

**Adopted  
AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

**Senate Bill No. 2768**

**BY: Committee**

**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



of the district in which he or she serves but shall not be required to be a resident of a subdistrict if the district is divided into subdistricts.

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

9-7-3. (1) The state is divided into an appropriate number 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



74 become effective. Notice of the dates upon which the terms of  
75 court shall commence and the number of days for which the terms  
76 shall continue in each of the counties within a circuit court  
77 district shall be posted in the office of the circuit clerk of  
78 each county within the district and mailed to the office of the  
79 Secretary of State for publication and distribution to all  
80 Mississippi Bar members. If an order is not timely entered, the  
81 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.



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

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

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

(c) Method of assimilating the specified data.

(5) In a district having more than one (1) office of circuit judge, there shall be no distinction whatsoever in the powers, 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;



- 122 (c) Lee County;  
123 (d) Monroe County;  
124 (e) Pontotoc County;  
125 (f) Prentiss County; and  
126 (g) Tishomingo County.

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

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

130 9-7-7. (1) There shall be four (4) judges for the First  
131 Circuit Court District.

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

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

144 9-7-7. (1) There shall be four (4) judges for the First  
145 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



171 precincts in Lee County: Auburn, Baldwin, Beech Springs, Belden,  
172 Birmingham Ridge, Bissell, Cedar Hill, Eggville, Euclautubba,  
173 Fellowship, Friendship, Gilvo, Guntown, Hebron, Kedron,  
174 Mooreville, Nettleton, Petersburg, Plantersville, Pratts,  
175 Richmond, Saltillo, Tupelo 1, Tupelo 2, Tupelo 3, Tupelo 4 North,  
176 Tupelo 4 South, Tupelo 5, Unity and Veteran's Park and the  
177 following precincts in Monroe County: Amory 1, Amory 2, Athens,  
178 Bartahatchie, Becker, Greenwood Springs, Hamilton, Hatley, Lackey,  
179 North Greenwood Springs, Parham, Smithville and Williams.

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

182       9-7-9. The Second Circuit Court District is composed of the  
183 following counties:

- 184           (a) Hancock County;  
185           (b) Harrison County; and  
186           (c) Stone County.

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

189       9-7-11. (1) There shall be four (4) judges for the Second  
190 Circuit Court District.

191       (2) The four (4) judgeships shall be separate and distinct  
192 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as  
193 "Place One \* \* \*", "Place Two \* \* \*", "Place Three" and "Place  
194 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



270 Health Clinic, \* \* \* Elks Club\*, Ward's Recreation Center, Buster  
271 Brown Community Center, \* \* \* Extension Building, Covenant  
272 Presbyterian, Jakes Chapel M.B. Church\* Brent Center, \* \* \* Tampa  
273 Drive and \* \* \* Washington County Convention Center Precincts.

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

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

279 9-7-15. \* \* \* The Fourth Circuit Court District shall be  
280 composed of the following counties:

- 281 (a) Holmes County;  
282 (b) Humphreys County;  
283 ( \* \* \* c) Leflore County;  
284 ( \* \* \* d) Sunflower County; and  
285 ( \* \* \* e) Washington County.

286 \* \* \*

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:]**



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

(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 shall be a resident of Washington County. The judge to fill Place Two shall be a resident of Leflore, Holmes or Humphreys County. The judge to fill Place Three may be a resident of any county in the district.

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

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

- (a) Attala County;
- (b) Carroll County;
- (c) Choctaw County;
- (d) Grenada County;
- (e) Montgomery County;
- (f) Webster County; and
- (g) Winston County.

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

9-7-20. (1) There shall be two (2) judges for the Fifth 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 13.** Section 9-7-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) \* \* \* 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\*, \* \* \* 44, 45, 46, 47\*, 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\*, 12\*, 13\*, \* \* \* 16\*, \* \* \* 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, \* \* \* 38, 39\*, 40, 41, 42\*, 43\*, 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, 49\*, 50, 51\*, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58\*, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63\*, 64\*, \* \* \* 67, 68, 69, 70\*, 71, 86 \* \* \* and 89 \* \* \*.

(d) Subdistrict 7-4 shall consist of the following precincts in Hinds County: 87, 88, 90, 91, 94, 95, Bolton, Byram 1, Byram 2, Byram 3, Cayuga, Chapel Hill, Clinton 1, Clinton 2, Clinton 3, Clinton 4, Clinton 5, Clinton 6, Clinton 7, Dry Grove,



Edwards, Learned, Old Byram, Pinehaven, Raymond 1, Raymond 2,  
Spring Ridge, St. Thomas, Terry 1, Terry 2, Utica 1 and Utica 2.

