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To: Judiciary, Division A

## SENATE BILL NO. 2768

1 AN ACT TO REDISTRICT THE CIRCUIT AND CHANCERY COURT DISTRICTS  
2 PURSUANT TO SECTION 152 OF ARTICLE 6 OF THE MISSISSIPPI  
3 CONSTITUTION OF 1890 FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR JUDICIAL  
4 OFFICERS TO BE CONDUCTED IN NOVEMBER 2026; TO AMEND SECTION 9-5-9,  
5 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ADD COVINGTON COUNTY, SIMPSON COUNTY,  
6 AND SMITH COUNTY TO THE SECOND CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE  
7 TWO CHANCELLORS WITH RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SECOND  
8 CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-5-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE  
9 OF 1972, TO ADD CARROLL COUNTY TO THE THIRD CHANCERY COURT  
10 DISTRICT; TO REMOVE DESOTO COUNTY FROM THE THIRD CHANCERY COURT  
11 DISTRICT; TO DELETE THE SUBDISTRICTS FROM THE THIRD CHANCERY COURT  
12 DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-5-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
13 PROVIDE THAT THERE SHALL BE TWO CHANCELLORS FOR THE THIRD CHANCERY  
14 COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-5-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
15 TO REMOVE THE CURRENT COUNTIES FROM THE FOURTH CHANCERY COURT  
16 DISTRICT; TO ADD FORREST COUNTY, PERRY COUNTY, AND STONE COUNTY TO  
17 THE FOURTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-5-21,  
18 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE CARROLL COUNTY FROM THE SIXTH  
19 CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-5-23, MISSISSIPPI CODE  
20 OF 1972, TO ADD SUNFLOWER COUNTY TO THE SEVENTH CHANCERY COURT  
21 DISTRICT; TO CONFORM THE SUBDISTRICTS IN THE SEVENTH CHANCERY  
22 COURT DISTRICT TO THE ADDITION OF SUNFLOWER COUNTY; TO AMEND  
23 SECTION 9-5-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE STONE COUNTY  
24 FROM THE EIGHTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO REVISE THE  
25 SUBDISTRICTS OF THE NINTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND  
26 SECTION 9-5-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THERE  
27 SHALL BE TWO CHANCELLORS IN THE NINTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO  
28 AMEND SECTION 9-5-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE  
29 SUNFLOWER COUNTY FROM THE NINTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND  
30 SECTION 9-5-35, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ADD JEFFERSON DAVIS  
31 COUNTY AND WALTHALL COUNTY TO THE TENTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT;  
32 TO REMOVE FORREST COUNTY AND PERRY COUNTY FROM THE TENTH CHANCERY  
33 COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-5-36, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
34 TO REVISE THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS OF THE CHANCELLORS ELECTED



35 FROM THE TENTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-5-41,  
36 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ADD DESOTO COUNTY TO THE THIRTEENTH  
37 CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE THAT THERE SHALL BE THREE  
38 CHANCELLORS FOR THE THIRTEENTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND  
39 SECTION 9-5-47, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ADD LAWRENCE COUNTY  
40 TO THE FIFTEENTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE THAT THERE  
41 SHALL BE TWO CHANCELLORS FOR THE FIFTEENTH CHANCERY COURT  
42 DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-5-49, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
43 REMOVE GEORGE COUNTY AND GREENE COUNTY FROM THE SIXTEENTH CHANCERY  
44 COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-5-50, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
45 TO PROVIDE THAT THERE SHALL BE FOUR CHANCELLORS FOR THE SIXTEENTH  
46 CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-5-51, MISSISSIPPI CODE  
47 OF 1972, TO ADD AMITE COUNTY, FRANKLIN COUNTY AND PIKE COUNTY TO  
48 THE SEVENTEENTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO CREATE SUBDISTRICTS IN  
49 THE SEVENTEENTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-5-55,  
50 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ADD GEORGE COUNTY AND GREENE COUNTY  
51 TO THE NINETEENTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE THAT THERE  
52 SHALL BE TWO CHANCELLORS FOR THE NINETEENTH CHANCERY COURT  
53 DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ELECTION OF  
54 CHANCELLORS FOR THE NINETEENTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND  
55 SECTION 9-7-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE THE CURRENT  
56 COUNTIES AND SUBDISTRICTS FROM THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT;  
57 TO ADD DESOTO COUNTY TO THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO  
58 AMEND SECTION 9-7-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT  
59 THERE SHALL BE THREE CIRCUIT JUDGES FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT  
60 DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-7-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
61 ADD CLAIBORNE COUNTY, JEFFERSON COUNTY AND PIKE COUNTY TO THE  
62 SIXTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO CREATE SUBDISTRICTS IN THE SIXTH  
63 CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-7-29, MISSISSIPPI CODE  
64 OF 1972, TO ADD YAZOO COUNTY TO THE NINTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT;  
65 TO CREATE SUBDISTRICTS IN THE NINTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO  
66 AMEND SECTION 9-7-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE WAYNE  
67 COUNTY FROM THE TENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION  
68 9-7-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ADD SUNFLOWER COUNTY TO THE  
69 ELEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO DELETE THE SUBDISTRICTS FROM  
70 THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-7-34,  
71 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE DELETION OF THE  
72 SUBDISTRICTS FROM THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND  
73 SECTION 9-7-39, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE PIKE COUNTY  
74 AND WALTHALL COUNTY FROM THE FOURTEENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO  
75 ADD COPIAH COUNTY AND LAWRENCE COUNTY TO THE FOURTEENTH CIRCUIT  
76 COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-7-41, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
77 TO ADD WALTHALL COUNTY TO THE FIFTEENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO  
78 REMOVE LAWRENCE COUNTY FROM THE FIFTEENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT;  
79 TO AMEND SECTION 9-7-42, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE  
80 RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE JUDGES ELECTED FROM THE FIFTEENTH  
81 CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT TO CONFORM TO THE REMOVAL OF LAWRENCE  
82 COUNTY; TO AMEND SECTION 9-7-47, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ADD  
83 GEORGE COUNTY, GREENE COUNTY, AND WAYNE COUNTY TO THE EIGHTEENTH  
84 CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE THAT THERE SHALL BE TWO CIRCUIT  
85 JUDGES IN THE EIGHTEENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE



