

House Amendments to Senate Bill No. 2768

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE HOUSE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

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

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

41 9-7-1. A circuit judge shall be elected for and from each
42 circuit court district and the listing of individual precincts
43 shall be those precincts as they existed on October 1, 1990. He
44 may hold court in any other district with the consent of the judge
45 thereof, when in their opinion the public interest may require.
46 The terms of all circuit judges hereafter elected shall begin on
47 the first day of January 1931 and their terms of office shall
48 continue for four (4) years. A circuit judge shall be a resident
49 of the district in which he or she serves but shall not be
50 required to be a resident of a subdistrict if the district is
51 divided into subdistricts.

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

54 9-7-3. (1) The state is divided into an appropriate number
55 of circuit court districts severally numbered and composed of the

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

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

82 district shall remain unchanged for the next calendar year. A
83 certified copy of any order entered under the provisions of this
84 subsection shall, immediately upon the entry thereof, be delivered
85 to the clerk of the board of supervisors in each of the counties
86 within the circuit court district.

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

- 90 (a) The population of the district;
- 91 (b) The number of cases filed in the district;
- 92 (c) The case load of each judge in the district;
- 93 (d) The geographic area of the district;
- 94 (e) An analysis of the needs of the district by the
95 court personnel of the district; and
- 96 (f) Any other appropriate criteria.

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

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

105 (5) In a district having more than one (1) office of circuit
106 judge, there shall be no distinction whatsoever in the powers,
107 duties and emoluments of those offices except that the judge who

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) The four (4) judgeships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as

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

[From January 1, 2027, until January 1, 2031, this section shall read as follows:]

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

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

[From and after January 1, 2031, this section shall read as follows:]

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

(2) The * * * five (5) judgeships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One," "Place Two," "Place Three", * * * "Place Four * * *" and "Place Five". The judge to fill Place One must reside in Alcorn, Prentiss or Tishomingo County. The judges to fill Place Two and Place Three * * * may be a resident of any county. The judge to fill Place Four * * * shall be a resident of Itawamba, Monroe or Pontotoc County. Election of the four (4) offices of judge shall be by election to be held in every county within the First Circuit Court District. The judge to fill Place Five must reside and be elected from any of the following precincts in Lee County: Auburn, Baldwin, Beech Springs, Belden, Birmingham Ridge, Bissell, Cedar Hill, Eggville, Euclautubba, Fellowship, Friendship, Gilvo, Guntown, Hebron, Kedron, Mooreville, Nettleton, Petersburg, Plantersville, Pratts, Richmond, Saltillo, Tupelo 1, Tupelo 2, Tupelo 3, Tupelo 4 North, Tupelo 4 South, Tupelo 5, Unity and Veteran's Park and the following precincts in Monroe County: Amory 1, Amory 2, Athens, Bartahatchie, Becker, Greenwood Springs, Hamilton, Hatley, Lackey, North Greenwood Springs, Parham, Smithville and Williams.

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

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

(a) Hancock County;

(b) Harrison County; and

(c) Stone County.

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) Benton County;
- (b) Calhoun County;
- (c) Chickasaw County;
- (d) Lafayette County;
- (e) Marshall County;
- (f) Tippah County; and
- (g) Union County.

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

[Until January 1, 2031, this section shall read as follows:]

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

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

[From and after January 1, 2031, this section shall read as follows:]

9-7-14. (1) There shall be * * * four (4) judges for the Third Circuit Court District.

(2) The * * * four (4) judgeships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One," "Place Two" * * *, "Place Three * * *" and "Place Four". The judges to fill Place One and Place Two may be a resident of any county in the district. The judge to fill Place Three may be a resident of any county in the district, except for Lafayette County. The judge to fill Place Four shall be a resident of Lafayette County.

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

[Until January 1, 2031, this section shall read as follows:]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(i) Leflore County: Central Greenwood, East
Greenwood, Morgan City/Swiftown, North Itta Bena, Rising Sun,
Sidon, South Greenwood, South Itta Bena, Southwest Greenwood;

(* * *ii) Sunflower County: Indianola 1,
Sunflower, Indianola 3 North, Indianola 3 South, Indianola
Southeast and Indianola 3 Northeast Precincts; and

(* * *iii) Washington County: Darlove Baptist
Church, Extension Building, * * * Jakes Chapel M.B. Church, Lake
Vista Masonic Lodge, American Legion, Metcalfe City Hall, Elks
Club, Leland Rotary Club, Leland Health Department Clinic, * * *
St. James Episcopal Church and Washington County Convention
Center*.

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

* * *

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

(* * *ii) Washington County: Arcola * * *
Technology Center*, Hollandale City Hall * * * and Darlove Baptist
Church* * * *.

(d) Subdistrict 4-4 shall consist of the following
precincts in Washington County: Arcola Technology Center*, St.
James Episcopal Church*, Swiftwater Baptist Church, Glen Allan
Health Clinic, * * * Elks Club*, Ward's Recreation Center, Buster
Brown Community Center, * * * Extension Building, Covenant
Presbyterian, Jakes Chapel M.B. Church* Brent Center, * * * Tampa
Drive and * * * Washington County Convention Center Precincts.

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

[From and after January 1, 2031, this section shall read as
follows:]

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

(a) Holmes County;

(b) Humphreys County;

(* * *c) Leflore County;

(* * *d) Sunflower County; and

(* * *e) Washington County.

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287 **SECTION 10.** Section 9-7-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
288 amended as follows:

289 **[Until January 1, 2031, this section shall read as follows:]**

290 9-7-17. There shall be four (4) circuit judges for the
291 Fourth Circuit Court District. One (1) circuit judge shall be
292 elected from each subdistrict.

293 **[From and after January 1, 2031, this section shall read as**
294 **follows:]**

295 9-7-17. (1) There shall be * * * three (3) circuit judges
296 for the Fourth Circuit Court District. One (1) circuit judge
297 shall be elected from each subdistrict.

298 (2) The three (3) judgeships shall be separate and distinct
299 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as
300 "Place One", "Place Two" and "Place Three". The judge to fill
301 Place One shall be a resident of Washington County. The judge to
302 fill Place Two shall be a resident of Leflore, Holmes or Humphreys
303 County. The judge to fill Place Three may be a resident of any
304 county in the district.

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

307 9-7-19. The Fifth Circuit Court District is composed of the
308 following counties:

- 309 (a) Attala County;
310 (b) Carroll County;
311 (c) Choctaw County;
312 (d) Grenada County;

- 313 (e) Montgomery County;
314 (f) Webster County; and
315 (g) Winston County.

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

318 9-7-20. (1) There shall be two (2) judges for the Fifth
319 Circuit Court District.

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

323 **SECTION 13.** Section 9-7-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
324 amended as follows:

325 **[Until January 1, 2031, this section shall read as follows:]**

326 9-7-21. (1) The Sixth Circuit Court District is composed of
327 the following counties:

- 328 (a) Adams County;
329 (b) Amite County;
330 (c) Franklin County; and
331 (d) Wilkinson County.

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

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

336 (i) Adams County: Airport, Bellemont*, By-Pass
337 Fire Station, Carpenter, Concord*, Courthouse*, Duncan Park*,

338 Foster Mound, * * * Northside School, Pine Ridge * * * and
339 Washington*; and

340 (ii) Amite County: Amite River*, Ariel, Berwick*,
341 Crosby, East Centreville, East Gloster*, Gloster*,
342 Homochitto * * * and Vance Park*.

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

345 (i) Adams County: Beau Pre, Bellemont, Concord*,
346 Convention Center, Courthouse*, Duncan Park*, Kingston, Liberty
347 Park, Maryland * * *, Morgantown, Oakland, Palestine and
348 Washington*; and

349 (ii) Amite County: Amite River*, Berwick*, East
350 Fork, East Gloster*, East Liberty, Gloster*, Liberty, New Zion,
351 Oneil, Riceville, Smithdale, South Liberty*, Tangipahoa, Tickfaw,
352 Vance Park*, Walls and Zion Hills.

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

356 **[From and after January 1, 2031, this section shall read as**
357 **follows:]**

358 9-7-21. (1) The Sixth Circuit Court District is composed of
359 the following counties:

- 360 (a) Adams County;
361 (b) Amite County;
362 (c) Franklin County; and
363 (d) Wilkinson County.

(2) * * * There shall be * * * three (3) judges for the Sixth Circuit Court District. The * * * three (3) judgeships shall be separate and distinct. One (1) judge shall be elected from each subdistrict and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One", "Place Two" and "Place Three". The judge to fill Place One shall be a resident of Adams County. The judge to fill Place Two shall be a resident of any county, except Adams County. The judge to fill Place Three may be a resident of any county in the district.

SECTION 14. Section 9-7-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

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

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

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

(a) Subdistrict 7-1 shall consist of the following precincts in Hinds County: * * * 32_u*, * * * 44, 45, 46, 47_u*, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 92, 93, 96 and 97.