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

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

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

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

(a) Subdistrict 7-1 shall consist of the following  
precincts in Hinds County: \* \* \* 32\*, \* \* \* 44, 45, 46, 47\*, 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\*, 12\*, 13\*, \* \* \* 16\*, \* \* \* 23,  
27, 28, 29, 30, \* \* \* 38, 39\*, 40, 41, 42\*, 43\*, 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,  
49\*, 50, 51\*, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58\*, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63\*,  
64\*, \* \* \* 67, 68, 69, 70\*, 71, 86 \* \* \* and 89 \* \* \*.

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





Clinton 3, Clinton 4, Clinton 5, Clinton 6, Clinton 7, Dry Grove,  
Edwards, Learned, Old Byram, Pinehaven, Raymond 1, Raymond 2,  
Spring Ridge, St. Thomas, Terry 1, Terry 2, Utica 1 and Utica 2.

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

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

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

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

\* \* \*

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

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

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

(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, 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.



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

544           9-7-29.   \* \* \* The Ninth Circuit Court District is composed  
545 of the following counties:

- 546           (a)   Issaquena County;
- 547           (b)   Sharkey County; \* \* \*
- 548           (c)   Warren County \* \* \*; and
- 549           (d)   Yazoo County.

550       \* \* \*

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

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

554           9-7-30.   There shall be two (2) judges for the Ninth Circuit  
555 Court District.   One (1) judge shall be elected from each  
556 subdistrict.

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

559           9-7-30.   There shall be two (2) judges for the Ninth Circuit  
560 Court District.   \* \* \* The two (2) judgeships shall be separate  
561 and distinct.   One (1) judge shall be elected from each  
562 subdistrict and denominated for purposes of appointment and  
563 election only as "Place One" and "Place Two".   The judge to fill  
564 Place One shall be a resident of Warren County.   The judge to fill  
565 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 \* \* \*.

\* \* \*

**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."



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

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

593           9-7-33. (1) The Eleventh Circuit Court District is composed  
594 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:]**

645 9-7-34. There shall be three (3) judges for the Eleventh  
646 Circuit Court District. One (1) judge shall be elected from each  
647 subdistrict.

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

650 9-7-34. There shall be \* \* \* two (2) judges for the Eleventh  
651 Circuit Court District. \* \* \* The two (2) judgeships shall be  
652 separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment  
653 and election only as "Place One" and "Place Two". The judge to  
654 fill Place One shall be a resident of Bolivar County. The judge  
655 to fill Place Two may be a resident of any county in the district,  
656 except Bolivar County.

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

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

660 9-7-35. (1) The Twelfth Circuit Court District is composed  
661 of the following counties:

662 (a) Forrest County; and

663 (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:]**

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

(a) Forrest County; \* \* \*

(b) Greene County; and

( \* \* \* c) Perry County.

(2) There shall be \* \* \* three (3) judges for the Twelfth Circuit Court District. The \* \* \* three (3) judgeships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One" \* \* \*, "Place Two \* \* \*" and "Place Three". The judges to fill Place One and Place Two may reside in any county in the district. The judge to fill Place Three must 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 25.** Section 9-7-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 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:]**



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

(a) \* \* \* Copiah County;

(b) \* \* \* Jefferson Davis County; \* \* \*

(c) \* \* \* Lawrence County \* \* \*; and

(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.



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

740 9-7-41. The Fifteenth Circuit Court District is composed of  
741 the following counties:

- 742 (a) \* \* \* Pike County;
- 743 (b) Lamar County;
- 744 (c) \* \* \* Walthall County;
- 745 (d) Marion County; and
- 746 (e) Pearl River County.

747 **SECTION 28.** Section 9-7-42, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
748 amended as follows:

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

750 9-7-42. (1) There shall be three (3) judges for the  
751 Fifteenth Circuit Court District.

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

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

761 9-7-42. (1) There shall be three (3) judges for the  
762 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



788 Noxubee County. Election of the three (3) offices of judge shall  
789 be by election to be held in every county within the Sixteenth  
790 Circuit Court District.