86 RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE JUDGES ELECTED FOR THE EIGHTEENTH  
87 CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-7-49, MISSISSIPPI CODE  
88 OF 1972, TO REMOVE GEORGE COUNTY AND GREENE COUNTY FROM THE  
89 NINETEENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO DELETE LANGUAGE GOVERNING  
90 THE AMOUNT OF LOCAL CONTRIBUTION TO SUPPORT THE NINETEENTH CIRCUIT  
91 COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-7-55, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
92 TO REMOVE YAZOO COUNTY FROM THE TWENTY-FIRST CIRCUIT COURT  
93 DISTRICT; TO ADD LEFLORE COUNTY AND WASHINGTON COUNTY TO THE  
94 TWENTY-FIRST CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE THAT THERE SHALL  
95 BE THREE CIRCUIT JUDGES FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST CIRCUIT COURT  
96 DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTIONS 9-7-57, 9-7-63 AND 9-7-64, MISSISSIPPI  
97 CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDE FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST AND TWENTY-THIRD  
98 CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICTS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECTIONS SHALL REPEAL  
99 ON A CERTAIN DATE; TO PROVIDE THAT REVISED PRECINCTS ARE FROM THE  
100 2010 CENSUS; TO REQUIRE THE STANDING JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
101 ON REAPPORTIONMENT TO ASSIST THE COUNTIES IN IDENTIFYING THE  
102 BOUNDARIES OF SUBDISTRICTS; TO AMEND SECTION 25-31-5, MISSISSIPPI  
103 CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
104 TO THE TWENTY-FIRST CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL  
105 ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS TO THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT  
106 THAT WERE AUTHORIZED IN SECTION 25-31-37 WHICH IS REPEALED BY THIS  
107 ACT; TO PROVIDE TWO ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS TO THE  
108 CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT FOR DESOTO COUNTY; TO AMEND SECTION  
109 25-31-10, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THE TWENTY-FIRST  
110 CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT WITH AN ADDITIONAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR;  
111 TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR TO THE SEVENTH  
112 CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT THAT WAS AUTHORIZED IN SECTION 25-31-37  
113 WHICH IS REPEALED BY THIS ACT; TO PROVIDE THAT REVISED PRECINCTS  
114 ARE FROM THE 2020 CENSUS; TO PROVIDE SENIOR FULL-TIME LEGAL  
115 ASSISTANTS IN THE ELEVENTH AND SIXTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICTS FOR A  
116 ONE-YEAR PERIOD; TO PROVIDE THE PROCEDURE TO FILL THE OFFICES OF  
117 DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND THE JUDICIAL OFFICES CREATED BY VIRTUE OF  
118 THIS ACT; TO REPEAL SECTION 25-31-37, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
119 WHICH AUTHORIZES THE APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS  
120 AND A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR FOR THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT  
121 DISTRICT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

122 WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Legislature under  
123 Section 152 of Article 6 of the Mississippi Constitution of 1890  
124 to redistrict the circuit and chancery court districts after each  
125 federal decennial census; and

126 WHEREAS, the Legislature has investigated the state of the  
127 trial courts and the trial court districts and has considered the



needs of the state according to all the criteria imposed by the  
Constitution and by general law; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) Covington County;
- (b) Jasper County;
- (c) Newton County;
- (d) Scott County;
- (e) Simpson County; and
- (f) Smith County.

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



to fill Place One must reside in either Jasper County, Newton County or Scott County, and the chancellor to fill Place Two must reside in either Covington County, Simpson County, or Smith County.

**SECTION 2.** Section 9-5-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

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

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

- (a) DeSoto County;
- (b) Grenada County;
- (c) Montgomery County;
- (d) Panola County;
- (e) Tate County; and
- (f) Yalobusha County.

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

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

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

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



- 178           (a) Carroll County;  
179           (b) Grenada County;  
180           (c) Montgomery County;  
181           (d) Panola County;  
182           (e) Tate County; and  
183           (f) Yalobusha County.

184           **SECTION 3.** Section 9-5-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
185 amended as follows:

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

187           9-5-13. (1) There shall be three (3) chancellors for the  
188 Third Chancery Court District.

