

By: Senator(s) Nunnelee

To: Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2029

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:

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

9 (2) The initial term for the fourth judgeship created under  
10 this subsection shall begin on January 1, 2003, and shall end at  
11 the same time as the terms of circuit judges generally. The  
12 initial holder of the judgeship created by this subsection shall  
13 be appointed.

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

21 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
22 and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting  
23 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended, or on January 1,  
24 2003, whichever is later.