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

793 9-7-45. The Seventeenth Circuit Court District shall be  
794 composed of the following counties:

- 795 (a) Panola County;
- 796 (b) Tallahatchie County;
- 797 (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.





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

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

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

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

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

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

(a) Jones County; and

(b) Wayne County.

(2) There shall be two (2) judges for the Eighteenth 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 must reside in Jones County. The judge to fill Place Two must reside in Wayne County.

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

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

9-7-49. (1) The Nineteenth Circuit Court District is 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:



9-7-54. (1) There shall be three (3) judges for the Twentieth 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 reside in Rankin County, the judge to fill Place Two must reside in Madison County, and the judge to fill Place Three may reside in either Madison or Rankin County.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

\* \* \*

Section 9-7-57, which creates the Twenty-second Circuit Court 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.



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

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

938           9-7-64. (1) There shall be \* \* \* three (3) circuit judges  
939 for the \* \* \* Twenty-first Circuit Court District.

940           (2) For the purposes of appointment and election, the \* \* \*  
941 three (3) judgeships shall be separate and distinct and  
942 denominated as "Place One" \* \* \*, "Place Two \* \* \*" and "Place  
943 Three". The judges to fill Place One and Place Two may reside in  
944 any precinct in the county. The judge to fill Place Three must  
945 reside and be elected from the following precincts in DeSoto  
946 County: Horn Lake Central, Horn Lake East, Horn Lake High  
947 School\*, Horn Lake Intermediate School, Horn Lake North, Horn Lake  
948 West, Northwest Community College\*, Southhaven South and  
949 Southhaven West\*.

950           **[From and after January 1, 2027, this section shall read as**  
951 **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



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\*.

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

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

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

9-5-3. (1) The state shall be divided into an appropriate number of chancery court districts, severally numbered and composed of the counties as set forth in the sections which follow. A court to be styled "The Chancery Court of the County of \_\_\_\_" 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  
1030 chancellor who has been for the longest time continuously a  
1031 chancellor of that court or, should no chancellor have served  
1032 longer in office than the others, the chancellor who has been for  
1033 the longest time a member of The Mississippi Bar shall be the



1034 senior chancellor. The senior chancellor shall have the right to  
1035 assign causes and dockets and to set terms in districts consisting  
1036 of more than one (1) county.

1037 **SECTION 44.** Section 9-5-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1038 brought forward as follows:

1039 9-5-5. The First Chancery Court District is composed of the  
1040 following counties:

- 1041 (a) Alcorn County;
- 1042 (b) Itawamba County;
- 1043 (c) Lee County;
- 1044 (d) Monroe County;
- 1045 (e) Pontotoc County;
- 1046 (f) Prentiss County;
- 1047 (g) Tishomingo County; and
- 1048 (h) Union County.

1049 **SECTION 45.** Section 9-5-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1050 amended as follows:

1051 9-5-7. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the  
1052 First Chancery Court District.

1053 (2) The four (4) chancellorships shall be separate and  
1054 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election  
1055 only as "Place One \* \* \*", "Place Two \* \* \*", "Place Three" and  
1056 "Place Four." The chancellor to fill Place One must be a resident  
1057 of Alcorn, Prentiss or Tishomingo County. The chancellors to fill  
1058 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.

**[From and after January 1, 2027, this section shall read as 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.

1117       \* \* \*

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.



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

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) Attala County;

\* \* \*

- ( \* \* \*b) Choctaw County;
- ( \* \* \*c) Kemper County;
- ( \* \* \*d) Neshoba County; \* \* \*
- (e) Webster County; and
- (f) Winston County.

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

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



9-5-22. (1) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the Sixth 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."

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

9-5-22. (1) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the Sixth 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." The chancellor for "Place One" must reside in Attala County, Choctaw County or Webster County. The chancellor for "Place Two" must reside in Winston County, Neshoba County or Kemper County.

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

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

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

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



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.

1389 (c) Subdistrict 9-3 shall consist of Issaquena County,  
1390 Sharkey County and Warren County.

1391 **[From and after January 1, 2031, this section shall read as**  
1392 **follows:]**

1393 9-5-31. \* \* \* The Ninth Chancery Court District is composed  
1394 of the following counties:

- 1395 (a) Humphreys County;  
1396 (b) Issaquena County;  
1397 (c) Sharkey County;  
1398 (d) Sunflower County;  
1399 (e) Warren County; and  
1400 (f) Washington County.

