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To: Judiciary;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2302

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 subsection (1) shall begin on January 1, 2004, and shall end at
11 the same time as the terms of circuit judges generally. The
12 initial holder of the fourth judgeship created by subsection (1)
13 shall 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 2004, whichever is later. circuit Court District.