189           (2) (a) The chancellor of Subdistrict 3-1 shall be elected  
190 from DeSoto County. The two (2) chancellors of Subdistrict 3-2  
191 shall be elected from Grenada County, Montgomery County, Panola  
192 County, Tate County and Yalobusha County.

193           (b) For purposes of appointment and election, the three  
194 (3) chancellorships shall be separate and distinct. The  
195 chancellorship in Subdistrict 3-1 shall be denominated only as  
196 "Place One," and the chancellorships in Subdistrict 3-2 shall be  
197 denominated only as "Place Two" and "Place Three."

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

200           9-5-13. (1) There shall be \* \* \* two (2) chancellors for  
201 the Third Chancery Court District.



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

**SECTION 4.** Section 9-5-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

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

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

- (a) Amite County;
- (b) Franklin County;
- (c) Pike County; and
- (d) Walthall County.

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

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

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

- (a) Forrest County;
- (b) Perry County; and
- (c) Stone County.



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

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

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

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

- (a) Attala County;
- (b) Carroll County;
- (c) Choctaw County;
- (d) Kemper County;
- (e) Neshoba County; and
- (f) Winston County.

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

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

- (a) Attala County;
- (b) Choctaw County;
- (c) Kemper County;
- (d) Neshoba County; and
- (e) Winston County.





SECTION 6. Section 9-5-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

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

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

- (a) Bolivar County;
- (b) Coahoma County;
- (c) Leflore County;
- (d) Quitman County;
- (e) Tallahatchie County; and
- (f) Tunica County.

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

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

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

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

- (a) Bolivar County;
- (b) Coahoma County;
- (c) Leflore County;
- (d) Quitman County;



- 275           (e) Sunflower County;  
276           (f) Tallahatchie County; and  
277           (g) Tunica County.

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

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

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

285           **SECTION 7.** Section 9-5-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
286 amended as follows:

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

288           9-5-27. The Eighth Chancery Court District is composed of  
289 the following counties:

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

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

295           9-5-27. The Eighth Chancery Court District is composed of  
296 the following counties:

- 297           (a) Hancock County; and  
298           (b) Harrison County.



SECTION 8. Section 9-5-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

(a) Humphreys County;

(b) Issaquena County;

(c) Sharkey County;

(d) Warren County; and

(e) Washington County.

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



(a) Subdistrict 9-1 shall consist of Washington County and Humphreys County; and

(b) Subdistrict 9-2 shall consist of Issaquena County, Sharkey County and Warren County.

**SECTION 9.** Section 9-5-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

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

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

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

9-5-33. There shall be two (2) chancellors for the Ninth Chancery Court District. One (1) chancellor shall be elected from each subdistrict.

**SECTION 10.** Section 9-5-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

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

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

- (a) Forrest County;
- (b) Lamar County;
- (c) Marion County;
- (d) Pearl River County; and
- (e) Perry County.



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

374 9-5-35. The Tenth Chancery Court District is composed of the  
375 following counties:

376 (a) Jefferson Davis County;

377 (b) Lamar County;

378 (c) Marion County;

379 (d) Pearl River County; and

380 (e) Walthall County.

381 **SECTION 11.** Section 9-5-36, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
382 amended as follows:

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

384 9-5-36. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the  
385 Tenth Chancery Court District.

386 (2) The four (4) chancellorships shall be separate and  
387 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election  
388 only as "Place One," "Place Two," "Place Three" and "Place Four."  
389 The chancellor to fill Place One and Place Four may be a resident  
390 of any county in the district. The chancellor to fill Place Two  
391 must be a resident of Lamar, Marion, Pearl River or Perry County.  
392 The chancellor to fill Place Three must be a resident of Forrest  
393 County. Election of the four (4) offices of chancellor shall be  
394 by election to be held in every county within the Tenth Chancery  
395 Court District.



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

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

(2) The four (4) chancellorships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One," "Place Two," "Place Three" and "Place Four." The chancellor to fill either Place One, Place Three or Place Four may be a resident of any county. The chancellor to fill Place Two must be a resident of Lamar County, Marion County, or Pearl River County.

**SECTION 12.** Section 9-5-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

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

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

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

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



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

423 9-5-41. (1) The Thirteenth Chancery Court District shall be  
424 DeSoto County.

425 (2) There shall be three (3) chancellors for the Thirteenth  
426 Chancery Court District. The three (3) chancellorships shall be  
427 separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment  
428 and election only as "Place One," "Place Two" and "Place Three."

429 **SECTION 13.** Section 9-5-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
430 amended as follows:

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

432 9-5-47. The Fifteenth Chancery Court District is composed of  
433 the following counties:

434 (a) Copiah County; and

435 (b) Lincoln County.

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

438 9-5-47. (1) The Fifteenth Chancery Court District is  
439 composed of the following counties:

440 (a) Copiah County;

441 (b) Lawrence County; and

442 (c) Lincoln County.

443 (2) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the Fifteenth  
444 Chancery Court District. The two (2) chancellorships shall be





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

**SECTION 14.** Section 9-5-49, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
amended as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

**SECTION 15.** Section 9-5-50, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
amended as follows:

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

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

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

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



9-5-50. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the Sixteenth Chancery Court District.

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

**SECTION 16.** Section 9-5-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

(a) Adams County;

(b) Amite County;

(c) Claiborne County;

(d) Franklin County;

(e) Jefferson County;

(f) Pike County; and

(g) Wilkinson County.

