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To: Judiciary; Elections

SENATE BILL NO. 2140
(As Passed the Senate)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-7-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 CREATE AN ADDITIONAL JUDGESHIP FOR THE FIRST CIRCUIT COURT
3 DISTRICT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 9-7-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:[WAN1]

7 9-7-7. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section,
8 there shall be three (3) judges for the First Circuit Court
9 District.

10 (2) From and after January 1, 2001, there shall be four (4)
11 judges for the First Circuit Court District. The initial term for
12 the judgeship created under this subsection shall begin on January
13 1, 2001, and shall end at the same time as the terms of circuit
14 judges generally. The initial holder of the judgeship created by
15 this subsection shall be appointed.

16 SECTION 2. The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
17 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
18 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the
19 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
20 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
21 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
22 extended.

23 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from
24 and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting
25 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended, subject to the
26 availability of funds specifically appropriated therefor by the

27 Legislature during the 2000 Regular Session or any subsequent
28 session. It is the intent of the Legislature that this act shall
29 not take effect until the Legislature has funded the
30 implementation thereof by line item appropriation as certified to
31 the Secretary of State by the Legislative Budget Office.