By: Representative Watson

To: Judiciary A; Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 566

- AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-7-35, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL JUDGE FOR THE TWELFTH CIRCUIT COURT
- 3 DISTRICT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
- 5 **SECTION 1.** Section 9-7-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 6 amended as follows:
- 7 9-7-35. (1) The Twelfth Circuit Court District shall be
- 8 comprised of the following counties:
- 9 (a) Forrest County; and
- 10 (b) Perry County.
- 11 (2) There shall be two (2) judges for the Twelfth Circuit
- 12 Court District.
- 13 **SECTION 2**. The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
- 14 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
- 15 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the
- 16 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
- 17 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
- 18 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
- 19 extended.
- 20 **SECTION 3**. This act shall take effect and be in force from
- 21 and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting
- 22 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.