1401 \* \* \*

1402 **SECTION 59.** Section 9-5-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1403 amended as follows:

1404 **[Until January 1, 2031, this section shall read as follows:]**





1405 9-5-33. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the Ninth  
1406 Chancery Court District. One (1) chancellor shall be elected from  
1407 each subdistrict.

1408 **[From and after January 1, 2031, this section shall read as**  
1409 **follows:]**

1410 9-5-33. There shall be \* \* \* two (2) chancellors for the  
1411 Ninth Chancery Court District. \* \* \* The two (2) chancellorships  
1412 shall be separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of  
1413 appointment and election only as "Place One" and "Place Two". The  
1414 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:]**

1440           9-5-36. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the  
1441 Tenth Chancery Court District.

1442           (2) The four (4) chancellorships shall be separate and  
1443 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election  
1444 only as "Place One," "Place Two," "Place Three" and "Place Four."  
1445 The chancellor to fill Place One and Place Four may be a resident  
1446 of any county in the district. The chancellor to fill Place Two  
1447 must be a resident of Lamar, Marion, Pearl River or Perry County.  
1448 The chancellor to fill Place Three must be a resident of Forrest  
1449 County. Election of the four (4) offices of chancellor shall be  
1450 by election to be held in every county within the Tenth Chancery  
1451 Court District.

1452               **[From and after January 1, 2027, this section shall read as**  
1453 **follows:]**



1454           9-5-36. (1) There shall be \* \* \* three (3) chancellors for  
1455 the Tenth Chancery Court District.

1456           (2) The \* \* \* three (3) chancellorships shall be separate  
1457 and distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and  
1458 election only as "Place One," "Place Two \* \* \*" and "Place  
1459 Three" \* \* \*. The chancellor to fill Place One \* \* \* may be a  
1460 resident of any county in the district. The chancellor to fill  
1461 Place Two must be a resident of Lamar \* \* \* County. The  
1462 chancellor to fill Place Three \* \* \* may be a resident of any  
1463 county in the district. \* \* \*

1464           **SECTION 62.** Section 9-5-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1465 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.

1492 **SECTION 63.** Section 9-5-38, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1493 amended as follows:

1494 9-5-38. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the  
1495 Eleventh Chancery Court District. The three (3) chancellorships  
1496 shall be separate and distinct. One (1) chancellor shall be  
1497 elected from Subdistrict 11-1 and denominated for purposes of  
1498 appointment and election only as "Place One \* \* \*", one (1)  
1499 chancellor shall be elected from Subdistrict 11-2 and denominated  
1500 for purposes of appointment and election only as "Place  
1501 Two \* \* \*", and one (1) chancellor shall be elected at large from  
1502 the entire Eleventh Chancery Court District and denominated for  
1503 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



1529 separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment  
1530 and election only as "Place One" and "Place Two."

1531 **[From and after January 1, 2027, this section shall read as**  
1532 **follows:]**

1533 9-5-41. (1) The Thirteenth Chancery Court District is  
1534 composed of the following counties:

- 1535 (a) \* \* \* Forrest County;  
1536 (b) \* \* \* Greene County;  
1537 (c) \* \* \* Perry County; and  
1538 (d) \* \* \* Stone County.

1539 \* \* \*

1540 (2) There shall be \* \* \* three (3) chancellors for the  
1541 Thirteenth Chancery Court District. The \* \* \* three (3)  
1542 chancellorships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for  
1543 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One" and  
1544 "Place Two \* \* \*" and "Place Three". The chancellor for Place One  
1545 must reside in Forrest County. The chancellor for Place Two may  
1546 reside in any county in the district, except Forrest County. The  
1547 chancellor for Place Three shall reside and be elected from the  
1548 following precincts in Forrest County: Camp School, Court Street,  
1549 Dixie Pine-Central, Eatonville, Eureka School, Glendale, Hardy  
1550 Street, Hattiesburg Cultural Center, Highland Park, Lillie Burney  
1551 School, North Heights, Pinecrest, Rawls Springs, Rowan School,  
1552 Sigler Center, Thames School, Train Depot, West Hills and  
1553 Westside.



1554       **SECTION 67.** Section 9-5-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1555 amended as follows:

1556       **[Until January 1, 2027, this section shall read as follows:]**

1557       9-5-43. (1) The Fourteenth Chancery Court District is  
1558 composed of the following counties:

- 1559           (a) Chickasaw County;
- 1560           (b) Clay County;
- 1561           (c) Lowndes County;
- 1562           (d) Noxubee County;
- 1563           (e) Oktibbeha County; and
- 1564           (f) Webster County.