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

(c) Subdistrict 7-3 shall consist of the following precincts in Hinds County: 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 31,

389 49*, 50, 51*, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58*, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63*,
390 64*, * * * 67, 68, 69, 70*, 71, 86 * * * and 89 * * *.

391 (d) Subdistrict 7-4 shall consist of the following
392 precincts in Hinds County: 87, 88, 90, 91, 94, 95, Bolton, Byram
393 1, Byram 2, Byram 3, Cayuga, Chapel Hill, Clinton 1, Clinton 2,
394 Clinton 3, Clinton 4, Clinton 5, Clinton 6, Clinton 7, Dry Grove,
395 Edwards, Learned, Old Byram, Pinehaven, Raymond 1, Raymond 2,
396 Spring Ridge, St. Thomas, Terry 1, Terry 2, Utica 1 and Utica 2.

397 (e) Subdistrict 7-5 shall consist of all precincts
398 located within the boundaries of the Capitol Complex Improvement
399 District as described by Section 29-5-203.

400 **[From January 1, 2027, until January 1, 2031, this section**
401 **shall read as follows:]**

402 9-7-23. (1) The Seventh Circuit Court District shall be
403 Claiborne County, Hinds County and Jefferson County.

404 (2) The Seventh Circuit Court District shall be divided
405 into * * * six (6) subdistricts * * * as follows:

406 (a) Subdistrict 7-1 shall consist of the following
407 precincts in Hinds County: * * * 32*, * * * 44, 45, 46, 47*, 72,
408 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 92, 93, 96 and 97.

409 (b) Subdistrict 7-2 shall consist of the following
410 precincts in Hinds County: 11*, 12*, 13*, * * * 16*, * * * 23,
411 27, 28, 29, 30, * * * 38, 39*, 40, 41, 42*, 43*, 80, 81, 82, 83,
412 84, 85, Brownsville, Cynthia, Pocahontas and Tinnin.

413 (c) Subdistrict 7-3 shall consist of the following
414 precincts in Hinds County: 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 31,

415 49*, 50, 51*, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58*, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63*,
416 64*, * * * 67, 68, 69, 70*, 71, 86 * * * and 89 * * *.

417 (d) Subdistrict 7-4 shall consist of the following
418 precincts in Hinds County: 87, 88, 90, 91, 94, 95, Bolton, Byram
419 1, Byram 2, Byram 3, Cayuga, Chapel Hill, Clinton 1, Clinton 2,
420 Clinton 3, Clinton 4, Clinton 5, Clinton 6, Clinton 7, Dry Grove,
421 Edwards, Learned, Old Byram, Pinehaven, Raymond 1, Raymond 2,
422 Spring Ridge, St. Thomas, Terry 1, Terry 2, Utica 1 and Utica 2.

423 (e) Subdistrict 7-5 shall consist of Claiborne County
424 and Jefferson County.

425 (f) Subdistrict 7-6 shall consist of all precincts
426 located within the boundaries of the Capitol Complex Improvement
427 District as described in Section 29-5-203.

428 **[From and after January 1, 2031, this section shall read as**
429 **follows:]**

430 9-7-23. (1) The Seventh Circuit Court District shall be
431 Claiborne County, Hinds County and Jefferson County.

432 * * *

433 **SECTION 15.** Section 9-7-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
434 amended as follows:

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

436 9-7-25. (1) There shall be * * * five (5) circuit judges
437 for the Seventh Circuit Court District. One (1) judge shall be
438 elected from each subdistrict.

439 (2) While there shall be no limitation whatsoever upon the
440 powers and duties of the said judges other than as cast upon them

by the Constitution and laws of this state, the court in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, in the discretion of the senior circuit judge, may be divided into civil and criminal divisions as a matter of convenience, by the entry of an order upon the minutes of the court.

[From January 1, 2027, until January 1, 2031, this section shall read as follows:]

9-7-25. (1) There shall be * * * six (6) circuit judges for the Seventh Circuit Court District. The judgeships shall be separate and distinct. For subdistricts 7-1 to 7-4, one (1) judge shall be elected from each subdistrict. The judge to fill subdistrict 7-5 shall be a resident of Claiborne County or Jefferson County. The judge to fill subdistrict 7-6 shall be a resident within the boundaries of the Capitol Complex Improvement District as described by Section 29-5-203.

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

[From January 1, 2031, until January 1, 2035, this section shall read as follows:]

9-7-25. (1) There shall be * * * six (6) circuit judges for the Seventh Circuit Court District. * * * The judgeships shall

be separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of
appointment and elections only as "Place One", "Place Two", "Place
Three", "Place Four", "Place Five" and "Place Six". The judges to
fill Place One, Place Two, Place Three and Place Four may reside
in any precinct within the district. The judge to fill Place Five
must reside in Claiborne County or Jefferson County. The judge to
fill Place Six must reside within the boundaries of the Capitol
Complex Improvement District.

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

[From and after January 1, 2035, this section shall read as
follows:]

9-7-25. (1) There shall be * * * five (5) circuit judges
for the Seventh Circuit Court District. * * * The judgeships
shall be separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of
appointment and elections only as "Place One", "Place Two", "Place
Three", "Place Four" and "Place Five". The judges to fill Place
One, Place Two, Place Three and Place Four may reside in any
precinct within the district. The judge to fill Place Five must
reside in Claiborne County or Jefferson County.

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

SECTION 16. A special election shall be held to fill the office of circuit judge for the Seventh Circuit Court District. The special election shall be held on the first Tuesday in November, 2025. Candidates shall file as 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 judge elected shall serve until January 1, 2027, unless the person is re elected to fill such office in the November, 2026, election for judicial offices. The terms of those offices shall thereafter be as provided by law for circuit judges generally.

SECTION 17. Section 9-7-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

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

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

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

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

SECTION 18. Section 9-7-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

[Until January 1, 2031, 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*, Cherry Street*, Kings*, * * * and St. Aloysius * * *.

(b) Subdistrict 9-2 shall consist of the following precincts in Warren County: 3-61 Store*, Beechwood, Bovina, Cedar Grove*, Cherry Street*, Culkin, Elks Lodge, Goodrum, Jett, Kings*, Lee Road, Moose Lodge, Number 7 Fire Station*, * * * Oakland, Plumbers Hall, Redwood, Tingleville, * * * YMCA and Yokena.

[From and after January 1, 2031, this section shall read as follows:]

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

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

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SECTION 19. Section 9-7-30, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

[Until January 1, 2031, this section shall read as follows:]

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

[From and after January 1, 2031, this section shall read as follows:]

9-7-30. There shall be two (2) judges for the Ninth Circuit Court District. * * * The two (2) judgeships shall be separate and distinct. One (1) judge shall be elected from each subdistrict and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One" and "Place Two". The judge to fill Place One shall be a resident of Warren County. The judge to fill Place Two may be a resident of any county in the district.

SECTION 20. Section 9-7-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

[Until January 1, 2031, 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, 2031, 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 * * *.

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SECTION 21. Section 9-7-32, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

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

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

SECTION 22. Section 9-7-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

[Until January 1, 2031, this section shall read as follows:]

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

595 (a) Bolivar County;

596 (b) Coahoma County;

597 (c) Quitman County; and

598 (d) Tunica County.

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

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

603 (i) Bolivar County: Benoit, Beulah, Boyle*,
604 Choctaw, Cleveland Courthouse, East Central Cleveland*, East
605 Cleveland*, East Rosedale, * * * Longshot, North Cleveland,
606 Northwest Cleveland*, Pace*, Round Lake Gunnison Deeson, Scott,
607 Shaw, Skene, South Cleveland*, Stringtown, West Central Cleveland,
608 West Cleveland and West Rosedale; and

609 (ii) Coahoma County: Bobo*, Clarksdale 2 * * **,
610 Clarksdale 5 * * **, Farrell* * * * and Rena Lara * * *.

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

613 (i) Bolivar County: Boyle*, Cleveland Eastgate,
614 Duncan/Alligator, East Central Cleveland*, East Cleveland*,
615 Merigold, Mound Bayou, Northwest Cleveland*, Pace*, Renova, Round
616 Lake Gunnison Deeson*, Shelby, * * * and Winstonville;

617 (ii) Coahoma County: Bobo*, Cagle Crossing,
618 Clarksdale * * * 3, Clarksdale * * * 4, Clarksdale * * * 4 North,
619 Clarksdale * * * 5*, Clarksdale * * * Courthouse*, Dublin * * *
620 Roundaway and Sasse St. Fire Station; and

621 (iii) Quitman County: * * * Crowder*, District 3
622 South*, Lambert, Northwest Marks*, Southwest Marks* and West
623 Lambert.

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

626 (i) Coahoma County: Clarksdale * * * 2*,
627 Clarksdale * * * 5*, * * * Clarksdale Courthouse*, Coahoma,
628 Farrell*, Friar's Point, Jonestown, Lula * * * and Lyons * * *;
629 and

630 (ii) Quitman County: * * * Crenshaw, Crowder*,
631 Darling, District 3 North, District 3 South*, Northwest
632 Marks*, * * * Sledge and Southwest Marks*.

