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AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

**Senate Bill No. 2768**

**BY: Senator(s) Simmons (12th)**

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

26           **SECTION 1.** Section 9-7-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
27 reenacted as follows:

28           9-7-1. A circuit judge shall be elected for and from each  
29 circuit court district and the listing of individual precincts  
30 shall be those precincts as they existed on October 1, 1990. He  
31 may hold court in any other district with the consent of the judge  
32 thereof, when in their opinion the public interest may require.  
33 The terms of all circuit judges hereafter elected shall begin on  
34 the first day of January 1931 and their terms of office shall  
35 continue for four (4) years. A circuit judge shall be a resident



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

39 **SECTION 2.** Section 9-7-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
40 reenacted as follows:

41 9-7-3. (1) The state is divided into an appropriate number  
42 of circuit court districts severally numbered and composed of the  
43 counties as set forth in the sections which follow. A court to be  
44 styled "The Circuit Court of the County of \_\_\_\_" shall be held in  
45 each county, and within each judicial district of a county having  
46 two (2) judicial districts, at least twice a year. Court shall be  
47 held in circuit court districts consisting of a single county on  
48 the same dates state agencies and political subdivisions are open  
49 for business excluding legal holidays. The dates upon which terms  
50 shall commence and the number of days for which the terms shall  
51 continue in circuit court districts consisting of more than one  
52 (1) county shall be set by order of the circuit court judge in  
53 accordance with the provisions of subsection (2) of this section.  
54 A matter in court may extend past a term if the interest of  
55 justice so requires.

56 (2) An order establishing the commencement and continuation  
57 of terms of court for each of the counties within a circuit court  
58 district consisting of more than one (1) county shall be entered  
59 annually and not later than October 1 of the year immediately  
60 preceding the calendar year for which the terms of court are to



61 become effective. Notice of the dates upon which the terms of  
62 court shall commence and the number of days for which the terms  
63 shall continue in each of the counties within a circuit court  
64 district shall be posted in the office of the circuit clerk of  
65 each county within the district and mailed to the office of the  
66 Secretary of State for publication and distribution to all  
67 Mississippi Bar members. If an order is not timely entered, the  
68 terms of court for each of the counties within any circuit court  
69 district shall remain unchanged for the next calendar year. A  
70 certified copy of any order entered under the provisions of this  
71 subsection shall, immediately upon the entry thereof, be delivered  
72 to the clerk of the board of supervisors in each of the counties  
73 within the circuit court district.

74 (3) The number of judges in each circuit court district  
75 shall be determined by the Legislature based upon the following  
76 criteria:

- 77 (a) The population of the district;
- 78 (b) The number of cases filed in the district;
- 79 (c) The case load of each judge in the district;
- 80 (d) The geographic area of the district;
- 81 (e) An analysis of the needs of the district by the  
82 court personnel of the district; and
- 83 (f) Any other appropriate criteria.



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

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

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

91 (c) Method of assimilating the specified data.

92 (5) In a district having more than one (1) office of circuit  
93 judge, there shall be no distinction whatsoever in the powers,  
94 duties and emoluments of those offices except that the judge who  
95 has been for the longest time continuously a judge of that court  
96 or, should no judge have served longer in office than the others,  
97 the judge who has been for the longest time a member of The  
98 Mississippi Bar, shall be the senior judge. The senior judge  
99 shall have the right to assign causes and dockets and to set terms  
100 in districts consisting of more than one (1) county. A circuit  
101 court judge shall have the right to assign criminal matters to  
102 county court as provided in Section 9-9-21.

103 **SECTION 3.** Section 9-7-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
104 reenacted as follows:

105 9-7-5. The First Circuit Court District is composed of the  
106 following counties:

107 (a) Alcorn County;

108 (b) Itawamba County;



- 109 (c) Lee County;  
110 (d) Monroe County;  
111 (e) Pontotoc County;  
112 (f) Prentiss County; and  
113 (g) Tishomingo County.

114 **SECTION 4.** Section 9-7-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
115 reenacted as follows:

116 9-7-7. (1) There shall be four (4) judges for the First  
117 Circuit Court District.

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

128 **SECTION 5.** Section 9-7-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
129 reenacted as follows:

130 9-7-9. The Second Circuit Court District is composed of the  
131 following counties:

- 132 (a) Hancock County;  
133 (b) Harrison County; and



134 (c) Stone County.

135 **SECTION 6.** Section 9-7-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
136 reenacted as follows:

137 9-7-11. (1) There shall be four (4) judges for the Second  
138 Circuit Court District.

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

142 **SECTION 7.** Section 9-7-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
143 reenacted as follows:

144 9-7-13. The Third Circuit Court District is composed of the  
145 following counties:

- 146 (a) Benton County;
- 147 (b) Calhoun County;
- 148 (c) Chickasaw County;
- 149 (d) Lafayette County;
- 150 (e) Marshall County;
- 151 (f) Tippah County; and
- 152 (g) Union County.

