

By: Representatives Baker (74th), Blackmon, Denny, Fleming, Gunn, Martinson, Moore, Reeves, Rogers (61st), Rotenberry, Smith (59th), Weathersby

To: Judiciary A; Apportionment and Elections

HOUSE BILL NO. 303

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-7-54, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE FOR POSTS IN THE TWENTIETH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT; AND FOR
3 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 9-7-54, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 9-7-54. (1) There shall be two (2) judges for the Twentieth
8 Circuit Court District.

9 (2) For the purpose of appointment and election, the two (2)
10 judgeships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for
11 purposes of election only as "Place One" and "Place Two."

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

19 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
20 and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting
21 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.