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

(a) Subdistrict 17-1 shall consist of Adams County, Claiborne County, Jefferson County, and Wilkinson County.

(b) Subdistrict 17-2 shall consist of Amite County, Franklin County, and Pike County.

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

**SECTION 17.** Section 9-5-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:



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

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

(a) Jones County; and

(b) Wayne County.

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

9-5-55. (1) The Nineteenth Chancery Court District is composed of the following counties:

(a) George County;

(b) Greene County;

(c) Jones County; and

(d) Wayne County.

(2) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the Nineteenth Chancery Court District. The two (2) chancellorships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One" and "Place Two." The chancellor to fill Place One must reside in Jones County, and the chancellor to fill Place Two must reside in either George County, Greene County, or Wayne County.

**SECTION 18.** Section 9-7-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

588 9-7-15. The Fourth Circuit Court District shall be DeSoto  
589 County.

590 **SECTION 19.** Section 9-7-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
591 amended as follows:

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



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

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

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

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

**SECTION 20.** Section 9-7-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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



618 Maryland\*, Northside School, Pine Ridge, Thompson and Washington\*;  
619 and

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

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

625 (i) Adams County: Beau Pre, Bellemont, Concord\*,  
626 Convention Center, Courthouse\*, Duncan Park\*, Kingston, Liberty  
627 Park, Maryland\*, Morgantown, Oakland, Palestine and Washington\*;  
628 and

629 (ii) Amite County: Amite River, East Fork, East  
630 Gloster\*, East Liberty, Gloster\*, Liberty, New Zion, Oneil,  
631 Riceville, Smithdale, South Liberty\*, Tangipahoa, Tickfaw, Walls  
632 and Zion Hills.

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

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

638 9-7-21. (1) The Sixth Circuit Court District is composed of  
639 the following counties:

640 (a) Adams County;

641 (b) Amite County;

642 (c) Claiborne County;





- 643                    (d) Franklin County;  
644                    (e) Jefferson County;  
645                    (f) Pike County; and  
646                    (g) Wilkinson County.

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

649                    (a) Subdistrict 6-1 shall consist of Claiborne County,  
650 Jefferson County, Wilkinson County and the following precincts in  
651 the following counties:

652                            (i) Adams County: Airport, By-Pass Firestation,  
653 Carpenter, Concord, Convention Center, Foster Mound, Maryland,  
654 Morgantown, Northside School, Oakland, Pine Ridge, and Washington;  
655 and

656                            (ii) Franklin County: Antioch, Bad Bayou, Bude,  
657 Cains, Eddiceton, Hamburg, Lucien, McCall Creek, Meadville, Pine  
658 Grove, and Whittington.

659                    (b) Subdistrict 6-2 shall consist of Amite County and  
660 Pike County and the following precincts in the following counties:

661                            (i) Adams County: Beau Pre, Bellemont,  
662 Courthouse, Duncan Park, Kingston, Liberty Park, and Palestine;  
663 and

664                            (ii) Franklin County: Knoxville, Roxie, and  
665 Wesley Chapel.



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

**SECTION 21.** Section 9-7-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

(a) Subdistrict 9-1 shall consist of Issaquena County and Sharkey County, and the following precincts in the following counties:

(i) Warren County: American Legion Hall, Auditorium, Brunswick, Cedar Grove, Cherry Street, Jett, Kings, Number 7 Fire Station and St. Aloysius; and

(ii) Yazoo County: 3-1 West, 3-2 East, 3-3 Jonestown, Holly Bluff, Lake City, Ward 4, and Ward 5.

(b) Subdistrict 9-2 shall consist of:

(i) The following precincts in Warren County: 3-61 Store, Beechwood, Bovina, Culkin, Elks Lodge, Goodrum, Lee Road, Moose Lodge, Oakland, Plumbers Hall, Redwood, Tingleville, YMCA and Yokena; and

(ii) The following precincts in Yazoo County: 3-4 South, Benton, Carter, Center Ridge, Deasonville, District 4 Ward 2, Dover, East Bentonia, East Midway, Eden, Fairview, Free Run,



Fugates, Harttown, Mechanicsburg, Robinette, Satartia, Tinsley,  
Valley, Ward 2, West Benton, West Midway and Zion.

**SECTION 22.** Section 9-7-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
amended as follows:

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

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

- (a) Clarke County;
- (b) Kemper County;
- (c) Lauderdale County; and
- (d) Wayne County.

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

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

- (a) Clarke County;
- (b) Kemper County; and
- (c) Lauderdale County.

**SECTION 23.** Section 9-7-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
amended as follows:

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

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

- (a) Bolivar County;
- (b) Coahoma County;



740 (c) Quitman County; and

741 (d) Tunica County.

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

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

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

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

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

756 (i) Bolivar County: Cleveland Eastgate,  
757 Duncan/Alligator, East Central Cleveland\*, East Cleveland\*,  
758 Merigold, Mound Bayou, Northwest Cleveland\*, Renova, Shelby, South  
759 Cleveland\* and Winstonville;

760 (ii) Coahoma County: Cagle Crossing, Clarksdale  
761 1-4\*, Clarksdale 3-3, Clarksdale 3-4, Clarksdale 4-2, Clarksdale  
762 4-3, Dublin and Roundaway; and

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



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

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

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

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

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

(a) Bolivar County;

(b) Coahoma County;

(c) Quitman County;

(d) Sunflower County; and

(e) Tunica County.