153 **SECTION 8.** Section 9-7-14, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
154 reenacted as follows:

155 9-7-14. (1) There shall be three (3) judges for the Third  
156 Circuit Court District.



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

160           **SECTION 9.** Section 9-7-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
161 reenacted as follows:

162           9-7-15. (1) The Fourth Circuit Court District shall be  
163 composed of the following counties:

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

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

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

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

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

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

179                           (i) Sunflower County: Indianola 1, Sunflower,  
180 Indianola 3 North, Indianola 3 South and Indianola 3 Northeast  
181 Precincts; and



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

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

188                   (i) Leflore County: East Greenwood Sub-A, East  
189 Greenwood Sub-B, Central Greenwood, North Itta Bena, South Itta  
190 Bena, Southwest Greenwood, Rising Sun, Sidon, Morgan City,  
191 Swiftown and South Greenwood Precincts;

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

194                   (iii) Washington County: Arcola City Hall,  
195 Hollandale City Hall, Darlove Baptist Church and Mangelardi  
196 Bourbon Store Precincts.

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

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





206           **SECTION 10.** Section 9-7-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
207 reenacted as follows:

208           9-7-17. There shall be four (4) circuit judges for the  
209 Fourth Circuit Court District. One (1) circuit judge shall be  
210 elected from each subdistrict.

211           **SECTION 11.** Section 9-7-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
212 reenacted as follows:

213           9-7-19. The Fifth Circuit Court District is composed of the  
214 following counties:

- 215           (a) Attala County;
- 216           (b) Carroll County;
- 217           (c) Choctaw County;
- 218           (d) Grenada County;
- 219           (e) Montgomery County;
- 220           (f) Webster County; and
- 221           (g) Winston County.

222           **SECTION 12.** Section 9-7-20, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
223 reenacted as follows:

224           9-7-20. (1) There shall be two (2) judges for the Fifth  
225 Circuit Court District.

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

229           **SECTION 13.** Section 9-7-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
230 reenacted as follows:



231 9-7-21. (1) The Sixth Circuit Court District is composed of  
232 the following counties:

- 233 (a) Adams County;
- 234 (b) Amite County;
- 235 (c) Franklin County; and
- 236 (d) Wilkinson County.

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

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

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

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

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

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

254 (ii) Amite County: Amite River, East Fork, East  
255 Gloster\*, East Liberty, Gloster\*, Liberty, New Zion, Oneil,



256 Riceville, Smithdale, South Liberty\*, Tangipahoa, Tickfaw, Walls  
257 and Zion Hills.

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

261 **SECTION 14.** Section 9-7-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
262 reenacted as follows:

263 9-7-23. (1) The Seventh Circuit Court District shall be  
264 Hinds County.

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

267 (a) Subdistrict 7-1 shall consist of the following  
268 precincts in Hinds County: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 32, 33, 34,  
269 35, 36, 44, 45, 46, 47, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 92, 93, 96  
270 and 97.

271 (b) Subdistrict 7-2 shall consist of the following  
272 precincts in Hinds County: 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 23, 27,  
273 28, 29, 30, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85,  
274 Brownsville, Cynthia, Pocahontas and Tinnin.

275 (c) Subdistrict 7-3 shall consist of the following  
276 precincts in Hinds County: 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 31,  
277 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 66,  
278 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 86, 89, and Jackson State.

279 (d) Subdistrict 7-4 shall consist of the following  
280 precincts in Hinds County: 87, 88, 90, 91, 94, 95, Bolton, Byram



281 1, Byram 2, Cayuga, Chapel Hill, Clinton 1, Clinton 2, Clinton 3,  
282 Clinton 4, Clinton 5, Clinton 6, Dry Grove, Edwards, Learned, Old  
283 Byram, Pinehaven, Raymond 1, Raymond 2, Spring Ridge, St. Thomas,  
284 Terry, Utica 1 and Utica 2.

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

287 9-7-25. (1) There shall be four (4) circuit judges for the  
288 Seventh Circuit Court District. One (1) judge shall be elected  
289 from each subdistrict.

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

297 **SECTION 16.** Section 9-7-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
298 reenacted as follows:

299 9-7-27. (1) The Eighth Circuit Court District is composed  
300 of the following counties:

- 301 (a) Leake County;
- 302 (b) Neshoba County;
- 303 (c) Newton County; and
- 304 (d) Scott County.



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

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

310 **SECTION 17.** Section 9-7-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
311 reenacted as follows:

312 9-7-29. (1) The Ninth Circuit Court District is composed of  
313 the following counties:

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

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

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

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



329           **SECTION 18.** Section 9-7-30, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
330 reenacted as follows:

331           9-7-30. There shall be two (2) judges for the Ninth Circuit  
332 Court District. One (1) judge shall be elected from each  
333 subdistrict.

334           **SECTION 19.** Section 9-7-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
335 reenacted as follows:

336           9-7-31. The Tenth Circuit Court District is composed of the  
337 following counties:

- 338                   (a) Clarke County;
- 339                   (b) Kemper County;
- 340                   (c) Lauderdale County; and
- 341                   (d) Wayne County.

