

**Adopted
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

House Bill No. 1544

BY: Committee

**Amend by striking all after line 121 and inserting in lieu
thereof the following:**

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

126 WHEREAS, the Legislature has investigated the state of the
127 trial courts and the trial court districts and has considered the
128 needs of the state according to all the criteria imposed by the
129 Constitution and by general law; NOW, THEREFORE,

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



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

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

134 9-5-9. The Second Chancery Court District is composed of the
135 following counties:

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

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

141 9-5-9. (1) The Second Chancery Court District is composed
142 of the following counties:

- 143 (a) Covington County;
- 144 (b) Jasper County;
- 145 (c) Newton County;
- 146 (d) Scott County;
- 147 (e) Simpson County; and
- 148 (f) Smith County.

149 (2) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the Second
150 Chancery Court District. The two (2) chancellorships shall be
151 separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment
152 and election only as "Place One" and "Place Two." The chancellor
153 to fill Place One must reside in either Jasper County, Newton
154 County or Scott County, and the chancellor to fill Place Two must



reside in either Covington County, Simpson County, or Smith County.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (a) Carroll County;
- (b) Grenada County;



180 (c) Montgomery County;

181 (d) Panola County;

182 (e) Tate County; and

183 (f) Yalobusha County.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

202 (2) * * * The * * * two (2) chancellorships shall be
203 separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment



and election only as "Place One * * *" and "Place
Two * * *." * * *

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

(a) Hancock County;

(b) Harrison County; and

(c) Stone County.

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

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

(a) Hancock County; and

(b) Harrison County.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(i) Sunflower County: Doddsville, Indianola 2 East*, Indianola 2 West, Indianola 3 North*, Indianola 3



Northeast*, Indianola 3 South*, Indianola Southeast, Inverness,
Moorhead, Sunflower 3 and Sunflower 4; and

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

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

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

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

(a) Humphreys County;

(b) Issaquena County;

(c) Sharkey County;

(d) Warren County; and

(e) Washington County.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



- 376 (a) Jefferson Davis County;
377 (b) Lamar County;
378 (c) Marion County;
379 (d) Pearl River County; and
380 (e) Walthall County.

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

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

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

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

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

398 9-5-36. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the
399 Tenth Chancery Court District.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

SECTION 13. 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) Copeiah 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) Copeiah County;

(b) Lawrence County; and

(c) Lincoln 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."

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

- (a) Adams County;
- (b) Amite County;
- (c) Claiborne County;
- (d) Franklin County;
- (e) Jefferson County;
- (f) Pike County; and
- (g) Wilkinson County.

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

- (a) Subdistrict 17-1 shall consist of Adams County, Claiborne County, Jefferson County, and Wilkinson County.
- (b) Subdistrict 17-2 shall consist of Amite County, Franklin County, and Pike County.

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

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

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

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

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



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

526 9-5-55. (1) The Nineteenth Chancery Court District is
527 composed of the following counties:

528 (a) George County;

529 (b) Greene County;

530 (c) Jones County; and

531 (d) Wayne County.

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

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

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

542 9-7-15. (1) The Fourth Circuit Court District shall be
543 composed of the following counties:

544 (a) Leflore County;

545 (b) Sunflower County; and

546 (c) Washington County.

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

593 9-7-17. There shall be four (4) circuit judges for the
594 Fourth Circuit Court District. One (1) circuit judge shall be
595 elected from each subdistrict.

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

- 640 (a) Adams County;
641 (b) Amite County;
642 (c) Claiborne County;
643 (d) Franklin County;
644 (e) Jefferson County;
645 (f) Pike County; and
646 (g) Wilkinson County.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



672 9-7-29. (1) The Ninth Circuit Court District is composed of
673 the following counties:

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

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

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

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

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

691 9-7-29. (1) The Ninth Circuit Court District is composed of
692 the following counties:

- 693 (a) Issaquena County;
- 694 (b) Sharkey County;
- 695 (c) Warren County; and
- 696 (d) Yazoo County.