633 **[From and after January 1, 2031, this section shall read as**
634 **follows:]**

635 9-7-33. * * * The Eleventh Circuit Court District is
636 composed of the following counties:

- 637 (a) Bolivar County;
638 (b) Coahoma County;
639 (c) Quitman County; and
640 (d) Tunica County.

641 * * *

642 **SECTION 23.** Section 9-7-34, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
643 amended as follows:

644 **[Until January 1, 2031, 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, 2031, this section shall read as follows:]

9-7-34. There shall be * * * two (2) judges for the Eleventh 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". The judge to fill Place One shall be a resident of Bolivar County. The judge to fill Place Two may be a resident of any county in the district, except Bolivar County.

SECTION 24. Section 9-7-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

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

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

(a) Forrest County; and

(b) Perry County.

(2) There shall be two (2) judges for the Twelfth 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 * * *".

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

670 9-7-35. (1) The Twelfth Circuit Court District is composed
671 of the following counties:

672 (a) Forrest County; * * *

673 (b) Greene County; and

674 (* * * c) Perry County.

675 (2) There shall be * * * three (3) judges for the Twelfth
676 Circuit Court District. The * * * three (3) judgeships shall be
677 separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment
678 and election only as "Place One" * * *, "Place Two * * *" and
679 "Place Three". The judges to fill Place One and Place Two may
680 reside in any county in the district. The judge to fill Place
681 Three must reside and be elected from the following precincts in
682 Forrest County: Camp School, Court Street, Dixie Pine-Central,
683 Eatonville, Eureka School, Glendale, Hardy Street, Hattiesburg
684 Cultural Center, Highland Park, Lillie Burney School, North
685 Heights, Pinecrest, Rawls Springs, Rowan School, Sigler Center,
686 Thames School, Train Depot, West Hills and Westside.

687 **SECTION 25.** Section 9-7-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
688 amended as follows:

689 9-7-37. (1) The Thirteenth Circuit Court District is
690 composed of the following counties:

691 (a) Covington County;

692 (b) Jasper County;

693 (c) Simpson County; and

694 (d) Smith County.

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

699 **SECTION 26.** Section 9-7-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
700 amended as follows:

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

702 9-7-39. (1) The Fourteenth Circuit Court District is
703 composed of the following counties:

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

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

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

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

714 9-7-39. (1) The Fourteenth Circuit Court District is
715 composed of the following counties:

- 716 (a) * * * Copiah County;
- 717 (b) * * * Jefferson Davis County; * * *
- 718 (c) * * * Lawrence County * * * ; and
- 719 (d) Lincoln 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." The judge to fill Place One must be a resident of Lincoln County. The judge to fill Place Two must be a resident of either Lawrence, Copiah or Jefferson County.

SECTION 27. 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) * * * Pike County;
- (b) Lamar County;
- (c) * * * Walthall County;
- (d) Marion County; and

(e) Pearl River County.

SECTION 28. 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 * * * Lamar * * * 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 29. Section 9-7-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

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

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

SECTION 30. Section 9-7-44, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

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

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

SECTION 31. Section 9-7-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

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

- (a) Panola County;
- (b) Tallahatchie County;
- (c) Tate County; and

798 (d) Yalobusha County.

799 **SECTION 32.** Section 9-7-46, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
800 amended as follows:

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

802 9-7-46. (1) There shall be two (2) circuit judges for the
803 Seventeenth Circuit Court District.

804 (2) For the purpose of appointment and election, the two (2)
805 judgeships shall be separate and distinct, and be denominated as
806 "Place One" and "Place Two * * *".

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

809 9-7-46. (1) There shall be two (2) circuit judges for the
810 Seventeenth Circuit Court District.

811 (2) For the purpose of appointment and election, the two (2)
812 judgeships shall be separate and distinct, and be denominated as
813 "Place One" and "Place Two * * *".

814 **SECTION 33.** Section 9-7-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
815 amended as follows:

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

817 9-7-47. The Eighteenth Circuit Court District shall be Jones
818 County.

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

821 9-7-47. (1) The Eighteenth Circuit Court District * * * is
822 composed of the following counties:

823 (a) Jones County; and

824 (b) Wayne County.

825 (2) There shall be two (2) judges for the Eighteenth Circuit
826 Court District. The two (2) judgeships shall be separate and
827 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election
828 only as "Place One" and "Place Two". The judge to fill Place One
829 must reside in Jones County. The judge to fill Place Two must
830 reside in Wayne County.

831 **SECTION 34.** Section 9-7-49, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
832 amended as follows:

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

834 9-7-49. (1) The Nineteenth Circuit Court District is
835 composed of the following counties:

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

839 (2) The local contribution required for the maintenance of
840 the Nineteenth Circuit Court District shall not exceed, as to
841 George and Greene Counties, the amount of their present local
842 contribution in their present respective circuit court districts,
843 and any excess shall be paid by Jackson County.

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

846 9-7-49. (1) The Nineteenth Circuit Court District is
847 composed of the following counties:

- 848 (a) George County; and

849 * * *

850 (* * *b) Jackson County.

851 (2) The local contribution required for the maintenance of
852 the Nineteenth Circuit Court District shall not exceed, as to
853 George * * * County, the amount of * * * its present local
854 contribution in their present respective circuit court districts,
855 and any excess shall be paid by Jackson County.

856 **SECTION 35.** Section 9-7-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
857 amended as follows:

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

859 9-7-51. (1) There shall be three (3) judges for the
860 Nineteenth Circuit Court District. The three (3) judgeships shall
861 be separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of
862 appointment and election only as "Place One," "Place Two" and
863 "Place Three."

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

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

871 9-7-51. * * * There shall be three (3) judges for the
872 Nineteenth Circuit Court District. The three (3) judgeships shall
873 be separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of
874 appointment and election only as "Place One," "Place Two" and
875 "Place Three * * *".

876 * * *

877 **SECTION 36.** Section 9-7-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
878 brought forward as follows:

879 9-7-53. The Twentieth Circuit Court District is composed of
880 the following counties:

881 (a) Madison County; and

882 (b) Rankin County.

883 **SECTION 37.** Section 9-7-54, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
884 amended as follows:

885 9-7-54. (1) There shall be three (3) judges for the
886 Twentieth Circuit Court District.

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

893 **SECTION 38.** Section 9-7-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
894 amended as follows:

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

896 9-7-55. The * * * Twenty-second Circuit Court District is
897 composed of the following counties:

898 (a) Holmes County;

899 (b) Humphreys County; and

900 (c) Yazoo County.

901 [From January 1, 2027, until January 1, 2031, this section
902 shall read as follows:]

903 9-7-55. The * * * Twenty-second Circuit Court District is
904 composed of the following counties:

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

908 [From and after January 1, 2031, this section shall read as
909 follows:]

910 Section 9-7-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, which provides for
911 the Twenty-second Circuit Court District shall stand repealed on
912 and after January 1, 2031.

913 **SECTION 39.** Section 9-7-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
914 amended as follows:

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

916 9-7-57. The * * * Twenty-third Court District is composed of
917 the following counties:

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

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

923 * * *

924 Section 9-7-57, which creates the Twenty-second Circuit Court
925 District shall stand repealed on and after January 1, 2027.

SECTION 40. Section 9-7-63, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

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

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

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

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

SECTION 41. Section 9-7-64, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

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

9-7-64. (1) There shall be * * * three (3) circuit judges for the * * * Twenty-first 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". The judges to fill Place One and Place Two may reside in any precinct in the county. The judge to fill Place Three must reside and be elected from the following precincts in DeSoto County: Horn Lake Central, Horn Lake East, Horn Lake High School*, Horn Lake Intermediate School, Horn Lake North, Horn Lake West, Northwest Community College*, Southhaven South and Southhaven West*.

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

952 9-7-64. (1) There shall be * * * four (4) circuit judges
953 for the * * * Twenty-first Circuit Court District.

954 (2) For the purposes of appointment and election, the * * *
955 four (4) judgeships shall be separate and distinct and denominated
956 as "Place One" * * *, "Place Two * * *", "Place Three" and "Place
957 Four". The judges to fill Place One, Place Two and Place Four may
958 reside in any precinct in the county. The judge to fill Place
959 Three must reside in and be elected from the following precincts
960 in DeSoto County: Horn Lake Central, Horn Lake East, Horn Lake
961 High School*, Horn Lake Intermediate School, Horn Lake North, Horn
962 Lake West, Northwest Community College*, Southhaven South and
963 Southhaven West*.

964 **SECTION 42.** Section 9-5-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
965 brought forward as follows:

966 9-5-1. A chancellor shall be elected for and from each of
967 the chancery court districts as provided in this chapter and the
968 listing of individual precincts shall be those precincts as they
969 existed on October 1, 1990. He shall hold court in any other
970 district with the consent of the chancellor thereof when in their
971 opinion the public interest may be thereby promoted. The terms of
972 all chancellors elected at the regular election for the year 1930
973 shall begin on the first day of January, 1931, and their terms of
974 office shall continue for four (4) years. A chancellor shall be a
975 resident of the district in which he serves but shall not be
976 required to be a resident of a subdistrict if the district is
977 divided into subdistricts.