342           **SECTION 20.** Section 9-7-32, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
343 reenacted as follows:

344           9-7-32. (1) There shall be two (2) judges for the Tenth  
345 Circuit Court District.

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

349           **SECTION 21.** Section 9-7-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
350 reenacted as follows:

351           9-7-33. (1) The Eleventh Circuit Court District is composed  
352 of the following counties:

- 353                   (a) Bolivar County;



354 (b) Coahoma County;

355 (c) Quitman County; and

356 (d) Tunica County.

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

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

361 (i) Bolivar County: Benoit, Beulah, Boyle,  
362 Choctaw, Cleveland Courthouse, East Central Cleveland\*, East  
363 Cleveland\*, East Rosedale, Gunnison, Longshot, North Cleveland,  
364 Northwest Cleveland\*, Pace, Scott, Shaw, Skene, South Cleveland\*,  
365 Stringtown, West Central Cleveland, West Cleveland and West  
366 Rosedale; and

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

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

371 (i) Bolivar County: Cleveland Eastgate,  
372 Duncan/Alligator, East Central Cleveland\*, East Cleveland\*,  
373 Merigold, Mound Bayou, Northwest Cleveland\*, Renova, Shelby, South  
374 Cleveland\* and Winstonville;

375 (ii) Coahoma County: Cagle Crossing, Clarksdale  
376 1-4\*, Clarksdale 3-3, Clarksdale 3-4, Clarksdale 4-2, Clarksdale  
377 4-3, Dublin and Roundaway; and



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

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

382 (i) Coahoma County: Clarksdale 1-4\*, Clarksdale  
383 2-4\*, Clarksdale 5-4\*, Coahoma, Farrell\*, Friar's Point,  
384 Jonestown, Lula, Lyon and Sherard\*; and

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

387 **SECTION 22.** Section 9-7-34, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
388 reenacted as follows:

389 9-7-34. There shall be three (3) judges for the Eleventh  
390 Circuit Court District. One (1) judge shall be elected from each  
391 subdistrict.

392 **SECTION 23.** Section 9-7-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
393 reenacted as follows:

394 9-7-35. (1) The Twelfth Circuit Court District is composed  
395 of the following counties:

396 (a) Forrest County; and

397 (b) Perry County.

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





402           **SECTION 24.** Section 9-7-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
403 reenacted as follows:

404           9-7-37. (1) The Thirteenth Circuit Court District is  
405 composed of the following counties:

- 406                   (a) Covington County;
- 407                   (b) Jasper County;
- 408                   (c) Simpson County; and
- 409                   (d) Smith County.

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

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

416           9-7-39. (1) The Fourteenth Circuit Court District is  
417 composed of the following counties:

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

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

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



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

428           9-7-41. The Fifteenth Circuit Court District is composed of  
429 the following counties:

- 430                   (a) Jefferson Davis County;
- 431                   (b) Lamar County;
- 432                   (c) Lawrence County;
- 433                   (d) Marion County; and
- 434                   (e) Pearl River County.

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

437           9-7-42. (1) There shall be three (3) judges for the  
438 Fifteenth Circuit Court District.

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

446           **SECTION 28.** Section 9-7-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
447 reenacted as follows:

448           9-7-43. The Sixteenth Circuit Court District is composed of  
449 the following counties:

- 450                   (a) Clay County;



- 451 (b) Lowndes County;  
452 (c) Noxubee County; and  
453 (d) Oktibbeha County.

454 **SECTION 29.** Section 9-7-44, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
455 reenacted as follows:

456 9-7-44. (1) There shall be three (3) judges for the  
457 Sixteenth Circuit Court District.

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

467 **SECTION 30.** Section 9-7-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
468 reenacted as follows:

469 9-7-45. The Seventeenth Circuit Court District shall be  
470 composed of the following counties:

- 471 (a) Panola County;  
472 (b) Tallahatchie County;  
473 (c) Tate County; and  
474 (d) Yalobusha County.



475           **SECTION 31.** Section 9-7-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
476 reenacted as follows:

477           9-7-47. The Eighteenth Circuit Court District shall be Jones  
478 County.

479           **SECTION 32.** Section 9-7-49, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
480 reenacted as follows:

481           9-7-49. (1) The Nineteenth Circuit Court District is  
482 composed of the following counties:

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

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

491           **SECTION 33.** Section 9-7-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
492 reenacted as follows:

493           9-7-51. (1) There shall be three (3) judges for the  
494 Nineteenth Circuit Court District. The three (3) judgeships shall  
495 be separate and distinct and denominated for purposes of  
496 appointment and election only as "Place One," "Place Two" and  
497 "Place Three."

498           (2) The senior judge of the Nineteenth Circuit Court  
499 District may divide the court of any county within the district



500 into civil, criminal and appellate court divisions as a matter of  
501 convenience by the entry of an order upon the minutes of the  
502 court.