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

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

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

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

(b) Subdistrict 9-2 shall consist of:

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

(ii) The following precincts in Yazoo County: 3-4 South, Benton, Carter, Center Ridge, Deasonville, District 4 Ward 2, Dover, East Bentonia, East Midway, Eden, Fairview, Free Run, Fugates, Harttown, Mechanicsburg, Robinette, Satartia, Tinsley, Valley, Ward 2, West Bentonia, West Midway and Zion.

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

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

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



- 722 (a) Clarke County;
723 (b) Kemper County;
724 (c) Lauderdale County; and
725 (d) Wayne County.

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

728 9-7-31. The Tenth Circuit Court District is composed of the
729 following counties:

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

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

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

736 9-7-33. (1) The Eleventh Circuit Court District is composed
737 of the following counties:

- 738 (a) Bolivar County;
739 (b) Coahoma County;
740 (c) Quitman County; and
741 (d) Tunica County.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

767 (i) Coahoma County: Clarksdale 1-4*, Clarksdale
768 2-4*, Clarksdale 5-4*, Coahoma, Farrell*, Friar's Point,
769 Jonestown, Lula, Lyon and Sherard*; and



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

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

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

(a) Bolivar County;

(b) Coahoma County;

(c) Quitman County;

(d) Sunflower County; and

(e) Tunica County.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



820 9-7-41. The Fifteenth Circuit Court District is composed of
821 the following counties:

- 822 (a) Jefferson Davis County;
- 823 (b) Lamar County;
- 824 (c) Lawrence County;
- 825 (d) Marion County; and
- 826 (e) Pearl River County.

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

829 9-7-41. The Fifteenth Circuit Court District is composed of
830 the following counties:

- 831 (a) Jefferson Davis County;
- 832 (b) Lamar County;
- 833 (c) Marion County;
- 834 (d) Pearl River County; and
- 835 (e) Walthall County.

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

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

839 9-7-42. (1) There shall be three (3) judges for the
840 Fifteenth Circuit Court District.

841 (2) The three (3) judgeships shall be separate and distinct
842 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as
843 "Place One," "Place Two," and "Place Three." The judge to fill
844 Place One must be a resident of Jefferson Davis, Lamar, Lawrence



or Marion County. The judge to fill Place Two may be a resident of any county in the district. The judge to fill Place Three must be a resident of Pearl River County.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(a) George County;

(b) Greene County;



870 (c) Jones County; and

871 (d) Wayne County.

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

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

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

882 9-7-49. * * * The Nineteenth Circuit Court District is
883 composed of the following counties:

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

887 * * *

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

908 (2) There shall be three (3) circuit judges for the
909 Twenty-first Circuit Court District. The three (3) judgeships
910 shall be separate and distinct and be denominated for the purpose
911 of appointment and election only as "Place One," "Place Two" and
912 "Place Three."

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

915 9-7-57. (1) The Twenty-second Circuit Court District is
916 composed of the following counties:

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



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

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

923 9-7-63. The Twenty-third Circuit Court District shall be
924 DeSoto County. This section shall stand repealed on January 1,
925 2027.

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

928 9-7-64. (1) There shall be two (2) circuit judges for the
929 Twenty-third Circuit Court District.

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

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

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

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

937 25-31-5. (1) The following number of full-time legal
938 assistants are authorized in the following circuit court
939 districts:

940 (a) First Circuit Court District..... ten (10)
941 legal assistants.

942 (b) Second Circuit Court District..... eleven (11)
943 legal assistants.



944 (c) Third Circuit Court District..... six (6)
945 legal assistants.

946 (d) Fourth Circuit Court District..... six (6)
947 legal assistants.

948 (e) Fifth Circuit Court District.....five (5)
949 legal assistants.

950 (f) Sixth Circuit Court District..... three (3)
951 legal assistants.

952 (g) Seventh Circuit Court District..... * * *
953 fourteen (14) legal assistants. Effective July 1, 2023, through
954 July 1, 2025, the Seventh Circuit Court District shall have * * *
955 sixteen (16) legal assistants.

956 (h) Eighth Circuit Court District.....three (3)
957 legal assistants.

958 (i) Ninth Circuit Court District.....three (3)
959 legal assistants.

960 (j) Tenth Circuit Court District..... five (5)
961 legal assistants.

962 (k) Eleventh Circuit Court District.....five (5)
963 legal assistants.