**SECTION 24.** Section 9-7-34, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) Copiah County;
- (b) Lawrence County; and
- (c) Lincoln County.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





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

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

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

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

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

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

**SECTION 28.** Section 9-7-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
amended follows:

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



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

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

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

(a) George County;

(b) Greene County;

(c) Jones County; and

(d) Wayne County.

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

**SECTION 29.** Section 9-7-49, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

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

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

(a) George County;

(b) Greene County; and

(c) Jackson County.



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

890           9-7-49.   The Nineteenth Circuit Court District shall be  
891 Jackson County.

892           **SECTION 30.**   Section 9-7-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
893 amended as follows:

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

895           9-7-55.   The Twenty-first Circuit Court District is composed  
896 of the following counties:

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

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

902           9-7-55.   (1)   The Twenty-first Circuit Court District is  
903 composed of the following counties:

- 904                   (a)   Holmes County;
- 905                   (b)   Humphreys County;
- 906                   (c)   Leflore County; and
- 907                   (d)   Washington County.

908           (2)   There shall be three (3) circuit judges for the  
909 Twenty-first Circuit Court District.   The three (3) judgeships  
910 shall be separate and distinct and be denominated for the purpose



of appointment and election only as "Place One," "Place Two" and  
"Place Three."

**SECTION 31.** Section 9-7-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
amended as follows:

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

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

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

**SECTION 32.** Section 9-7-63, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
amended as follows:

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

**SECTION 33.** Section 9-7-64, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
amended as follows:

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

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

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

**SECTION 34.** Section 25-31-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
amended as follows:



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

937        25-31-5.   (1)   The following number of full-time legal

938 assistants are authorized in the following circuit court

939 districts:

940                (a)   First Circuit Court District..... ten (10)

941 legal assistants.

942                (b)   Second Circuit Court District..... eleven (11)

943 legal assistants.

944                (c)   Third Circuit Court District..... six (6)

945 legal assistants.

946                (d)   Fourth Circuit Court District..... six (6)

947 legal assistants.

948                (e)   Fifth Circuit Court District.....five (5)

949 legal assistants.

950                (f)   Sixth Circuit Court District..... three (3)

951 legal assistants.

952                (g)   Seventh Circuit Court District.....   \* \* \*

953 fourteen (14) legal assistants.   Effective July 1, 2023, through

954 July 1, 2025, the Seventh Circuit Court District shall have \* \* \*

955 sixteen (16) legal assistants.

956                (h)   Eighth Circuit Court District.....three (3)

957 legal assistants.

958                (i)   Ninth Circuit Court District.....three (3)

959 legal assistants.



960                   (j) Tenth Circuit Court District..... five (5)  
961 legal assistants.  
962                   (k) Eleventh Circuit Court District.....five (5)  
963 legal assistants.  
964                   (l) Twelfth Circuit Court District.....five (5)  
965 legal assistants.  
966                   (m) Thirteenth Circuit Court District.....four (4)  
967 legal assistants.  
968                   (n) Fourteenth Circuit Court District..... six (6)  
969 legal assistants.  
970                   (o) Fifteenth Circuit Court District..... seven (7)  
971 legal assistants.  
972                   (p) Sixteenth Circuit Court District..... six (6)  
973 legal assistants.  
974                   (q) Seventeenth Circuit Court District..... four (4)  
975 legal assistants.  
976                   (r) Eighteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
977 legal assistants.  
978                   (s) Nineteenth Circuit Court District..... seven (7)  
979 legal assistants.  
980                   (t) Twentieth Circuit Court District..... seven (7)  
981 legal assistants.  
982                   (u) Twenty-first Circuit Court District..... \* \* \*  
983 five (5) legal assistants.



984                   (v) Twenty-second Circuit Court District.....three (3)  
985 legal assistants.

986                   (w) Twenty-third Circuit Court District..... \* \* \*  
987 seven (7) legal assistants.

988           (2) In addition to any legal assistants authorized pursuant  
989 to subsection (1) of this section, the following number of  
990 full-time legal assistants are authorized (i) in the following  
991 circuit court districts if funds are appropriated by the  
992 Legislature to adequately fund the salaries, expenses and fringe  
993 benefits of such legal assistants, or (ii) in any of the following  
994 circuit court districts in which the board of supervisors of one  
995 or more of the counties in a circuit court district adopts a  
996 resolution to pay all of the salaries, supplemental pay, expenses  
997 and fringe benefits of legal assistants authorized in such  
998 district pursuant to this subsection:

999                   (a) First Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1000 legal assistants.

1001                   (b) Second Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1002 legal assistants.

1003                   (c) Third Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1004 legal assistants.

1005                   (d) Fourth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1006 legal assistants.

1007                   (e) Fifth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1008 legal assistants.



1009                   (f) Sixth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1010 legal assistants.  
1011                   (g) Seventh Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1012 legal assistants.  
1013                   (h) Eighth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1014 legal assistants.  
1015                   (i) Ninth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1016 legal assistants.  
1017                   (j) Tenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1018 legal assistants.  
1019                   (k) Eleventh Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1020 legal assistants.  
1021                   (l) Twelfth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1022 legal assistants.  
1023                   (m) Thirteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1024 legal assistants.  
1025                   (n) Fourteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1026 legal assistants.  
1027                   (o) Fifteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1028 legal assistants.  
1029                   (p) Sixteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1030 legal assistants.  
1031                   (q) Seventeenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1032 legal assistants.