503         **SECTION 34.** Section 9-7-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
504 reenacted as follows:

505             9-7-53. The Twentieth Circuit Court District is composed of  
506 the following counties:

- 507                 (a) Madison County; and
- 508                 (b) Rankin County.

509         **SECTION 35.** Section 9-7-54, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
510 reenacted as follows:

511             9-7-54. (1) There shall be three (3) judges for the  
512 Twentieth Circuit Court District.

513             (2) The three (3) judgeships shall be separate and distinct  
514 and denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as  
515 "Place One," "Place Two" and "Place Three." The judge to fill  
516 Place One must reside in Rankin County, the judge to fill Place  
517 Two must reside in Madison County, and the judge to fill Place  
518 Three may reside in either Madison or Rankin County.

519         **SECTION 36.** Section 9-7-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
520 reenacted as follows:

521             9-7-55. The Twenty-first Circuit Court District is composed  
522 of the following counties:

- 523                 (a) Holmes County;
- 524                 (b) Humphreys County; and



525 (c) Yazoo County.

526 **SECTION 37.** Section 9-7-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
527 reenacted as follows:

528 9-7-57. The Twenty-second Circuit Court District is composed  
529 of the following counties:

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

533 **SECTION 38.** Section 9-7-63, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
534 reenacted as follows:

535 9-7-63. The Twenty-third Circuit Court District shall be  
536 DeSoto County.

537 **SECTION 39.** Section 9-7-64, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
538 reenacted as follows:

539 9-7-64. (1) There shall be two (2) circuit judges for the  
540 Twenty-third Circuit Court District.

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

544 **SECTION 40.** Section 9-5-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
545 reenacted as follows:

546 9-5-1. A chancellor shall be elected for and from each of  
547 the chancery court districts as provided in this chapter and the  
548 listing of individual precincts shall be those precincts as they  
549 existed on October 1, 1990. He shall hold court in any other



550 district with the consent of the chancellor thereof when in their  
551 opinion the public interest may be thereby promoted. The terms of  
552 all chancellors elected at the regular election for the year 1930  
553 shall begin on the first day of January, 1931, and their terms of  
554 office shall continue for four (4) years. A chancellor shall be a  
555 resident of the district in which he serves but shall not be  
556 required to be a resident of a subdistrict if the district is  
557 divided into subdistricts.

558         **SECTION 41.** Section 9-5-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
559 reenacted as follows:

560         9-5-3. (1) The state shall be divided into an appropriate  
561 number of chancery court districts, severally numbered and  
562 composed of the counties as set forth in the sections which  
563 follow. A court to be styled "The Chancery Court of the County of  
564 \_\_\_\_" shall be held in each county, and within each judicial  
565 district of a county having two (2) judicial districts, at least  
566 twice a year. Court shall be held in chancery court districts  
567 consisting of a single county on the same dates state agencies and  
568 political subdivisions are open for business excluding legal  
569 holidays. The dates upon which terms shall commence and the  
570 number of days for which terms shall continue in chancery court  
571 districts consisting of more than one (1) county shall be set by  
572 order of the chancellor in accordance with the provisions of  
573 subsection (2) of this section. A matter in court may extend past  
574 a term if the interest of justice so requires.



575           (2) An order establishing the commencement and continuation  
576 of terms of court for each of the counties within a chancery court  
577 district consisting of more than one (1) county shall be entered  
578 annually and not later than October 1 of the year immediately  
579 preceding the calendar year for which the terms of court are to  
580 become effective. Notice of the dates upon which terms of court  
581 shall commence and the number of days for which the terms shall  
582 continue in each of the counties within a chancery court district  
583 shall be posted in the office of the chancery clerk of each county  
584 within the district and mailed to the office of the Secretary of  
585 State for publication and distribution to all Mississippi Bar  
586 members. If an order is not timely entered, the terms of court  
587 for each of the counties within the chancery court district shall  
588 remain unchanged for the next calendar year.

589           (3) The number of chancellorships for each chancery court  
590 district shall be determined by the Legislature based upon the  
591 following criteria:

- 592           (a) The population of the district;
- 593           (b) The number of cases filed in the district;
- 594           (c) The caseload of each chancellor in the district;
- 595           (d) The geographic area of the district;
- 596           (e) An analysis of the needs of the district by the  
597 court personnel of the district; and
- 598           (f) Any other appropriate criteria.





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

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

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

606 (c) Method of assimilating the specified data.

607 (5) In a district having more than one (1) office of  
608 chancellor, there shall be no distinction whatsoever in the  
609 powers, duties and emoluments of those offices except that the  
610 chancellor who has been for the longest time continuously a  
611 chancellor of that court or, should no chancellor have served  
612 longer in office than the others, the chancellor who has been for  
613 the longest time a member of The Mississippi Bar shall be the  
614 senior chancellor. The senior chancellor shall have the right to  
615 assign causes and dockets and to set terms in districts consisting  
616 of more than one (1) county.