964 (l) Twelfth Circuit Court District.....five (5)
965 legal assistants.

966 (m) Thirteenth Circuit Court District.....four (4)
967 legal assistants.



968 (n) Fourteenth Circuit Court District..... six (6)
969 legal assistants.

970 (o) Fifteenth Circuit Court District..... seven (7)
971 legal assistants.

972 (p) Sixteenth Circuit Court District..... six (6)
973 legal assistants.

974 (q) Seventeenth Circuit Court District..... four (4)
975 legal assistants.

976 (r) Eighteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
977 legal assistants.

978 (s) Nineteenth Circuit Court District..... seven (7)
979 legal assistants.

980 (t) Twentieth Circuit Court District..... seven (7)
981 legal assistants.

982 (u) Twenty-first Circuit Court District..... * * *
983 five (5) legal assistants.

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

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

988 (2) In addition to any legal assistants authorized pursuant
989 to subsection (1) of this section, the following number of
990 full-time legal assistants are authorized (i) in the following
991 circuit court districts if funds are appropriated by the
992 Legislature to adequately fund the salaries, expenses and fringe



993 benefits of such legal assistants, or (ii) in any of the following
994 circuit court districts in which the board of supervisors of one
995 or more of the counties in a circuit court district adopts a
996 resolution to pay all of the salaries, supplemental pay, expenses
997 and fringe benefits of legal assistants authorized in such
998 district pursuant to this subsection:

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

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

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

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

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

1009 (f) Sixth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1010 legal assistants.

1011 (g) Seventh Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1012 legal assistants.

1013 (h) Eighth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1014 legal assistants.

1015 (i) Ninth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1016 legal assistants.



1017 (j) Tenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1018 legal assistants.
1019 (k) Eleventh Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1020 legal assistants.
1021 (l) Twelfth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1022 legal assistants.
1023 (m) Thirteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1024 legal assistants.
1025 (n) Fourteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1026 legal assistants.
1027 (o) Fifteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1028 legal assistants.
1029 (p) Sixteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1030 legal assistants.
1031 (q) Seventeenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1032 legal assistants.
1033 (r) Eighteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1034 legal assistants.
1035 (s) Nineteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1036 legal assistants.
1037 (t) Twentieth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1038 legal assistants.
1039 (u) Twenty-first Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1040 legal assistants.



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

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

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

1050 (4) The district attorney of any circuit court district may
1051 employ additional legal assistants or criminal investigators, or
1052 both, without regard to any limitation on the number of legal
1053 assistants authorized in this section or criminal investigators
1054 authorized by other provisions of law to the extent that the
1055 district attorney's office receives funds from any source. Any
1056 source shall include, but is not limited to, office-generated
1057 funds, funds from a county, a combination of counties, a
1058 municipality, a combination of municipalities, federal funds,
1059 private grants or foundations, or by means of an Interlocal
1060 Cooperative Agreement authorized by Section 17-13-1 which may be
1061 expended for those positions in an amount sufficient to pay all of
1062 the salary, supplemental pay, expenses and fringe benefits of the
1063 positions. Such funds may either be paid out of district attorney
1064 accounts, transferred by the district attorney to the Department
1065 of Finance and Administration or to one or more of the separate



1066 counties comprising the circuit court district, and the funds
1067 shall be disbursed to such employees in the same manner as
1068 state-funded criminal investigators and full-time legal
1069 assistants. The district attorney shall report to the board of
1070 supervisors of each county comprising the circuit court district
1071 the amount and source of the supplemental salary, expenses and
1072 fringe benefits, and the board in each county shall spread the
1073 same on its minutes. The district attorney shall also report such
1074 information to the Department of Finance and Administration which
1075 shall make such information available to the Legislative Budget
1076 Office.

1077 (5) The district attorney shall be authorized to assign the
1078 duties of a legal assistant regardless of the source of funding
1079 for such legal assistants.

1080 **[From and after January 1, 2027, this section shall read as**
1081 **follows:]**

1082 25-31-5. (1) The following number of full-time legal
1083 assistants are authorized in the following circuit court
1084 districts:

1085 (a) First Circuit Court District..... ten (10)
1086 legal assistants.