978 **SECTION 43.** Section 9-5-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
979 brought forward as follows:

980 9-5-3. (1) The state shall be divided into an appropriate
981 number of chancery court districts, severally numbered and
982 composed of the counties as set forth in the sections which
983 follow. A court to be styled "The Chancery Court of the County of
984 ____" shall be held in each county, and within each judicial
985 district of a county having two (2) judicial districts, at least
986 twice a year. Court shall be held in chancery court districts
987 consisting of a single county on the same dates state agencies and
988 political subdivisions are open for business excluding legal
989 holidays. The dates upon which terms shall commence and the
990 number of days for which terms shall continue in chancery court
991 districts consisting of more than one (1) county shall be set by
992 order of the chancellor in accordance with the provisions of
993 subsection (2) of this section. A matter in court may extend past
994 a term if the interest of justice so requires.

995 (2) An order establishing the commencement and continuation
996 of terms of court for each of the counties within a chancery court
997 district consisting of more than one (1) county shall be entered
998 annually and not later than October 1 of the year immediately
999 preceding the calendar year for which the terms of court are to
1000 become effective. Notice of the dates upon which terms of court
1001 shall commence and the number of days for which the terms shall
1002 continue in each of the counties within a chancery court district
1003 shall be posted in the office of the chancery clerk of each county

1004 within the district and mailed to the office of the Secretary of
1005 State for publication and distribution to all Mississippi Bar
1006 members. If an order is not timely entered, the terms of court
1007 for each of the counties within the chancery court district shall
1008 remain unchanged for the next calendar year.

1009 (3) The number of chancellorships for each chancery court
1010 district shall be determined by the Legislature based upon the
1011 following criteria:

- 1012 (a) The population of the district;
- 1013 (b) The number of cases filed in the district;
- 1014 (c) The caseload of each chancellor in the district;
- 1015 (d) The geographic area of the district;
- 1016 (e) An analysis of the needs of the district by the
1017 court personnel of the district; and
- 1018 (f) Any other appropriate criteria.

1019 (4) The Judicial College of the University of Mississippi
1020 Law Center and the Administrative Office of Courts shall determine
1021 the appropriate:

- 1022 (a) Specific data to be collected as a basis for
1023 applying the above criteria;
- 1024 (b) Method of collecting and maintaining the specified
1025 data; and
- 1026 (c) Method of assimilating the specified data.

1027 (5) In a district having more than one (1) office of
1028 chancellor, there shall be no distinction whatsoever in the
1029 powers, duties and emoluments of those offices except that the

chancellor who has been for the longest time continuously a
chancellor of that court or, should no chancellor have served
longer in office than the others, the chancellor who has been for
the longest time a member of The Mississippi Bar shall be the
senior chancellor. The senior chancellor shall have the right to
assign causes and dockets and to set terms in districts consisting
of more than one (1) county.

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

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

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

SECTION 45. Section 9-5-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
amended as follows:

9-5-7. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the
First 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 Place One must be a resident of Alcorn, Prentiss or Tishomingo County. The chancellors to fill Place Two and Place Three must reside in Itawamba, Lee, Monroe, Pontotoc or Union County. The chancellor to fill Place Four may be a resident of any county in the district. Election of the four (4) offices of chancellor shall be by election to be held in every county within the First Chancery Court District.

SECTION 46. 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) Jefferson Davis County;
- (* * *d) Newton County; * * *
- (e) Simpson County;
- (* * *f) Scott County * * *; and
- (g) Smith County.

(2) There shall be three (3) chancellors for the Second Chancery Court District. 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". Place One chancellor may reside in Scott County, Newton County or Jasper County. Place Two chancellor may reside in Simpson, Smith, Covington or Jefferson Davis County. Place Three chancellor may reside in any county in the district.

SECTION 47. 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.

1107 **[From and after January 1, 2027, this section shall read as**
1108 **follows:]**

1109 9-5-11. * * * The Third Chancery Court District is composed
1110 of the following counties:

- 1111 (a) * * * Carroll County;
- 1112 (b) Grenada County;
- 1113 (c) Montgomery County;
- 1114 (d) Panola County;
- 1115 (e) Tate County; and
- 1116 (f) Yalobusha County.

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1118 **SECTION 48.** Section 9-5-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1119 amended as follows:

1120 **[Until January 1, 2027, this section shall read as follows:]**

1121 9-5-13. (1) There shall be three (3) chancellors for the
1122 Third Chancery Court District.

1123 (2) (a) The chancellor of Subdistrict 3-1 shall be elected
1124 from DeSoto County. The two (2) chancellors of Subdistrict 3-2
1125 shall be elected from Grenada County, Montgomery County, Panola
1126 County, Tate County and Yalobusha County.

1127 (b) For purposes of appointment and election, the three
1128 (3) chancellorships shall be separate and distinct. The
1129 chancellorship in Subdistrict 3-1 shall be denominated only as
1130 "Place One," and the chancellorships in Subdistrict 3-2 shall be
1131 denominated only as "Place Two" and "Place Three * * *".

1132 **[From and after January 1, 2027, this section shall read as**
1133 **follows:]**

1134 9-5-13. (1) There shall be * * * two (2) chancellors for
1135 the Third Chancery Court District. For purposes of appointment
1136 and election, the two (2) chancellorships shall be separate and
1137 distinct and denominated as "Place One" and "Place Two".

1138 (2) * * * The * * * chancellor of * * * Place One
1139 shall * * * reside in Tate County, Panola County or Yalobusha
1140 County. The * * * chancellor of * * * Place Two shall * * *
1141 reside in Carroll County, Grenada County or Montgomery
1142 County * * *.

1143 * * *

1144 **SECTION 49.** Section 9-5-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1145 amended as follows:

1146 **[Until January 1, 2027, this section shall read as follows:]**

1147 9-5-15. (1) The Fourth Chancery Court District is composed
1148 of the following counties:

- 1149 (a) Amite County;
1150 (b) Franklin County;
1151 (c) Pike County; and
1152 (d) Walthall County.

1153 (2) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the Fourth
1154 Chancery Court District. The two (2) chancellorships shall be
1155 separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment
1156 and election only as "Place One" and "Place Two * * *".

1157 [From and after January 1, 2027, this section shall read as
1158 follows:]

1159 9-5-15. (1) The Fourth Chancery Court District is composed
1160 of the following counties:

1161 (a) Adams County;

1162 (* * *b) Amite County;

1163 (* * *c) Franklin County;

1164 (d) Jefferson County;

1165 (* * *e) Pike County; and

1166 (* * *f) * * * Wilkinson County.

1167 (2) There shall be * * * three (3) chancellors for the
1168 Fourth Chancery Court District. The * * * three (3)
1169 chancellorships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for
1170 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One" * * *
1171 "Place Two * * *" and "Place Three". The chancellor for Place One
1172 must reside in Adams County or Jefferson County. The chancellor
1173 for Place Two must reside in Amite County or Wilkinson County.
1174 The chancellor for Place Three must reside in Franklin County or
1175 Pike County.

1176 **SECTION 50.** Section 9-5-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1177 amended as follows:

1178 [Until January 1, 2031, this section shall read as follows:]

1179 9-5-17. (1) The Fifth Chancery Court District is composed
1180 of Hinds County.

1181 (2) The Fifth Chancery Court District shall be divided into
1182 the following four (4) subdistricts:

1183 (a) Subdistrict 5-1 shall consist of the following
1184 precincts in Hinds County: 1, 2, 4, * * * 6, 8, 9, 10, 32, 33,
1185 34, 35, 36, 44, 45, 46, 47, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 92,
1186 93, 96 and 97.

1187 (b) Subdistrict 5-2 shall consist of the following
1188 precincts in Hinds County: 11, 12, 13, 14, * * * 16, 17, 23, 27,
1189 28, 29, 30, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85,
1190 Brownsville, Cynthia, Pocahontas and Tinnin.

1191 (c) Subdistrict 5-3 shall consist of the following
1192 precincts in Hinds County: 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 31,
1193 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63,
1194 64, * * * 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 86 * * * and 89 * * *.

1195 (d) Subdistrict 5-4 shall consist of the following
1196 precincts in Hinds County: 87, 88, 90, 91, 94, 95, Bolton, Byram
1197 1, Byram 2, Byram 3, Cayuga, Chapel Hill, Clinton 1, Clinton 2,
1198 Clinton 3, Clinton 4, Clinton 5, Clinton 6, Clinton 7, Dry Grove,
1199 Edwards, Learned, Old Byram, Pinehaven, Raymond 1, Raymond 2,
1200 Spring Ridge, St. Thomas, Terry 1, Terry 2, Utica 1 and Utica 2.

1201 **[From and after January 1, 2031, this section shall read as**
1202 **follows:]**

1203 9-5-17. * * * The Fifth Chancery Court District is composed
1204 of Hinds County.