1033                   (r) Eighteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1034 legal assistants.

1035                   (s) Nineteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1036 legal assistants.

1037                   (t) Twentieth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1038 legal assistants.

1039                   (u) Twenty-first Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1040 legal assistants.

1041                   (v) Twenty-second Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1042 legal assistants.

1043                   (w) Twenty-third Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1044 legal assistants.

1045           (3) The board of supervisors of any county may pay all or a  
1046 part of the salary, supplemental pay, expenses and fringe benefits  
1047 of any district attorney or legal assistant authorized in the  
1048 circuit court district to which such county belongs pursuant to  
1049 this section.

1050           (4) The district attorney of any circuit court district may  
1051 employ additional legal assistants or criminal investigators, or  
1052 both, without regard to any limitation on the number of legal  
1053 assistants authorized in this section or criminal investigators  
1054 authorized by other provisions of law to the extent that the  
1055 district attorney's office receives funds from any source. Any  
1056 source shall include, but is not limited to, office-generated  
1057 funds, funds from a county, a combination of counties, a



municipality, a combination of municipalities, federal funds,  
private grants or foundations, or by means of an Interlocal  
Cooperative Agreement authorized by Section 17-13-1 which may be  
expended for those positions in an amount sufficient to pay all of  
the salary, supplemental pay, expenses and fringe benefits of the  
positions. Such funds may either be paid out of district attorney  
accounts, transferred by the district attorney to the Department  
of Finance and Administration or to one or more of the separate  
counties comprising the circuit court district, and the funds  
shall be disbursed to such employees in the same manner as  
state-funded criminal investigators and full-time legal  
assistants. The district attorney shall report to the board of  
supervisors of each county comprising the circuit court district  
the amount and source of the supplemental salary, expenses and  
fringe benefits, and the board in each county shall spread the  
same on its minutes. The district attorney shall also report such  
information to the Department of Finance and Administration which  
shall make such information available to the Legislative Budget  
Office.

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

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



1082           25-31-5.   (1) The following number of full-time legal  
1083 assistants are authorized in the following circuit court  
1084 districts:  
1085           (a) First Circuit Court District..... ten (10)  
1086 legal assistants.  
1087           (b) Second Circuit Court District..... eleven (11)  
1088 legal assistants.  
1089           (c) Third Circuit Court District..... six (6)  
1090 legal assistants.  
1091           (d) Fourth Circuit Court District.....seven  
1092 (7) legal assistants.  
1093           (e) Fifth Circuit Court District.....five (5)  
1094 legal assistants.  
1095           (f) Sixth Circuit Court District..... three (3)  
1096 legal assistants.  
1097           (g) Seventh Circuit Court District..... fourteen  
1098 (14) legal assistants. Effective July 1, 2023, through July 1,  
1099 2025, the Seventh Circuit Court District shall have sixteen (16)  
1100 legal assistants.  
1101           (h) Eighth Circuit Court District.....three (3)  
1102 legal assistants.  
1103           (i) Ninth Circuit Court District.....three (3)  
1104 legal assistants.  
1105           (j) Tenth Circuit Court District..... five (5)  
1106 legal assistants.



1107            (k) Eleventh Circuit Court District.....five (5)  
1108 legal assistants.  
1109            (l) Twelfth Circuit Court District.....five (5)  
1110 legal assistants.  
1111            (m) Thirteenth Circuit Court District.....four (4)  
1112 legal assistants.  
1113            (n) Fourteenth Circuit Court District..... six (6)  
1114 legal assistants.  
1115            (o) Fifteenth Circuit Court District..... seven (7)  
1116 legal assistants.  
1117            (p) Sixteenth Circuit Court District..... six (6)  
1118 legal assistants.  
1119            (q) Seventeenth Circuit Court District..... four (4)  
1120 legal assistants.  
1121            (r) Eighteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1122 legal assistants.  
1123            (s) Nineteenth Circuit Court District..... seven (7)  
1124 legal assistants.  
1125            (t) Twentieth Circuit Court District..... seven (7)  
1126 legal assistants.  
1127            (u) Twenty-first Circuit Court District..... five (5)  
1128 legal assistants.  
1129            (2) In addition to any legal assistants authorized pursuant  
1130 to subsection (1) of this section, the following number of  
1131 full-time legal assistants are authorized (i) in the following



1132 circuit court districts if funds are appropriated by the  
1133 Legislature to adequately fund the salaries, expenses and fringe  
1134 benefits of such legal assistants, or (ii) in any of the following  
1135 circuit court districts in which the board of supervisors of one  
1136 or more of the counties in a circuit court district adopts a  
1137 resolution to pay all of the salaries, supplemental pay, expenses  
1138 and fringe benefits of legal assistants authorized in such  
1139 district pursuant to this subsection:

1140 (a) First Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1141 legal assistants.

1142 (b) Second Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1143 legal assistants.

1144 (c) Third Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1145 legal assistants.

1146 (d) Fourth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1147 legal assistants.

1148 (e) Fifth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1149 legal assistants.

1150 (f) Sixth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1151 legal assistants.