1087 (b) Second Circuit Court District..... eleven (11)
1088 legal assistants.

1089 (c) Third Circuit Court District..... six (6)
1090 legal assistants.



1091 (d) Fourth Circuit Court District.....seven
1092 (7) legal assistants.
1093 (e) Fifth Circuit Court District.....five (5)
1094 legal assistants.
1095 (f) Sixth Circuit Court District..... three (3)
1096 legal assistants.
1097 (g) Seventh Circuit Court District..... fourteen
1098 (14) legal assistants. Effective July 1, 2023, through July 1,
1099 2025, the Seventh Circuit Court District shall have sixteen (16)
1100 legal assistants.
1101 (h) Eighth Circuit Court District.....three (3)
1102 legal assistants.
1103 (i) Ninth Circuit Court District.....three (3)
1104 legal assistants.
1105 (j) Tenth Circuit Court District..... five (5)
1106 legal assistants.
1107 (k) Eleventh Circuit Court District.....five (5)
1108 legal assistants.
1109 (l) Twelfth Circuit Court District.....five (5)
1110 legal assistants.
1111 (m) Thirteenth Circuit Court District.....four (4)
1112 legal assistants.
1113 (n) Fourteenth Circuit Court District..... six (6)
1114 legal assistants.



1115 (o) Fifteenth Circuit Court District..... seven (7)
1116 legal assistants.

1117 (p) Sixteenth Circuit Court District..... six (6)
1118 legal assistants.

1119 (q) Seventeenth Circuit Court District..... four (4)
1120 legal assistants.

1121 (r) Eighteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1122 legal assistants.

1123 (s) Nineteenth Circuit Court District..... seven (7)
1124 legal assistants.

1125 (t) Twentieth Circuit Court District..... seven (7)
1126 legal assistants.

1127 (u) Twenty-first Circuit Court District..... five (5)
1128 legal assistants.

1129 (2) In addition to any legal assistants authorized pursuant
1130 to subsection (1) of this section, the following number of
1131 full-time legal assistants are authorized (i) in the following
1132 circuit court districts if funds are appropriated by the
1133 Legislature to adequately fund the salaries, expenses and fringe
1134 benefits of such legal assistants, or (ii) in any of the following
1135 circuit court districts in which the board of supervisors of one
1136 or more of the counties in a circuit court district adopts a
1137 resolution to pay all of the salaries, supplemental pay, expenses
1138 and fringe benefits of legal assistants authorized in such
1139 district pursuant to this subsection:



1140 (a) First Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1141 legal assistants.
1142 (b) Second Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1143 legal assistants.
1144 (c) Third Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1145 legal assistants.
1146 (d) Fourth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1147 legal assistants.
1148 (e) Fifth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1149 legal assistants.
1150 (f) Sixth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1151 legal assistants.
1152 (g) Seventh Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1153 legal assistants.
1154 (h) Eighth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1155 legal assistants.
1156 (i) Ninth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1157 legal assistants.
1158 (j) Tenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1159 legal assistants.
1160 (k) Eleventh Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1161 legal assistants.
1162 (l) Twelfth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1163 legal assistants.



1164 (m) Thirteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1165 legal assistants.

1166 (n) Fourteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1167 legal assistants.

1168 (o) Fifteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1169 legal assistants.

1170 (p) Sixteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1171 legal assistants.

1172 (q) Seventeenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1173 legal assistants.

1174 (r) Eighteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1175 legal assistants.

1176 (s) Nineteenth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1177 legal assistants.

1178 (t) Twentieth Circuit Court District.....two (2)
1179 legal assistants.

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

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

1187 (4) The district attorney of any circuit court district may
1188 employ additional legal assistants or criminal investigators, or