1205 * * *

1206 **SECTION 51.** Section 9-5-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1207 amended as follows:

1208 **[Until January 1, 2031, this section shall read as follows:]**

1209 9-5-19. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the
1210 Fifth Chancery Court District. One (1) chancellor shall be
1211 elected from each subdistrict.

1212 (2) While there shall be no limitation whatsoever upon the
1213 powers and duties of the said chancellors other than as cast upon
1214 them by the Constitution and laws of this state, the court in the
1215 First Judicial District of Hinds County, in the discretion of the
1216 senior chancellor, may be divided into four (4) divisions as a
1217 matter of convenience by the entry of an order upon the minutes of
1218 the court.

1219 [From and after January 1, 2031, this section shall read as
1220 follows:]

1221 9-5-19. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the
1222 Fifth Chancery Court District. * * * The four (4) chancellorships
1223 shall be separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of
1224 appointment and election only as "Place One", "Place Two", "Place
1225 Three" and "Place Four".

1226 (2) While there shall be no limitation whatsoever upon the
1227 powers and duties of the said chancellors other than as cast upon
1228 them by the Constitution and laws of this state, the court in the
1229 First Judicial District of Hinds County, in the discretion of the
1230 senior chancellor, may be divided into four (4) divisions as a
1231 matter of convenience by the entry of an order upon the minutes of
1232 the court.

1233 **SECTION 52.** Section 9-5-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1234 amended as follows:

1235 **[Until January 1, 2027, this section shall read as follows:]**

1236 9-5-21. The Sixth Chancery Court District is composed of the
1237 following counties:

- 1238 (a) Attala County;
- 1239 (b) Carroll County;
- 1240 (c) Choctaw County;
- 1241 (d) Kemper County;
- 1242 (e) Neshoba County; and
- 1243 (f) Winston County.

1244 **[From and after January 1, 2027, this section shall read as**
1245 **follows:]**

1246 9-5-21. The Sixth Chancery Court District is composed of the
1247 following counties:

- 1248 (a) Attala County;
- 1249 * * *
- 1250 (* * *b) Choctaw County;
- 1251 (* * *c) Kemper County;
- 1252 (* * *d) Neshoba County; * * *
- 1253 (e) Webster County; and
- 1254 (f) Winston County.

1255 **SECTION 53.** Section 9-5-22, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1256 amended as follows:

1257 **[Until January 1, 2027, this section shall read as follows:]**

1258 9-5-22. (1) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the
1259 Sixth Chancery Court District.

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

1263 **[From and after January 1, 2027, this section shall read as**
1264 **follows:]**

1265 9-5-22. (1) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the
1266 Sixth Chancery Court District.

1267 (2) The two (2) chancellorships shall be separate and
1268 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election
1269 only as "Place One" and "Place Two." The chancellor for "Place
1270 One" must reside in Attala County, Choctaw County or Webster
1271 County. The chancellor for "Place Two" must reside in Winston
1272 County, Neshoba County or Kemper County.

1273 **SECTION 54.** Section 9-5-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1274 amended as follows:

1275 **[Until January 1, 2031, this section shall read as follows:]**

1276 9-5-23. (1) The Seventh Chancery Court District is composed
1277 of the following counties:

- 1278 (a) Bolivar County;
1279 (b) Coahoma County;
1280 (c) Leflore County;
1281 (d) Quitman County;
1282 (e) Tallahatchie County; and
1283 (f) Tunica County.

1284 (2) The Seventh Chancery Court District shall be divided
1285 into two (2) subdistricts as follows:

1286 (a) Subdistrict 7-1 shall consist of Bolivar County and
1287 Coahoma County;

1288 (b) Subdistrict 7-2 shall consist of Leflore County,
1289 Quitman County, Tallahatchie County and Tunica County.

1290 **[From and after January 1, 2031, this section shall read as**
1291 **follows:]**

1292 9-5-23. * * * The Seventh Chancery Court District is
1293 composed of the following counties:

- 1294 (a) Bolivar County;
- 1295 (b) Coahoma County;
- 1296 (c) Leflore County;
- 1297 (d) Quitman County;
- 1298 (e) Tallahatchie County; and
- 1299 (f) Tunica County.

1300 * * *

1301 **SECTION 55.** Section 9-5-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1302 amended as follows:

1303 **[Until January 1, 2031, this section shall read as follows:]**

1304 9-5-25. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the Seventh
1305 Chancery Court District. The three (3) chancellorships shall be
1306 separate and distinct. One (1) chancellor shall be elected from
1307 Subdistrict 7-1 and shall be denominated for purposes of
1308 appointment and election only as "Place One * * *", and two (2)
1309 chancellors shall be elected from Subdistrict 7-2 and shall be
1310 denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as
1311 "Place Two" and "Place Three * * *".

1312 [From and after January 1, 2031, this section shall read as
1313 follows:]

1314 9-5-25. There shall be * * * two (2) chancellors for the
1315 Seventh Chancery Court District. The * * * two (2)
1316 chancellorships shall be separate and distinct * * *, and shall be
1317 denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as
1318 "Place One", and * * * "Place Two" * * *. The chancellor for
1319 Place One must reside in Bolivar County or Coahoma County. The
1320 chancellor for Place Two must reside in Leflore County, Quitman
1321 County, Tallahatchie County or Tunica County.

1322 **SECTION 56.** Section 9-5-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1323 amended as follows:

1324 [Until January 1, 2027, this section shall read as follows:]

1325 9-5-27. The Eighth Chancery Court District is composed of
1326 the following counties:

- 1327 (a) Hancock County;
1328 (b) Harrison County; and
1329 (c) Stone County.

1330 [From and after January 1, 2027, this section shall read as
1331 follows:]

1332 9-5-27. The Eighth Chancery Court District is composed of
1333 the following counties:

- 1334 (a) Hancock County; and
1335 (b) Harrison County * * *.

1336 * * *

1337 **SECTION 57.** Section 9-5-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1338 amended as follows:

1339 9-5-29. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the
1340 Eighth Chancery Court District.

1341 (2) The four (4) chancellorships shall be separate and
1342 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election
1343 only as "Place One * * *", "Place Two * * *", "Place Three" and
1344 "Place Four."

1345 (3) While there shall be no limitation whatsoever upon the
1346 powers and duties of the chancellors other than as cast upon them
1347 by the Constitution and laws of this state, the court in the
1348 Eighth Chancery Court District, in the discretion of the senior
1349 chancellor, may be divided into four (4) divisions as a matter of
1350 convenience by the entry of an order upon the minutes of the
1351 court.

1352 **SECTION 58.** Section 9-5-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1353 amended as follows:

1354 **[Until January 1, 2031, this section shall read as follows:]**

1355 9-5-31. (1) The Ninth Chancery Court District is composed
1356 of the following counties:

- 1357 (a) Humphreys County;
- 1358 (b) Issaquena County;
- 1359 (c) Sharkey County;
- 1360 (d) Sunflower County;
- 1361 (e) Warren County; and
- 1362 (f) Washington County.

1363 (2) The Ninth Chancery Court District shall be divided into
1364 three (3) subdistricts as follows:

1365 (a) Subdistrict 9-1 shall consist of the following
1366 precincts in the following counties:

1367 (i) Sunflower County: Boyer-Linn, Drew,
1368 Fairview-Hale, Indianola 2 East*, Indianola 3 North * * *,
1369 Indianola 3 Northeast*, Indianola 3 South*, Rome, Ruleville,
1370 Ruleville North and Sunflower Plantation; and

1371 (ii) Washington County: * * * Brent Center,
1372 Buster Brown Community Center*, Darlove Baptist Church*, Elks
1373 Club, Extension Building, * * * Jakes Chapel M.B. Church*, Lake
1374 Vista Masonic Lodge, Leland Health Department Clinic, Leland
1375 Rotary Club, Metcalf City Hall, * * * St. James Episcopal Church*
1376 and Washington County Convention Center*.

1377 (b) Subdistrict 9-2 shall consist of Humphreys County
1378 and the following precincts in the following counties:

1379 (i) Sunflower County: Doddsville, Indianola 2
1380 East*, Indianola 2 West, * * * Indianola 3 Northeast*, Indianola 3
1381 South*, Indianola Southeast, Inverness, Moorhead * * * and
1382 Sunflower * * *; and

1383 (ii) Washington County: * * * Arcola Technology
1384 Center, Buster Brown Community Center*, Covenant Presbyterian,
1385 Darlove Baptist Church*, Glen Allan Health Clinic, * * *
1386 Hollandale City Hall, Jakes Chapel M.B. Church, St. James
1387 Episcopal Church, Swiftwater Baptist Church, Tampa Drive * * *,
1388 Ward's Recreation Center and Washington County Convention Center.

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

[From and after January 1, 2031, this section shall read as follows:]

9-5-31. * * * 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.

* * *

SECTION 59. Section 9-5-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
amended as follows:

[Until January 1, 2031, 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, 2031, this section shall read as follows:]

9-5-33. There shall be * * * two (2) chancellors for the
Ninth 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 for Place One must reside in Humphreys County,

1415 Sunflower County or Washington County. The chancellor for Place
1416 Two must reside in Issaquena County, Sharkey County or Warren
1417 County.