617 **SECTION 42.** Section 9-5-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
618 reenacted as follows:

619 9-5-5. The First Chancery Court District is composed of the  
620 following counties:

621 (a) Alcorn County;

622 (b) Itawamba County;

623 (c) Lee County;



- 624 (d) Monroe County;  
625 (e) Pontotoc County;  
626 (f) Prentiss County;  
627 (g) Tishomingo County; and  
628 (h) Union County.

629 **SECTION 43.** Section 9-5-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
630 reenacted as follows:

631 9-5-7. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the  
632 First Chancery Court District.

633 (2) The four (4) chancellorships shall be separate and  
634 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election  
635 only as "Place One," "Place Two," "Place Three" and "Place Four."  
636 The chancellor to fill Place One must be a resident of Alcorn,  
637 Prentiss or Tishomingo County. The chancellors to fill Place Two  
638 and Place Three must reside in Itawamba, Lee, Monroe, Pontotoc or  
639 Union County. The chancellor to fill Place Four may be a resident  
640 of any county in the district. Election of the four (4) offices  
641 of chancellor shall be by election to be held in every county  
642 within the First Chancery Court District.

643 **SECTION 44.** Section 9-5-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
644 reenacted as follows:

645 9-5-9. The Second Chancery Court District is composed of the  
646 following counties:

- 647 (a) Jasper County;  
648 (b) Newton County; and



649 (c) Scott County.

650 **SECTION 45.** Section 9-5-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
651 reenacted as follows:

652 9-5-11. (1) The Third Chancery Court District is composed  
653 of the following counties:

- 654 (a) DeSoto County;
- 655 (b) Grenada County;
- 656 (c) Montgomery County;
- 657 (d) Panola County;
- 658 (e) Tate County; and
- 659 (f) Yalobusha County.

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

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

666 **SECTION 46.** Section 9-5-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
667 reenacted as follows:

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

669 9-5-13. (1) There shall be three (3) chancellors for the  
670 Third Chancery Court District.

671 (2) (a) The chancellor of Subdistrict 3-1 shall be elected  
672 from DeSoto County. The two (2) chancellors of Subdistrict 3-2



673 shall be elected from Grenada County, Montgomery County, Panola  
674 County, Tate County and Yalobusha County.

675 (b) For purposes of appointment and election, the three  
676 (3) chancellorships shall be separate and distinct. The  
677 chancellorship in Subdistrict 3-1 shall be denominated only as  
678 "Place One," and the chancellorships in Subdistrict 3-2 shall be  
679 denominated only as "Place Two" and "Place Three."

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

682 9-5-13. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the  
683 Third Chancery Court District.

684 (2) (a) The two (2) chancellors of Subdistrict 3-1 shall be  
685 elected from DeSoto County. The two (2) chancellors of  
686 Subdistrict 3-2 shall be elected from Grenada County, Montgomery  
687 County, Panola County, Tate County and Yalobusha County.

688 (b) For purposes of appointment and election, the four  
689 (4) chancellorships shall be separate and distinct and denominated  
690 as "Place One," "Place Two," "Place Three" and "Place Four." The  
691 chancellorships in Subdistrict 3-1 shall be denominated only as  
692 "Place One" and "Place Four" and the chancellorships in  
693 Subdistrict 3-2 shall be denominated only as "Place Two" and  
694 "Place Three."

695 **SECTION 47.** Section 9-5-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
696 reenacted as follows:



697 9-5-17. (1) The Fifth Chancery Court District is composed  
698 of Hinds County.

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

701 (a) Subdistrict 5-1 shall consist of the following  
702 precincts in Hinds County: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 32, 33, 34,  
703 35, 36, 44, 45, 46, 47, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 92, 93, 96  
704 and 97.

705 (b) Subdistrict 5-2 shall consist of the following  
706 precincts in Hinds County: 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 23, 27,  
707 28, 29, 30, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85,  
708 Brownsville, Cynthia, Pocahontas and Tinnin.

709 (c) Subdistrict 5-3 shall consist of the following  
710 precincts in Hinds County: 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 31,  
711 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 66,  
712 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 86, 89 and Jackson State.

713 (d) Subdistrict 5-4 shall consist of the following  
714 precincts in Hinds County: 87, 88, 90, 91, 94, 95, Bolton, Byram  
715 1, Byram 2, Cayuga, Chapel Hill, Clinton 1, Clinton 2, Clinton 3,  
716 Clinton 4, Clinton 5, Clinton 6, Dry Grove, Edwards, Learned, Old  
717 Byram, Pinehaven, Raymond 1, Raymond 2, Spring Ridge, St. Thomas,  
718 Terry, Utica 1 and Utica 2.

719 **SECTION 48.** Section 9-5-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
720 reenacted as follows:



721 9-5-19. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the  
722 Fifth Chancery Court District. One (1) chancellor shall be  
723 elected from each subdistrict.

724 (2) While there shall be no limitation whatsoever upon the  
725 powers and duties of the said chancellors other than as cast upon  
726 them by the Constitution and laws of this state, the court in the  
727 First Judicial District of Hinds County, in the discretion of the  
728 senior chancellor, may be divided into four (4) divisions as a  
729 matter of convenience by the entry of an order upon the minutes of  
730 the court.