1189 both, without regard to any limitation on the number of legal
1190 assistants authorized in this section or criminal investigators
1191 authorized by other provisions of law to the extent that the
1192 district attorney's office receives funds from any source. Any
1193 source shall include, but is not limited to, office-generated
1194 funds, funds from a county, a combination of counties, a
1195 municipality, a combination of municipalities, federal funds,
1196 private grants or foundations, or by means of an Interlocal
1197 Cooperative Agreement authorized by Section 17-13-1 which may be
1198 expended for those positions in an amount sufficient to pay all of
1199 the salary, supplemental pay, expenses and fringe benefits of the
1200 positions. Such funds may either be paid out of district attorney
1201 accounts, transferred by the district attorney to the Department
1202 of Finance and Administration or to one or more of the separate
1203 counties comprising the circuit court district, and the funds
1204 shall be disbursed to such employees in the same manner as
1205 state-funded criminal investigators and full-time legal
1206 assistants. The district attorney shall report to the board of
1207 supervisors of each county comprising the circuit court district
1208 the amount and source of the supplemental salary, expenses and
1209 fringe benefits, and the board in each county shall spread the
1210 same on its minutes. The district attorney shall also report such
1211 information to the Department of Finance and Administration which
1212 shall make such information available to the Legislative Budget
1213 Office.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



1288 available funds, but not to exceed the maximum salary for a legal
1289 assistant to a district attorney.

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

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

1299 **SECTION 36.** The boundaries of the precincts described in
1300 Section 9-7-21 (Sixth Circuit Court District) and Section 9-7-29
1301 (Ninth Circuit Court District), Mississippi Code of 1972, on
1302 January 1, 2027, shall be the boundaries of the precincts as those
1303 boundaries are contained in the Census Bureau's geographic product
1304 of PL-94-171 Redistricting Data 2020.

1305 **SECTION 37.** (1) From January 1, 2027, to December 31, 2027:

1306 (a) The person who held the Office of District Attorney
1307 in the Fourth Circuit Court District on December 31, 2026, shall
1308 be the senior full-time legal assistant in the Eleventh Circuit
1309 Court District; and

1310 (b) The person who held the Office of District Attorney
1311 in the Twenty-second Circuit Court District on December 31, 2026,



shall be the senior full-time legal assistant in the Sixth Circuit Court District.

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

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

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

SECTION 39. On January 1, 2027, the office of district attorney for the Fifth Circuit Court District, Sixth Circuit Court District, Ninth Circuit Court District, Tenth Circuit Court District, Eleventh Circuit Court District, Fourteenth Circuit Court District, Fifteenth Circuit Court District, Sixteenth Circuit Court District, Seventeenth Circuit Court District, Eighteenth Circuit Court District, and Nineteenth Circuit Court District created by this act shall be filled by the person who holds the office of district attorney for each respective circuit court district on December 31, 2026. Such person shall serve as the district attorney for the circuit court district created by



1337 this act until a successor for such office, elected in the
1338 November 2027 general election, assumes the office on January 1,
1339 2028.

1340 **SECTION 40.** On January 1, 2027, the office of district
1341 attorney for the Twenty-first Circuit Court District created by
1342 this act shall be filled by the person who holds the office of
1343 district attorney for the Twenty-first Circuit Court District on
1344 December 31, 2026. Such person shall serve as the district
1345 attorney for the Twenty-first Circuit Court District created by
1346 this act until a successor for such office, elected in the
1347 November 2027 general election, assumes the office on January 1,
1348 2028. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary
1349 regarding the residency of candidates for the office of district
1350 attorney, the person serving as the district attorney for the
1351 Twenty-first Circuit Court District as of December 31, 2026, may
1352 qualify as a candidate to run for the office of district attorney
1353 for the Twenty-first Circuit Court District in the November 2027
1354 general election, if such person is otherwise qualified as a
1355 candidate as provided by law.

1356 **SECTION 41.** Candidates for the offices of district attorney
1357 created by this act shall run for office in the general election
1358 to be conducted November 2027. Candidates shall file as is
1359 otherwise provided by law for district attorneys. The district
1360 attorney elected shall serve a four-year term to begin January 1,



2028, and the term of the office shall thereafter be as is provided for district attorneys generally.

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

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

SECTION 44. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2025, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2025.