1418 **SECTION 60.** Section 9-5-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1419 amended as follows:

1420 **[Until January 1, 2027, this section shall read as follows:]**

1421 9-5-35. The Tenth Chancery Court District is composed of the
1422 following counties:

- 1423 (a) Forrest County;
- 1424 (b) Lamar County;
- 1425 (c) Marion County;
- 1426 (d) Pearl River County; and
- 1427 (e) Perry County.

1428 **[From and after January 1, 2027, this section shall read as**
1429 **follows:]**

1430 9-5-35. The Tenth Chancery Court District is composed of the
1431 following counties:

1432 * * *

- 1433 (* * *a) Lamar County;
- 1434 (* * *b) Marion County; and
- 1435 (* * *c) Pearl River County * * *.

1436 * * *

1437 **SECTION 61.** Section 9-5-36, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1438 amended as follows:

1439 **[Until 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 Place One and Place Four may be a resident of any county in the district. The chancellor to fill Place Two must be a resident of Lamar, Marion, Pearl River or Perry County. The chancellor to fill Place Three must be a resident of Forrest County. Election of the four (4) offices of chancellor shall be by election to be held in every county within the Tenth Chancery Court District.

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

9-5-36. (1) There shall be * * * three (3) chancellors for the Tenth 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" * * *. The chancellor to fill Place One * * * may be a resident of any county in the district. The chancellor to fill Place Two must be a resident of Lamar * * * County. The chancellor to fill Place Three * * * may be a resident of any county in the district. * * *

SECTION 62. Section 9-5-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

1466 9-5-37. (1) The Eleventh Chancery Court District is
1467 composed of the following counties:
1468 (a) Holmes County;
1469 (b) Leake County;
1470 (c) Madison County; and
1471 (d) Yazoo County.
1472 (2) The Eleventh Chancery Court District shall be divided
1473 into two (2) subdistricts as follows:
1474 (a) Subdistrict 11-1 shall consist of Holmes County,
1475 Yazoo County and the following precincts in Madison County: * * *
1476 Canton Bible Church, Canton Community Center, Ferns Chapel
1477 Freewill, Frankin Baptist Church, Madison County Baptist Family
1478 Life Center * * * and Magnolia Heights * * *;
1479 (b) Subdistrict 11-2 shall consist of Leake County and
1480 the following precincts in Madison County: * * * Camden,
1481 Cameron, * * * Canton Catholic Parish Center, Canton Fire Station
1482 #4, Canton National Guard Amory, Canton South Liberty, Canton St.
1483 Paul Methodist, Cedar Grove, * * * China Grove, Colonial Heights,
1484 Couparle, Farmhaven Fire Station, Fellowship Bible Church, First
1485 Baptist, Gluckstadt, Grace Crossing, Greater Mt. Levi Church,
1486 Highland Colony Baptist Church, * * * Lake Caroline Clubhouse,
1487 Mark Apartments, Mounty Hope, New Life, North Bay, * * * Parkway
1488 Church, Pleasant Gift Church, Pleasant Green, Ridgeland First
1489 Methodist Church, * * * Ridgeland Recreational Center, Sunnybrook,
1490 Tougaloo, * * * Trace Ridge, Twin Lakes Baptist, Vertical Church,
1491 Victory Baptist Church * * * and Victory Christian.

SECTION 63. Section 9-5-38, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

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

SECTION 64. Section 9-5-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

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

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

SECTION 65. Section 9-5-40, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

9-5-40. (1) There shall be two (2) judges for the Twelfth 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 66. 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."

[From and after 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) * * * Forrest County;
- (b) * * * Greene County;
- (c) * * * Perry County; and
- (d) * * * Stone County.

* * *

(2) There shall be * * * three (3) chancellors for the Thirteenth Chancery Court District. The * * * three (3) chancellorships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for

purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One" and "Place Two * * *" and "Place Three". The chancellor for Place One must reside in Forrest County. The chancellor for Place Two may reside in any county in the district, except Forrest County. The chancellor for Place Three shall reside and be elected from the following precincts in Forrest County: Camp School, Court Street, Dixie Pine-Central, Eatonville, Eureka School, Glendale, Hardy Street, Hattiesburg Cultural Center, Highland Park, Lillie Burney School, North Heights, Pinecrest, Rawls Springs, Rowan School, Sigler Center, Thames School, Train Depot, West Hills and Westside.

SECTION 67. Section 9-5-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

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

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

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

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

(a) Subdistrict 14-1 shall consist of Chickasaw County, Webster County and the following precincts in Oktibbeha County:

1569 Bell Schoolhouse*, Bradley, Center Grove, Central Starkville*,
1570 Craig Springs, Double Springs, East Starkville*, Gillespie Street
1571 Center*, Maben, North Adaton, North Longview, North Starkville 2*,
1572 North Starkville 3, Northeast Starkville, Self Creek, South
1573 Adaton, South Longview, South Starkville*, Sturgis and West
1574 Starkville*.

1575 (b) Subdistrict 14-2 shall consist of the following
1576 precincts in the following counties:

1577 (i) Clay County: Cedar Bluff, Central West Point,
1578 East West Point, Siloam, South West Point and Vinton; and

1579 (ii) Lowndes County: Air Base A, Air Base B, Air
1580 Base C, Air Base D, Air Base E, Brandon A, Brandon B, Brandon C,
1581 Brandon D, Caledonia, Columbus High School A, Columbus High School
1582 B, Columbus High School C, Columbus High School D, Dowdle Gas
1583 Training Center B, Fairgrounds C, Fairgrounds E, Fairgrounds F,
1584 Hunt C, Lee Middle School, Mitchell A, New Hope A, New Hope B, New
1585 Hope C, New Hope D, New Hope E, Rural Hill A, Rural Hill B, Rural
1586 Hill C, Sale A, Sale B, Sale C, Steens A, Steens B, Steens C,
1587 Trinity B, Union Academy B, Union Academy C and University A.

1588 (c) Subdistrict 14-3 shall consist of Noxubee County
1589 and the following precincts in the following counties:

1590 (i) Clay County: Cairo, Caradine, North West
1591 Point, Pheba, Pine Bluff, Tibbee, Union Star and West West Point;

1592 (ii) Lowndes County: Artesia, Coleman A, Coleman
1593 B, Crawford A, Fairgrounds A, Fairgrounds B, Fairgrounds D,
1594 Fairgrounds G, Hunt A, Hunt B, Mitchell B, New Hope F, Plum Grove

1595 A, Plum Grove B, Plum Grove C, Propst Park Community Hut, Trinity
1596 A, Union Academy A, University B, West Lowndes A and West Lowndes
1597 B; and

1598 (iii) Oktibbeha County: Bell Schoolhouse*,
1599 Central Starkville*, East Starkville*, Gillespie Street Center*,
1600 Hickory Grove, North Starkville 2*, Oktoc, Osborn, Sessums, South
1601 Starkville*, Southeast Oktibbeha and West Starkville*.

1602 **[From and after January 1, 2027, this section shall read as**
1603 **follows:]**

1604 9-5-43. * * * The Fourteenth Chancery Court District is
1605 composed of the following counties:

- 1606 (a) Chickasaw County;
1607 (b) Clay County;
1608 (c) Lowndes County;
1609 (d) Noxubee County; and
1610 (e) Oktibbeha County * * *.

1611 * * *

1612 **SECTION 68.** Section 9-5-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1613 amended as follows:

1614 **[Until January 1, 2027, this section shall read as follows:]**

1615 9-5-45. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the
1616 Fourteenth Chancery Court District. One (1) chancellor shall be
1617 elected from each subdistrict.

1618 **[From and after January 1, 2027, this section shall read as**
1619 **follows:]**

9-5-45. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the Fourteenth Chancery Court District. * * * 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". The chancellor for Place One must reside in Chickasaw County, Clay County or Oktibbeha County. The chancellor for Place Two must reside in Lowndes County or Noxubee County. The chancellor for Place Three must reside and be elected from Noxubee County, and any of the following precincts in Lowndes County: 15th Street Church, Artesia, Coleman, Crawford, Hunt*, Plum Grove, Southside Church, Townsend Park, Trinity, West Lowndes; and the following precincts in Oktibbeha County: Hickory Grove/Southeast Oktibbeha*, Oktoc and Sessums.

SECTION 69. Section 9-5-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

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

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

(a) Copiah County; and

(b) Lincoln County.

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

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

(a) Claiborne County

(* * * b) Copiah County; * * *

1646 (c) Lawrence County;
1647 (* * *d) Lincoln County * * *; and
1648 (e) Walthall County.

1649 (2) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the Fifteenth
1650 Chancery Court District. The two (2) chancellorships shall be
1651 separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment
1652 and election only as "Place One" and "Place Two". The chancellor
1653 for Place One must reside in Copiah County, Claiborne County or
1654 Lawrence County. The chancellor for Place Two must reside in
1655 Lincoln County or Walthall County.