731 **SECTION 49.** Section 9-5-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
732 reenacted as follows:

733 9-5-21. The Sixth Chancery Court District is composed of the  
734 following counties:

- 735 (a) Attala County;
- 736 (b) Carroll County;
- 737 (c) Choctaw County;
- 738 (d) Kemper County;
- 739 (e) Neshoba County; and
- 740 (f) Winston County.

741 **SECTION 50.** Section 9-5-22, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
742 reenacted as follows:

743 9-5-22. (1) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the  
744 Sixth Chancery Court District.



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

748 **SECTION 51.** Section 9-5-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
749 reenacted as follows:

750 9-5-23. (1) The Seventh Chancery Court District is composed  
751 of the following counties:

- 752 (a) Bolivar County;
- 753 (b) Coahoma County;
- 754 (c) Leflore County;
- 755 (d) Quitman County;
- 756 (e) Tallahatchie County; and
- 757 (f) Tunica County.

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

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

764 **SECTION 52.** Section 9-5-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
765 reenacted as follows:

766 9-5-25. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the Seventh  
767 Chancery Court District. The three (3) chancellorships shall be  
768 separate and distinct. One (1) chancellor shall be elected from  
769 Subdistrict 7-1 and shall be denominated for purposes of



770 appointment and election only as "Place One," and two (2)  
771 chancellors shall be elected from Subdistrict 7-2 and shall be  
772 denominated for purposes of appointment and election only as  
773 "Place Two" and "Place Three."

774 **SECTION 53.** Section 9-5-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
775 reenacted as follows:

776 9-5-27. The Eighth Chancery Court District is composed of  
777 the following counties:

- 778 (a) Hancock County;
- 779 (b) Harrison County; and
- 780 (c) Stone County.

781 **SECTION 54.** Section 9-5-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
782 reenacted as follows:

783 9-5-29. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the  
784 Eighth Chancery Court District.

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

788 (3) While there shall be no limitation whatsoever upon the  
789 powers and duties of the chancellors other than as cast upon them  
790 by the Constitution and laws of this state, the court in the  
791 Eighth Chancery Court District, in the discretion of the senior  
792 chancellor, may be divided into four (4) divisions as a matter of  
793 convenience by the entry of an order upon the minutes of the  
794 court.





795           **SECTION 55.** Section 9-5-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
796 reenacted as follows:

797           9-5-31. (1) The Ninth Chancery Court District is composed  
798 of the following counties:

- 799                   (a) Humphreys County;
- 800                   (b) Issaquena County;
- 801                   (c) Sharkey County;
- 802                   (d) Sunflower County;
- 803                   (e) Warren County; and
- 804                   (f) Washington County.

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

831 **SECTION 56.** Section 9-5-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
832 reenacted as follows:

833 9-5-33. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the Ninth  
834 Chancery Court District. One (1) chancellor shall be elected from  
835 each subdistrict.

836 **SECTION 57.** Section 9-5-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
837 reenacted as follows:

838 9-5-35. The Tenth Chancery Court District is composed of the  
839 following counties:

- 840 (a) Forrest County;
- 841 (b) Lamar County;
- 842 (c) Marion County;
- 843 (d) Pearl River County; and
- 844 (e) Perry County.



845           **SECTION 58.** Section 9-5-36, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
846 reenacted as follows:

847           9-5-36. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the  
848 Tenth Chancery Court District.

849           (2) The four (4) chancellorships shall be separate and  
850 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election  
851 only as "Place One," "Place Two," "Place Three" and "Place Four."  
852 The chancellor to fill Place One and Place Four may be a resident  
853 of any county in the district. The chancellor to fill Place Two  
854 must be a resident of Lamar, Marion, Pearl River or Perry County.  
855 The chancellor to fill Place Three must be a resident of Forrest  
856 County. Election of the four (4) offices of chancellor shall be  
857 by election to be held in every county within the Tenth Chancery  
858 Court District.

859           **SECTION 59.** Section 9-5-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
860 reenacted as follows:

861           9-5-37. (1) The Eleventh Chancery Court District is  
862 composed of the following counties:

- 863           (a) Holmes County;
- 864           (b) Leake County;
- 865           (c) Madison County; and
- 866           (d) Yazoo County.

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



869 (a) Subdistrict 11-1 shall consist of Holmes County,  
870 Yazoo County and the following precincts in Madison County: Bible  
871 Church, Canton 4, Canton 5, Flora, Madison County Baptist Family  
872 Life Center, Magnolia Heights and Smith School;

873 (b) Subdistrict 11-2 shall consist of Leake County and  
874 the following precincts in Madison County: Bear Creek, Camden,  
875 Cameron, Canton 1, Canton 2, Canton 3, Canton 7, Cedar Grove,  
876 Cobblestone, Couparle, Gluckstadt, Highland Colony Baptist Church,  
877 Liberty, Lorman/Cavalier, Luther Branson School, Madison 1,  
878 Madison 2, Madison 3, Main Harbor, New Industrial Park, North Bay,  
879 Ratliff Ferry, Ridgeland 1, Ridgeland 3, Ridgeland 4, Ridgeland  
880 First Methodist Church, Ridgeland Tennis Center, Sharon,  
881 Sunnybrook, Tougaloo, Trace Harbor, Victory Baptist Church,  
882 Virililia, Whisper Lake and Yandell Road.