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

AN ACT TO REDISTRIBUTE THE CIRCUIT AND CHANCERY COURT DISTRICTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 152 OF ARTICLE 6 OF THE MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION OF 1890 FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION FOR JUDICIAL OFFICERS TO BE CONDUCTED IN NOVEMBER 2026; TO AMEND SECTION 9-5-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ADD COVINGTON COUNTY, SIMPSON COUNTY, AND SMITH COUNTY TO THE SECOND CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE



7 TWO CHANCELLORS WITH RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SECOND
8 CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-5-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE
9 OF 1972, TO ADD CARROLL COUNTY TO THE THIRD CHANCERY COURT
10 DISTRICT; TO REMOVE DESOTO COUNTY FROM THE THIRD CHANCERY COURT
11 DISTRICT; TO DELETE THE SUBDISTRICTS FROM THE THIRD CHANCERY COURT
12 DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-5-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
13 PROVIDE THAT THERE SHALL BE TWO CHANCELLORS FOR THE THIRD CHANCERY
14 COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-5-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
15 TO REMOVE THE CURRENT COUNTIES FROM THE FOURTH CHANCERY COURT
16 DISTRICT; TO ADD FORREST COUNTY, PERRY COUNTY, AND STONE COUNTY TO
17 THE FOURTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-5-21,
18 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE CARROLL COUNTY FROM THE SIXTH
19 CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-5-23, MISSISSIPPI CODE
20 OF 1972, TO ADD SUNFLOWER COUNTY TO THE SEVENTH CHANCERY COURT
21 DISTRICT; TO CONFORM THE SUBDISTRICTS IN THE SEVENTH CHANCERY
22 COURT DISTRICT TO THE ADDITION OF SUNFLOWER COUNTY; TO AMEND
23 SECTION 9-5-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE STONE COUNTY
24 FROM THE EIGHTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO REVISE THE
25 SUBDISTRICTS OF THE NINTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND
26 SECTION 9-5-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THERE
27 SHALL BE TWO CHANCELLORS IN THE NINTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO
28 AMEND SECTION 9-5-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE
29 SUNFLOWER COUNTY FROM THE NINTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND
30 SECTION 9-5-35, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ADD JEFFERSON DAVIS
31 COUNTY AND WALTHALL COUNTY TO THE TENTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT;
32 TO REMOVE FORREST COUNTY AND PERRY COUNTY FROM THE TENTH CHANCERY
33 COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-5-36, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
34 TO REVISE THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS OF THE CHANCELLORS ELECTED
35 FROM THE TENTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-5-41,
36 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ADD DESOTO COUNTY TO THE THIRTEENTH
37 CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE THAT THERE SHALL BE THREE
38 CHANCELLORS FOR THE THIRTEENTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND
39 SECTION 9-5-47, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ADD LAWRENCE COUNTY
40 TO THE FIFTEENTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE THAT THERE
41 SHALL BE TWO CHANCELLORS FOR THE FIFTEENTH CHANCERY COURT
42 DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-5-49, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
43 REMOVE GEORGE COUNTY AND GREENE COUNTY FROM THE SIXTEENTH CHANCERY
44 COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-5-50, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
45 TO PROVIDE THAT THERE SHALL BE FOUR CHANCELLORS FOR THE SIXTEENTH
46 CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-5-51, MISSISSIPPI CODE
47 OF 1972, TO ADD AMITE COUNTY, FRANKLIN COUNTY AND PIKE COUNTY TO
48 THE SEVENTEENTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO CREATE SUBDISTRICTS IN
49 THE SEVENTEENTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-5-55,
50 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ADD GEORGE COUNTY AND GREENE COUNTY
51 TO THE NINETEENTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE THAT THERE
52 SHALL BE TWO CHANCELLORS FOR THE NINETEENTH CHANCERY COURT
53 DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ELECTION OF
54 CHANCELLORS FOR THE NINETEENTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND
55 SECTION 9-7-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE THE CURRENT
56 COUNTIES AND SUBDISTRICTS FROM THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT;