1656 **SECTION 70.** Section 9-5-49, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1657 amended as follows:

1658 **[Until January 1, 2027, this section shall read as follows:]**

1659 9-5-49. The Sixteenth Chancery Court District is composed of
1660 the following counties:

1661 (a) George County;
1662 (b) Greene County; and
1663 (c) Jackson County.

1664 **[From and after January 1, 2027, this section shall read as**
1665 **follows:]**

1666 9-5-49. The Sixteenth Chancery Court District is composed of
1667 the following counties:

1668 (a) George County; and

1669 * * *

1670 (* * *b) Jackson County.

1671 **SECTION 71.** Section 9-5-50, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1672 amended as follows:

1673 **[Until January 1, 2027, this section shall read as follows:]**

1674 9-5-50. (1) There shall be three (3) chancellors for the
1675 Sixteenth Chancery Court District.

1676 (2) The three (3) chancellorships shall be separate and
1677 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election
1678 only as "Place One," "Place Two" and "Place Three."

1679 **[From and after January 1, 2027, this section shall read as**
1680 **follows:]**

1681 9-5-50. (1) There shall be * * * four (4) chancellors for
1682 the Sixteenth Chancery Court District.

1683 (2) The * * * four (4) chancellorships shall be separate and
1684 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election
1685 only as "Place One," "Place Two" * * *, "Place Three * * *" and
1686 "Place Four". The chancellors for Place One, Place Two and Place
1687 Three may reside in any county in the district. The chancellor
1688 for Place Four must reside in George County.

1689 **SECTION 72.** Section 9-5-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1690 amended as follows:

1691 **[Until January 1, 2027, this section shall read as follows:]**

1692 9-5-51. (1) The Seventeenth Chancery Court District is
1693 composed of the following counties:

- 1694 (a) Adams County;
- 1695 (b) Claiborne County;
- 1696 (c) Jefferson County; and

1697 (d) Wilkinson County.

1698 (2) The Seventeenth Chancery Court District shall be divided
1699 into two (2) subdistricts as follows:

1700 (a) Subdistrict 17-1 shall consist of Claiborne County,
1701 Jefferson County, and the following precincts in Adams County:
1702 Airport Carpenter*, Convention Center*, Foster Mound, Maryland*,
1703 Northside School, Palestine, Pine Ridge, Thompson and Washington*.

1704 (b) Subdistrict 17-2 shall consist of Wilkinson County
1705 and the following precincts in Adams County: Beau Pre, Bellemont,
1706 By-Pass Fire Station, Carpenter*, Concord, Convention Center*,
1707 Courthouse, Duncan Park, Kingston, Liberty Park, Maryland*,
1708 Morgantown, Oakland and Washington*.

1709 (3) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the Seventeenth
1710 Chancery Court District. One (1) chancellor shall be elected from
1711 each subdistrict.

1712 **[From and after January 1, 2027, this section shall read as**
1713 **follows:]**

1714 9-5-51. (1) The Seventeenth Chancery Court District is
1715 composed of * * * DeSoto County.

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1717 (* * * 2) There shall be * * * three (3) chancellors for the
1718 Seventeenth Chancery Court District. * * * The three (3)
1719 chancellorships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for
1720 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One," "Place
1721 Two" and "Place Three". The chancellors for Place One and Place
1722 Two may reside in any precinct in the district. The chancellor

1723 for Place Three must reside in and be elected from the following
1724 precincts in DeSoto County: Horn Lake Central, Horn Lake East,
1725 Horn Lake High School*, Horn Lake Intermediate School, Horn Lake
1726 North, Horn Lake West, Northwest Community College*, Southhaven
1727 South and Southhaven West*.

1728 **SECTION 73.** Section 9-5-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1729 brought forward as follows:

1730 9-5-53. The Eighteenth Chancery Court District is composed
1731 of the following counties:

- 1732 (a) Benton County;
- 1733 (b) Calhoun County;
- 1734 (c) Lafayette County;
- 1735 (d) Marshall County; and
- 1736 (e) Tippah County.

1737 **SECTION 74.** Section 9-5-54, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1738 brought forward as follows:

1739 9-5-54. (1) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the
1740 Eighteenth Chancery Court District.

1741 (2) The two (2) chancellorships shall be separate and
1742 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election
1743 only as "Place One" and "Place Two."

1744 **SECTION 75.** Section 9-5-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1745 amended as follows:

1746 **[Until January 1, 2027, this section shall read as follows:]**

1747 9-5-55. The Nineteenth Chancery Court District is composed
1748 of the following counties:

1749 (a) Jones County; and

1750 (b) Wayne County.

1751 **[From and after January 1, 2027, this section shall read as**
1752 **follows:]**

1753 9-5-55. (1) The Nineteenth Chancery Court District is
1754 composed of the following counties:

1755 (a) Jones County; and

1756 (b) Wayne County.

1757 (2) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the Nineteenth
1758 Chancery Court District. The two (2) chancellorships shall be
1759 separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment
1760 and election only as "Place One" and "Place Two". The chancellor
1761 for Place One must reside in Jones County. The chancellor for
1762 Place Two must reside in Wayne County.

1763 **SECTION 76.** Section 9-5-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1764 brought forward as follows:

1765 9-5-57. The Twentieth Chancery Court District shall be
1766 Rankin County.

1767 **SECTION 77.** Section 9-5-58, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1768 amended as follows:

1769 9-5-58. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the
1770 Twentieth Chancery Court District. For purposes of appointment
1771 and election the three (3) chancellorships shall be separate and
1772 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election
1773 only as "Place One * * *", "Place Two", and "Place Three * * *".

1774 **SECTION 78.** Section 25-31-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1775 brought forward as follows:

1776 25-31-5. (1) The following number of full-time legal
1777 assistants are authorized in the following circuit court
1778 districts:

1779 (a) First Circuit Court District..... ten (10)
1780 legal assistants.

1781 (b) Second Circuit Court District..... eleven (11)
1782 legal assistants.

1783 (c) Third Circuit Court District..... six (6)
1784 legal assistants.

1785 (d) Fourth Circuit Court District.....six (6)
1786 legal assistants.

1787 (e) Fifth Circuit Court District.....five (5)
1788 legal assistants.

1789 (f) Sixth Circuit Court District..... three (3)
1790 legal assistants.

1791 (g) Seventh Circuit Court District..... twelve (12)
1792 legal assistants. Effective July 1, 2023, through July 1, 2025,
1793 the Seventh Circuit Court District shall have fourteen (14) legal
1794 assistants.

1795 (h) Eighth Circuit Court District.....three (3)
1796 legal assistants.

1797 (i) Ninth Circuit Court District.....three (3)
1798 legal assistants.

1799 (j) Tenth Circuit Court District..... five (5)
1800 legal assistants.
1801 (k) Eleventh Circuit Court District.....five (5)
1802 legal assistants.
1803 (l) Twelfth Circuit Court District.....five (5)
1804 legal assistants.
1805 (m) Thirteenth Circuit Court District.....four (4)
1806 legal assistants.
1807 (n) Fourteenth Circuit Court District..... six (6)
1808 legal assistants.
1809 (o) Fifteenth Circuit Court District..... seven (7)
1810 legal assistants.
1811 (p) Sixteenth Circuit Court District..... six (6)
1812 legal assistants.
1813 (q) Seventeenth Circuit Court District..... four (4)
1814 legal assistants.
1815 (r) Eighteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1816 legal assistants.
1817 (s) Nineteenth Circuit Court District..... seven (7)
1818 legal assistants.
1819 (t) Twentieth Circuit Court District..... seven (7)
1820 legal assistants.
1821 (u) Twenty-first Circuit Court District..... four (4)
1822 legal assistants.
1823 (v) Twenty-second Circuit Court District..... three (3)
1824 legal assistants.

1825 (w) Twenty-third Circuit Court District five (5)
1826 legal assistants.

1827 (2) In addition to any legal assistants authorized pursuant
1828 to subsection (1) of this section, the following number of
1829 full-time legal assistants are authorized (i) in the following
1830 circuit court districts if funds are appropriated by the
1831 Legislature to adequately fund the salaries, expenses and fringe
1832 benefits of such legal assistants, or (ii) in any of the following
1833 circuit court districts in which the board of supervisors of one
1834 or more of the counties in a circuit court district adopts a
1835 resolution to pay all of the salaries, supplemental pay, expenses
1836 and fringe benefits of legal assistants authorized in such
1837 district pursuant to this subsection:

1838 (a) First Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1839 legal assistants.

1840 (b) Second Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1841 legal assistants.

1842 (c) Third Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1843 legal assistants.

1844 (d) Fourth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1845 legal assistants.

1846 (e) Fifth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1847 legal assistants.

1848 (f) Sixth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1849 legal assistants.