1152 (g) Seventh Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1153 legal assistants.

1154 (h) Eighth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1155 legal assistants.



1156            (i) Ninth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1157 legal assistants.  
1158            (j) Tenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1159 legal assistants.  
1160            (k) Eleventh Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1161 legal assistants.  
1162            (l) Twelfth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1163 legal assistants.  
1164            (m) Thirteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1165 legal assistants.  
1166            (n) Fourteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1167 legal assistants.  
1168            (o) Fifteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1169 legal assistants.  
1170            (p) Sixteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1171 legal assistants.  
1172            (q) Seventeenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1173 legal assistants.  
1174            (r) Eighteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1175 legal assistants.  
1176            (s) Nineteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1177 legal assistants.  
1178            (t) Twentieth Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1179 legal assistants.



1180           (u) Twenty-first Circuit Court District.....two (2)  
1181 legal assistants.

1182           (3) The board of supervisors of any county may pay all or a  
1183 part of the salary, supplemental pay, expenses and fringe benefits  
1184 of any district attorney or legal assistant authorized in the  
1185 circuit court district to which such county belongs pursuant to  
1186 this section.

1187           (4) The district attorney of any circuit court district may  
1188 employ additional legal assistants or criminal investigators, or  
1189 both, without regard to any limitation on the number of legal  
1190 assistants authorized in this section or criminal investigators  
1191 authorized by other provisions of law to the extent that the  
1192 district attorney's office receives funds from any source. Any  
1193 source shall include, but is not limited to, office-generated  
1194 funds, funds from a county, a combination of counties, a  
1195 municipality, a combination of municipalities, federal funds,  
1196 private grants or foundations, or by means of an Interlocal  
1197 Cooperative Agreement authorized by Section 17-13-1 which may be  
1198 expended for those positions in an amount sufficient to pay all of  
1199 the salary, supplemental pay, expenses and fringe benefits of the  
1200 positions. Such funds may either be paid out of district attorney  
1201 accounts, transferred by the district attorney to the Department  
1202 of Finance and Administration or to one or more of the separate  
1203 counties comprising the circuit court district, and the funds  
1204 shall be disbursed to such employees in the same manner as



state-funded criminal investigators and full-time legal assistants. The district attorney shall report to the board of supervisors of each county comprising the circuit court district the amount and source of the supplemental salary, expenses and fringe benefits, and the board in each county shall spread the same on its minutes. The district attorney shall also report such information to the Department of Finance and Administration which shall make such information available to the Legislative Budget Office.

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

**SECTION 35.** Section 25-31-10, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

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

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

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

(3) The district attorneys of the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Nineteenth, Twenty-first and Twenty-third Circuit Court Districts may appoint two (2) additional full-time criminal





1230 investigators for a total of three (3) full-time criminal  
1231 investigators.

1232       (4) The district attorney of the Seventh Circuit Court  
1233 District may appoint \* \* \* four (4) additional full-time criminal  
1234 investigator for a total of \* \* \* five (5) full-time criminal  
1235 investigators.

1236       (5) No district attorney or assistant district attorney  
1237 shall accept any private employment, civil or criminal, in any  
1238 matter investigated by such criminal investigators.

1239       (6) The full and complete compensation for all public duties  
1240 rendered by the criminal investigators shall be not more than  
1241 Sixty-three Thousand Dollars (\$63,000.00) per annum, to be  
1242 determined at the discretion of the district attorney based upon  
1243 the qualifications, education and experience of the criminal  
1244 investigator, plus necessary travel and other expenses, to be paid  
1245 in accordance with Section 25-31-8. However, the maximum salary  
1246 under this subsection for a criminal investigator who has a law  
1247 degree may be supplemented by the district attorney from other  
1248 available funds, but not to exceed the maximum salary for a legal  
1249 assistant to a district attorney.

1250       (7) Any criminal investigator may be designated by the  
1251 district attorney to attend the Law Enforcement Officers Training  
1252 Program set forth in Section 45-6-1 et seq. The total expenses  
1253 associated with attendance by criminal investigators at the Law



1254 Enforcement Officers Training Program shall be paid out of the  
1255 funds of the appropriate district attorney.

1256 (8) The district attorney shall be authorized to assign the  
1257 duties of criminal investigators regardless of the source of  
1258 funding for such criminal investigators.

1259 **[From and after January 1, 2027, this section shall read as**  
1260 **follows:]**

1261 25-31-10. (1) Any district attorney may appoint a full-time  
1262 criminal investigator.

1263 (2) The district attorneys of the Fifth, Ninth, Tenth,  
1264 Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth,  
1265 Seventeenth and Twentieth Circuit Court Districts may appoint one  
1266 (1) additional full-time criminal investigator for a total of two  
1267 (2) full-time criminal investigators.

1268 (3) The district attorneys of the First, Second, Third,  
1269 Fourth, Nineteenth and Twenty-first Circuit Court Districts may  
1270 appoint two (2) additional full-time criminal investigators for a  
1271 total of three (3) full-time criminal investigators.

1272 (4) The district attorney of the Seventh Circuit Court  
1273 District may appoint four (4) additional full-time criminal  
1274 investigator for a total of five (5) full-time criminal  
1275 investigators.

1276 (5) No district attorney or assistant district attorney  
1277 shall accept any private employment, civil or criminal, in any  
1278 matter investigated by such criminal investigators.