883 **SECTION 60.** Section 9-5-38, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
884 reenacted as follows:

885 9-5-38. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the  
886 Eleventh Chancery Court District. The three (3) chancellorships  
887 shall be separate and distinct. One (1) chancellor shall be  
888 elected from Subdistrict 11-1 and denominated for purposes of  
889 appointment and election only as "Place One," one (1) chancellor  
890 shall be elected from Subdistrict 11-2 and denominated for  
891 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place Two," and one  
892 (1) chancellor shall be elected at large from the entire Eleventh



893 Chancery Court District and denominated for purposes of  
894 appointment and election only as "Place Three."

895 **SECTION 61.** Section 9-5-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
896 reenacted as follows:

897 9-5-39. The Twelfth Chancery Court District is composed of  
898 the following counties:

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

901 **SECTION 62.** Section 9-5-40, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
902 reenacted as follows:

903 9-5-40. (1) There shall be two (2) judges for the Twelfth  
904 Chancery Court District.

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

908 **SECTION 63.** Section 9-5-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
909 reenacted as follows:

910 9-5-41. (1) The Thirteenth Chancery Court District is  
911 composed of the following counties:

- 912 (a) Covington County;
- 913 (b) Jefferson Davis County;
- 914 (c) Lawrence County;
- 915 (d) Simpson County; and
- 916 (e) Smith County.



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

921 **SECTION 64.** Section 9-5-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
922 reenacted as follows:

923 9-5-43. (1) The Fourteenth Chancery Court District is  
924 composed of the following counties:

- 925 (a) Chickasaw County;
- 926 (b) Clay County;
- 927 (c) Lowndes County;
- 928 (d) Noxubee County;
- 929 (e) Oktibbeha County; and
- 930 (f) Webster County.

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

- 933 (a) Subdistrict 14-1 shall consist of Chickasaw County,  
934 Webster County and the following precincts in Oktibbeha County:  
935 Bell Schoolhouse\*, Bradley, Center Grove, Central Starkville\*,  
936 Craig Springs, Double Springs, East Starkville\*, Gillespie Street  
937 Center\*, Maben, North Adaton, North Longview, North Starkville 2\*,  
938 North Starkville 3, Northeast Starkville, Self Creek, South  
939 Adaton, South Longview, South Starkville\*, Sturgis and West  
940 Starkville\*.



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

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

945 (ii) Lowndes County: Air Base A, Air Base B, Air  
946 Base C, Air Base D, Air Base E, Brandon A, Brandon B, Brandon C,  
947 Brandon D, Caledonia, Columbus High School A, Columbus High School  
948 B, Columbus High School C, Columbus High School D, Dowdle Gas  
949 Training Center B, Fairgrounds C, Fairgrounds E, Fairgrounds F,  
950 Hunt C, Lee Middle School, Mitchell A, New Hope A, New Hope B, New  
951 Hope C, New Hope D, New Hope E, Rural Hill A, Rural Hill B, Rural  
952 Hill C, Sale A, Sale B, Sale C, Steens A, Steens B, Steens C,  
953 Trinity B, Union Academy B, Union Academy C and University A.

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

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

958 (ii) Lowndes County: Artesia, Coleman A, Coleman  
959 B, Crawford A, Fairgrounds A, Fairgrounds B, Fairgrounds D,  
960 Fairgrounds G, Hunt A, Hunt B, Mitchell B, New Hope F, Plum Grove  
961 A, Plum Grove B, Plum Grove C, Propst Park Community Hut, Trinity  
962 A, Union Academy A, University B, West Lowndes A and West Lowndes  
963 B; and

964 (iii) Oktibbeha County: Bell Schoolhouse\*,  
965 Central Starkville\*, East Starkville\*, Gillespie Street Center\*,



966 Hickory Grove, North Starkville 2\*, Oktoc, Osborn, Sessums, South  
967 Starkville\*, Southeast Oktibbeha and West Starkville\*.

968 **SECTION 65.** Section 9-5-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
969 reenacted as follows:

970 9-5-45. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the  
971 Fourteenth Chancery Court District. One (1) chancellor shall be  
972 elected from each subdistrict.

973 **SECTION 66.** Section 9-5-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
974 reenacted as follows:

975 9-5-47. The Fifteenth Chancery Court District is composed of  
976 the following counties:

- 977 (a) Covich County; and  
978 (b) Lincoln County.

979 **SECTION 67.** Section 9-5-49, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
980 reenacted as follows:

981 9-5-49. The Sixteenth Chancery Court District is composed of  
982 the following counties:

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

986 **SECTION 68.** Section 9-5-50, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
987 reenacted as follows:

988 9-5-50. (1) There shall be three (3) chancellors for the  
989 Sixteenth Chancery Court District.