1565       (2) The Fourteenth Chancery Court District shall be divided  
1566 into three (3) subdistricts as follows:

1567           (a) Subdistrict 14-1 shall consist of Chickasaw County,  
1568 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:]**





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

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

\* \* \*

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

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

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

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

9-5-45. 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; \* \* \*

(c) Lawrence County;

( \* \* \*d) Lincoln County \* \* \*; and

(e) Walthall County.

(2) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the Fifteenth  
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 Copiah County, Claiborne County or



Lawrence County. The chancellor for Place Two must reside in  
Lincoln County or Walthall County.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) George County; and

\* \* \*

- ( \* \* \*b) Jackson County.

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

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

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

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



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.

1716 \* \* \*

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\*.



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

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

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

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

9-5-54. (1) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the Eighteenth 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 75.** Section 9-5-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

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

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

- (a) Jones County; and
- (b) Wayne County.

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



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



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

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

**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.



1923           (2) The district attorneys of the Fifth, Ninth, Tenth,  
1924 Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth,  
1925 Seventeenth, Twentieth and Twenty-first Circuit Court Districts  
1926 may appoint one (1) additional full-time criminal investigator for  
1927 a total of two (2) full-time criminal investigators.

1928           (3) The district attorneys of the First, Second, Third,  
1929 Fourth, Nineteenth and Twenty-third Circuit Court Districts may  
1930 appoint two (2) additional full-time criminal investigators for a  
1931 total of three (3) full-time criminal investigators.

1932           (4) The district attorney of the Seventh Circuit Court  
1933 District may appoint one (1) additional full-time criminal  
1934 investigator for a total of four (4) full-time criminal  
1935 investigators.

1936           (5) No district attorney or assistant district attorney  
1937 shall accept any private employment, civil or criminal, in any  
1938 matter investigated by such criminal investigators.

1939           (6) The full and complete compensation for all public duties  
1940 rendered by the criminal investigators shall be not more than  
1941 Sixty-three Thousand Dollars (\$63,000.00) per annum, to be  
1942 determined at the discretion of the district attorney based upon  
1943 the qualifications, education and experience of the criminal  
1944 investigator, plus necessary travel and other expenses, to be paid  
1945 in accordance with Section 25-31-8. However, the maximum salary  
1946 under this subsection for a criminal investigator who has a law  
1947 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,



1973 may appoint one (1) additional victim assistance coordinator,  
1974 subject to the approval of and upon the order of the senior  
1975 circuit court judge of the applicable district for a total of two  
1976 (2) victim assistance coordinators per district.

1977 (2) The duty of the victim assistance coordinator is to  
1978 ensure that a victim, guardian of a victim, or close relative of a  
1979 deceased victim is afforded the rights granted victims, guardians  
1980 and relatives by Section 99-36-5. The victim assistance  
1981 coordinator shall work closely with appropriate law enforcement  
1982 agencies, prosecuting attorneys, the state and the judiciary in  
1983 fulfilling that duty.

1984 (3) The salary of the victim assistance coordinator shall  
1985 not exceed the salary authorized for criminal investigators in  
1986 Section 25-31-10, and shall be paid jointly by the counties  
1987 comprising the circuit court district, with each county paying a  
1988 pro rata share of the salary as determined by the senior circuit  
1989 court judge.

1990 (4) The board of supervisors of any county, with the  
1991 approval of and upon the order of the senior circuit court judge  
1992 of the district wherein such county lies, may, in addition to any  
1993 victim assistance coordinator provided for in subsection (1) of  
1994 this section, create the position of county victim assistance  
1995 coordinator. The duty of the county victim assistance coordinator  
1996 shall be to cooperate with local law enforcement agencies, the  
1997 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



2023 November, 2026, election for judicial offices. The terms of those  
2024 offices shall thereafter be as provided by law for circuit judges  
2025 generally.

2026 (2) Candidates for the chancellorships and the circuit  
2027 judgeships that begin January 1, 2027, shall run for those offices  
2028 in the general election for judicial officers to be conducted in  
2029 November 2026. Candidates for the chancellorships and the circuit  
2030 judgeships that begin January 1, 2031, shall run for those offices  
2031 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.