1850 (g) Seventh Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1851 legal assistants.
1852 (h) Eighth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1853 legal assistants.
1854 (i) Ninth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1855 legal assistants.
1856 (j) Tenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1857 legal assistants.
1858 (k) Eleventh Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1859 legal assistants.
1860 (l) Twelfth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1861 legal assistants.
1862 (m) Thirteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1863 legal assistants.
1864 (n) Fourteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1865 legal assistants.
1866 (o) Fifteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1867 legal assistants.
1868 (p) Sixteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1869 legal assistants.
1870 (q) Seventeenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1871 legal assistants.
1872 (r) Eighteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1873 legal assistants.
1874 (s) Nineteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1875 legal assistants.

1876 (t) Twentieth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1877 legal assistants.

1878 (u) Twenty-first Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1879 legal assistants.

1880 (v) Twenty-second Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1881 legal assistants.

1882 (w) Twenty-third Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1883 legal assistants.

1884 (3) The board of supervisors of any county may pay all or a
1885 part of the salary, supplemental pay, expenses and fringe benefits
1886 of any district attorney or legal assistant authorized in the
1887 circuit court district to which such county belongs pursuant to
1888 this section.

1889 (4) The district attorney of any circuit court district may
1890 employ additional legal assistants or criminal investigators, or
1891 both, without regard to any limitation on the number of legal
1892 assistants authorized in this section or criminal investigators
1893 authorized by other provisions of law to the extent that the
1894 district attorney's office receives funds from any source. Any
1895 source shall include, but is not limited to, office generated
1896 funds, funds from a county, a combination of counties, a
1897 municipality, a combination of municipalities, federal funds,
1898 private grants or foundations, or by means of an Interlocal
1899 Cooperative Agreement authorized by Section 17-13-1 which may be
1900 expended for those positions in an amount sufficient to pay all of
1901 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.

SECTION 79. Section 25-31-10, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward 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, Twentieth and Twenty-first 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 and Twenty-third Circuit Court Districts may appoint two (2) additional full-time criminal investigators for a total of three (3) full-time criminal investigators.

(4) The district attorney of the Seventh Circuit Court District may appoint one (1) additional full-time criminal investigator for a total of four (4) full-time criminal investigators.

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 80. Section 99-36-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

99-36-7. (1) (a) In addition to the full-time legal assistants to the district attorney authorized by Section 25-31-5, the district attorney in each circuit court district in this state shall, subject to the approval of and upon the order of the senior circuit court judge of the district, employ one (1) person to serve at the will and pleasure of the district attorney as a "victim assistance coordinator" who shall not be considered to be a state employee.

(b) The District Attorney of the First Circuit Court District may appoint one (1) additional victim assistance coordinator, and the District Attorney of the Fourteenth Circuit Court District, upon the approval of the boards of supervisors, may appoint one (1) additional victim assistance coordinator, subject to the approval of and upon the order of the senior circuit court judge of the applicable district for a total of two (2) victim assistance coordinators per district.

(2) The duty of the victim assistance coordinator is to ensure that a victim, guardian of a victim, or close relative of a deceased victim is afforded the rights granted victims, guardians

and relatives by Section 99-36-5. The victim assistance coordinator shall work closely with appropriate law enforcement agencies, prosecuting attorneys, the state and the judiciary in fulfilling that duty.

(3) The salary of the victim assistance coordinator shall not exceed the salary authorized for criminal investigators in Section 25-31-10, and shall be paid jointly by the counties comprising the circuit court district, with each county paying a pro rata share of the salary as determined by the senior circuit court judge.

(4) The board of supervisors of any county, with the approval of and upon the order of the senior circuit court judge of the district wherein such county lies, may, in addition to any victim assistance coordinator provided for in subsection (1) of this section, create the position of county victim assistance coordinator. The duty of the county victim assistance coordinator shall be to cooperate with local law enforcement agencies, the county attorney and the district attorney in assuring that a victim, guardian or close relative is afforded the rights granted by Section 99-36-5. Two (2) or more counties, by action of their respective boards of supervisors, with the approval of and upon the order of the senior circuit court judge of the district wherein such counties lie, may join in establishing and maintaining the position of victim assistance coordinator to serve these counties. Any municipality, by action of its governing authority, may participate in the establishment and maintenance of

a county victim assistance coordinator's office located within the municipality.

(5) Any district attorney, county board of supervisors or governing authority of a municipality which has established or is participating in the maintenance of an office of victim assistance coordinator may apply through the Governor's Office of State and Federal Programs for a grant under the federal "Victims of Crimes Act of 1984" (Public Law 98-473) to be used in the continued operation of the victim assistance program.

SECTION 81. (1) A special election shall be held to fill the office of circuit judge for the Twenty-first Circuit Court District. The special election shall be held on the first Tuesday in November, 2025. Candidates shall file as 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 judge elected shall serve until January 1, 2027, unless the person is re-elected to fill such office in the November, 2026, election for judicial offices. The terms of those offices shall thereafter be as provided by law for circuit judges generally.

(2) Candidates for the chancellorships and the circuit judgeships that begin January 1, 2027, shall run for those offices in the general election for judicial officers to be conducted in November 2026. Candidates for the chancellorships and the circuit judgeships that begin January 1, 2031, shall run for those offices in the general election for judicial officers to be conducted in

2032 November 2030. Candidates shall file as provided in Section
2033 23-15-977, and shall run for office and be elected as provided in
2034 Sections 23-15-974 through 23-15-985, which constitute the
2035 Nonpartisan Judicial Election Act. The judges elected shall serve
2036 four-year terms to begin January 1, 2027, and/or January 1, 2031,
2037 as applicable and the terms of those offices shall thereafter be
2038 as provided for chancellors and circuit judges generally.

2039 **SECTION 82.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
2040 and after July 1, 2025.

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

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 9-7-7, 9-7-11, 9-7-14, 9-7-15,
2 9-7-17, 9-7-21, 9-7-23, 9-7-25, 9-7-29, 9-7-30, 9-7-31, 9-7-33,
3 9-7-34, 9-7-35, 9-7-37, 9-7-39, 9-7-41, 9-7-42, 9-7-44, 9-7-46,
4 9-7-47, 9-7-49, 9-7-51, 9-7-54, 9-7-55, 9-7-57, 9-7-63 AND 9-7-64,
5 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE NUMBER OF JUDGES AND
6 RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FIRST, SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH,
7 SIXTH, SEVENTH, NINTH, TENTH, ELEVENTH, FOURTEENTH, FIFTEENTH,
8 SIXTEENTH, SEVENTEENTH, EIGHTEENTH, NINETEENTH, TWENTIETH,
9 TWENTY-FIRST, TWENTY-SECOND CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICTS; TO BRING
10 FORWARD SECTIONS 9-7-1, 9-7-3, 9-7-5, 9-7-9, 9-7-13, 9-7-19,
11 9-7-20, 9-7-27, 9-7-32, 9-7-43, 9-7-45 AND 9-7-53, MISSISSIPPI
12 CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDE FOR THE NUMBER OF JUDGES AND TERMS FOR
13 CIRCUIT COURTS FOR THE FIRST, THIRD, FIFTH, EIGHTH, TENTH, TWELFTH
14 AND THIRTEENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICTS, FOR PURPOSES OF AMENDMENT;
15 TO AMEND SECTIONS 9-5-7, 9-5-9, 9-5-11, 9-5-15, 9-5-17, 9-5-21,
16 9-5-22, 9-5-23, 9-5-25, 9-5-27, 9-5-29, 9-5-31, 9-5-35, 9-5-36,
17 9-5-37, 9-5-41, 9-5-43, 9-5-45, 9-5-47, 9-5-49, 9-5-50, 9-5-51,
18 9-5-55 AND 9-5-58, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE NUMBER
19 OF JUDGES AND RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SECOND, THIRD,
20 FOURTH, FIFTH, SIXTH, SEVENTH, EIGHTH, NINTH, TENTH, ELEVENTH,
21 THIRTEENTH, FOURTEENTH, FIFTEENTH, SIXTEENTH, SEVENTEENTH AND
22 NINETEENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICTS; TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS
23 9-5-1, 9-5-3, 9-5-5, 9-5-39, 9-5-40, 9-5-53, 9-5-54 AND 9-5-57
24 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDE FOR THE NUMBER OF JUDGES,
25 DISTRICTS AND TERMS OF CHANCERY COURTS FOR THE FIRST, THIRD,
26 EIGHTH, NINTH, ELEVENTH, TWELFTH, FOURTEENTH, EIGHTEENTH,
27 TWENTIETH, FOR PURPOSES OF AMENDMENT; TO AMEND SECTIONS 9-5-13,
28 9-5-19, 9-5-33 AND 9-5-38, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE

29 NUMBER OF JUDGES AND RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SECOND, THIRD,
30 FOURTH, FIFTH, SIXTH, SEVENTH, EIGHTH, NINTH, TENTH, THIRTEENTH,
31 FOURTEENTH, FIFTEENTH, SIXTEENTH, SEVENTEENTH AND NINETEENTH
32 CHANCERY COURT DISTRICTS; TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 25-31-5 AND
33 25-31-10, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDE FOR ASSISTANT
34 DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS, FOR PURPOSES OF
35 POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 99-36-7, MISSISSIPPI
36 CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES FOR VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATORS,
37 FOR PURPOSES OF AMENDMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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