1279       (6) The full and complete compensation for all public duties  
1280 rendered by the criminal investigators shall be not more than  
1281 Sixty-three Thousand Dollars (\$63,000.00) per annum, to be  
1282 determined at the discretion of the district attorney based upon  
1283 the qualifications, education and experience of the criminal  
1284 investigator, plus necessary travel and other expenses, to be paid  
1285 in accordance with Section 25-31-8. However, the maximum salary  
1286 under this subsection for a criminal investigator who has a law  
1287 degree may be supplemented by the district attorney from other  
1288 available funds, but not to exceed the maximum salary for a legal  
1289 assistant to a district attorney.

1290       (7) Any criminal investigator may be designated by the  
1291 district attorney to attend the Law Enforcement Officers Training  
1292 Program set forth in Section 45-6-1 et seq. The total expenses  
1293 associated with attendance by criminal investigators at the Law  
1294 Enforcement Officers Training Program shall be paid out of the  
1295 funds of the appropriate district attorney.

1296       (8) The district attorney shall be authorized to assign the  
1297 duties of criminal investigators regardless of the source of  
1298 funding for such criminal investigators.

1299       **SECTION 36.** The boundaries of the precincts described in  
1300 Section 9-7-21 (Sixth Circuit Court District) and Section 9-7-29  
1301 (Ninth Circuit Court District), Mississippi Code of 1972, on  
1302 January 1, 2027, shall be the boundaries of the precincts as those



boundaries are contained in the Census Bureau's geographic product of PL-94-171 Redistricting Data 2020.

**SECTION 37.** (1) From January 1, 2027, to December 31, 2027:

(a) The person who held the Office of District Attorney in the Fourth Circuit Court District on December 31, 2026, shall be the senior full-time legal assistant in the Eleventh Circuit Court District; and

(b) The person who held the Office of District Attorney in the Twenty-second Circuit Court District on December 31, 2026, shall be the senior full-time legal assistant in the Sixth Circuit Court District.

(2) The annual salary of the senior full-time legal assistants authorized by this section shall be as provided for a full-time district attorney in Section 25-3-35(6).

(3) This section shall stand repealed on January 1, 2028.

**SECTION 38.** On January 1, 2027, the office of district attorney for the Fourth Circuit Court District created by this act shall be filled by the person who holds the office of district attorney for the Twenty-third Circuit Court District on December 31, 2026. Such person shall serve as the district attorney for the Fourth Circuit Court District until a successor for such office, elected in the November 2027 general election, assumes the office on January 1, 2028.

**SECTION 39.** On January 1, 2027, the office of district attorney for the Fifth Circuit Court District, Sixth Circuit Court



1328 District, Ninth Circuit Court District, Tenth Circuit Court  
1329 District, Eleventh Circuit Court District, Fourteenth Circuit  
1330 Court District, Fifteenth Circuit Court District, Sixteenth  
1331 Circuit Court District, Seventeenth Circuit Court District,  
1332 Eighteenth Circuit Court District, and Nineteenth Circuit Court  
1333 District created by this act shall be filled by the person who  
1334 holds the office of district attorney for each respective circuit  
1335 court district on December 31, 2026. Such person shall serve as  
1336 the district attorney for the circuit court district created by  
1337 this act until a successor for such office, elected in the  
1338 November 2027 general election, assumes the office on January 1,  
1339 2028.

1340       **SECTION 40.** On January 1, 2027, the office of district  
1341 attorney for the Twenty-first Circuit Court District created by  
1342 this act shall be filled by the person who holds the office of  
1343 district attorney for the Twenty-first Circuit Court District on  
1344 December 31, 2026. Such person shall serve as the district  
1345 attorney for the Twenty-first Circuit Court District created by  
1346 this act until a successor for such office, elected in the  
1347 November 2027 general election, assumes the office on January 1,  
1348 2028. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary  
1349 regarding the residency of candidates for the office of district  
1350 attorney, the person serving as the district attorney for the  
1351 Twenty-first Circuit Court District as of December 31, 2026, may  
1352 qualify as a candidate to run for the office of district attorney



for the Twenty-first Circuit Court District in the November 2027 general election, if such person is otherwise qualified as a candidate as provided by law.

**SECTION 41.** Candidates for the offices of district attorney created by this act shall run for office in the general election to be conducted November 2027. Candidates shall file as is otherwise provided by law for district attorneys. The district attorney elected shall serve a four-year term to begin January 1, 2028, and the term of the office shall thereafter be as is provided for district attorneys generally.

**SECTION 42.** Candidates for the chancellorships and the circuit judgeships created by this act shall run for those offices in the general election for judicial officers to be conducted in November 2026. Candidates shall file as is provided in Section 23-15-977, and shall run for office and be elected as provided in Sections 23-15-974 through 23-15-985, which constitute the Nonpartisan Judicial Election Act. The judges elected shall serve four-year terms to begin January 1, 2027, and the terms of those offices shall thereafter be as provided for chancellors and circuit judges generally.

**SECTION 43.** Section 25-31-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, which authorizes the appointment of two (2) full-time assistant district attorneys and one (1) full-time criminal investigator for the Seventh Circuit Court District, shall stand repealed on the effective date of this act.



1378           **SECTION 44.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
1379 and after July 1, 2025.