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

993           **SECTION 69.** Section 9-5-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
994 reenacted as follows:

995           9-5-51. (1) The Seventeenth Chancery Court District is  
996 composed of the following counties:

- 997                   (a) Adams County;
- 998                   (b) Claiborne County;
- 999                   (c) Jefferson County; and
- 1000                   (d) Wilkinson County.

1001           (2) The Seventeenth Chancery Court District shall be divided  
1002 into two (2) subdistricts as follows:

1003                   (a) Subdistrict 17-1 shall consist of Claiborne County,  
1004 Jefferson County, and the following precincts in Adams County:  
1005 Airport Carpenter\*, Convention Center\*, Foster Mound, Maryland\*,  
1006 Northside School, Palestine, Pine Ridge, Thompson and Washington\*.

1007                   (b) Subdistrict 17-2 shall consist of Wilkinson County  
1008 and the following precincts in Adams County: Beau Pre, Bellemont,  
1009 By-Pass Fire Station, Carpenter\*, Concord, Convention Center\*,  
1010 Courthouse, Duncan Park, Kingston, Liberty Park, Maryland\*,  
1011 Morgantown, Oakland and Washington\*.

1012           (3) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the Seventeenth  
1013 Chancery Court District. One (1) chancellor shall be elected from  
1014 each subdistrict.



1015           **SECTION 70.** Section 9-5-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1016 reenacted as follows:

1017           9-5-53. The Eighteenth Chancery Court District is composed  
1018 of the following counties:

- 1019                   (a) Benton County;
- 1020                   (b) Calhoun County;
- 1021                   (c) Lafayette County;
- 1022                   (d) Marshall County; and
- 1023                   (e) Tippah County.

1024           **SECTION 71.** Section 9-5-54, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1025 reenacted as follows:

1026           9-5-54. (1) There shall be two (2) chancellors for the  
1027 Eighteenth Chancery Court District.

1028           (2) The two (2) chancellorships shall be separate and  
1029 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election  
1030 only as "Place One" and "Place Two."

1031           **SECTION 72.** Section 9-5-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1032 reenacted as follows:

1033           9-5-55. The Nineteenth Chancery Court District is composed  
1034 of the following counties:

- 1035                   (a) Jones County; and
- 1036                   (b) Wayne County.

1037           **SECTION 73.** Section 9-5-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1038 reenacted as follows:



1039 9-5-57. The Twentieth Chancery Court District shall be  
1040 Rankin County.

1041 **SECTION 74.** Section 9-5-58, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
1042 reenacted as follows:

1043 9-5-58. There shall be three (3) chancellors for the  
1044 Twentieth Chancery Court District. For purposes of appointment  
1045 and election the three (3) chancellorships shall be separate and  
1046 distinct and denominated for purposes of appointment and election  
1047 only as "Place One," "Place Two" and "Place Three."

1048 **SECTION 75.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
1049 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 REDISTRIBUTE THE CIRCUIT AND CHANCERY COURT DISTRICTS  
2 PURSUANT TO SECTION 152 OF ARTICLE 6 OF THE MISSISSIPPI  
3 CONSTITUTION OF 1890; TO REENACT SECTIONS 9-7-1, 9-7-3, 9-7-5,  
4 9-7-7, 9-7-9, 9-7-11, 9-7-13, 9-7-14, 9-7-15, 9-7-17, 9-7-19,  
5 9-7-20, 9-7-21, 9-7-23, 9-7-25, 9-7-27, 9-7-29, 9-7-30, 9-7-31,  
6 9-7-32, 9-7-33, 9-7-34, 9-7-35, 9-7-37, 9-7-39, 9-7-41, 9-7-42,  
7 9-7-43, 9-7-44, 9-7-45, 9-7-47, 9-7-49, 9-7-51, 9-7-53, 9-7-54,  
8 9-7-55, 9-7-57, 9-7-63 AND 9-7-64, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH  
9 PROVIDE FOR CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES, DISTRICTS AND TERMS OF COURT FOR  
10 DISTRICTS ONE TO TWENTY-THREE; TO REENACT SECTIONS 9-5-1, 9-5-3,  
11 9-5-5, 9-5-7, 9-5-9, 9-5-11, 9-5-13, 9-5-17, 9-5-19, 9-5-21,  
12 9-5-22, 9-5-23, 9-5-25, 9-5-27, 9-5-29, 9-5-31, 9-5-33, 9-5-35,  
13 9-5-36, 9-5-37, 9-5-38, 9-5-39, 9-5-40, 9-5-41, 9-5-43, 9-5-45,  
14 9-5-47, 9-5-49, 9-5-50, 9-5-51, 9-5-53, 9-5-54, 9-5-55, 9-5-57 AND  
15 9-5-58, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDE FOR CHANCERY COURT  
16 JUDGES, DISTRICTS AND TERMS OF COURT FOR DISTRICTS ONE TO TWENTY;  
17 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

