9-7-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH
4   PROVIDES FOR THE COUNTY COMPOSITION OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT COURT
5   DISTRICT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7   **SECTION 1.** Section 9-7-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is

8   amended as follows:

9   9-7-7. (1) There shall be *** * *** five (5) judges for the

10 First Circuit Court District.

11   (2) The *** * *** five (5) judgeships shall be separate and

12 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election

13 only as "Place One," "Place Two," "Place Three" *** * *,** "Place

14 Four" and "Place Five". The judge to fill Place One must reside

15 in Alcorn, Prentiss or Tishomingo County. The judges to fill

16 Place Two and Place Three must reside in Itawamba, Lee *** * *** or

17 Pontotoc County. The judge to fill Place Four may be a resident

18 of any county in the district. The judge to fill Place Five must

19 reside in Monroe County. Election of the *** * *** five (5) judicial

20 offices *** * *** shall be by election to be held in every county

21 within the First Circuit Court District.

22   **SECTION 2.** Section 9-7-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is

23 brought forward as follows:

24   9-7-5. The First Circuit Court District is composed of the

25 following counties:

26   (a) Alcorn County;

27   (b) Itawamba County;

28   (c) Lee County;

29   (d) Monroe County;

30   (e) Pontotoc County;

31   (f) Prentiss County; and

32   (g) Tishomingo County.

33   **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from

34 and after July 1, 2025.

H. B. No. 699   *\|\|\|\|\|\|\|\|\|\|\|\|\|\|\|\|\|\|*   **~ OFFICIAL ~**
25/HR26/R611   ST: First Circuit Court District; increase
PAGE 2 (GT\KW)   number of judges.