57 TO ADD DESOTO COUNTY TO THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO
58 AMEND SECTION 9-7-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT
59 THERE SHALL BE THREE CIRCUIT JUDGES FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT
60 DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-7-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
61 ADD CLAIBORNE COUNTY, JEFFERSON COUNTY AND PIKE COUNTY TO THE
62 SIXTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO CREATE SUBDISTRICTS IN THE SIXTH
63 CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-7-29, MISSISSIPPI CODE
64 OF 1972, TO ADD YAZOO COUNTY TO THE NINTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT;
65 TO CREATE SUBDISTRICTS IN THE NINTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO
66 AMEND SECTION 9-7-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE WAYNE
67 COUNTY FROM THE TENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION
68 9-7-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ADD SUNFLOWER COUNTY TO THE
69 ELEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO DELETE THE SUBDISTRICTS FROM
70 THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-7-34,
71 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE DELETION OF THE
72 SUBDISTRICTS FROM THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND
73 SECTION 9-7-39, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE PIKE COUNTY
74 AND WALTHALL COUNTY FROM THE FOURTEENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO
75 ADD COPIAH COUNTY AND LAWRENCE COUNTY TO THE FOURTEENTH CIRCUIT
76 COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-7-41, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
77 TO ADD WALTHALL COUNTY TO THE FIFTEENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO
78 REMOVE LAWRENCE COUNTY FROM THE FIFTEENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT;
79 TO AMEND SECTION 9-7-42, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE
80 RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE JUDGES ELECTED FROM THE FIFTEENTH
81 CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT TO CONFORM TO THE REMOVAL OF LAWRENCE
82 COUNTY; TO AMEND SECTION 9-7-47, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ADD
83 GEORGE COUNTY, GREENE COUNTY, AND WAYNE COUNTY TO THE EIGHTEENTH
84 CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE THAT THERE SHALL BE TWO CIRCUIT
85 JUDGES IN THE EIGHTEENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE
86 RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE JUDGES ELECTED FOR THE EIGHTEENTH
87 CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-7-49, MISSISSIPPI CODE
88 OF 1972, TO REMOVE GEORGE COUNTY AND GREENE COUNTY FROM THE
89 NINETEENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO DELETE LANGUAGE GOVERNING
90 THE AMOUNT OF LOCAL CONTRIBUTION TO SUPPORT THE NINETEENTH CIRCUIT
91 COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-7-55, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
92 TO REMOVE YAZOO COUNTY FROM THE TWENTY-FIRST CIRCUIT COURT
93 DISTRICT; TO ADD LEFLORE COUNTY AND WASHINGTON COUNTY TO THE
94 TWENTY-FIRST CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE THAT THERE SHALL
95 BE THREE CIRCUIT JUDGES FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST CIRCUIT COURT
96 DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTIONS 9-7-57, 9-7-63 AND 9-7-64, MISSISSIPPI
97 CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDE FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST AND TWENTY-THIRD
98 CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICTS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECTIONS SHALL REPEAL
99 ON A CERTAIN DATE; TO PROVIDE THAT REVISED PRECINCTS ARE FROM THE
100 2010 CENSUS; TO REQUIRE THE STANDING JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
101 ON REAPPORTIONMENT TO ASSIST THE COUNTIES IN IDENTIFYING THE
102 BOUNDARIES OF SUBDISTRICTS; TO AMEND SECTION 25-31-5, MISSISSIPPI
103 CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY
104 TO THE TWENTY-FIRST CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL
105 ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS TO THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT
106 THAT WERE AUTHORIZED IN SECTION 25-31-37 WHICH IS REPEALED BY THIS



107 ACT; TO PROVIDE TWO ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS TO THE
108 CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT FOR DESOTO COUNTY; TO AMEND SECTION
109 25-31-10, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THE TWENTY-FIRST
110 CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT WITH AN ADDITIONAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR;
111 TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR TO THE SEVENTH
112 CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT THAT WAS AUTHORIZED IN SECTION 25-31-37
113 WHICH IS REPEALED BY THIS ACT; TO PROVIDE THAT REVISED PRECINCTS
114 ARE FROM THE 2020 CENSUS; TO PROVIDE SENIOR FULL-TIME LEGAL
115 ASSISTANTS IN THE ELEVENTH AND SIXTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICTS FOR A
116 ONE-YEAR PERIOD; TO PROVIDE THE PROCEDURE TO FILL THE OFFICES OF
117 DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND THE JUDICIAL OFFICES CREATED BY VIRTUE OF
118 THIS ACT; TO REPEAL SECTION 25-31-37, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
119 WHICH AUTHORIZES THE APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS
120 AND A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR FOR THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT
121 DISTRICT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

