SENATE BILL NO. 2292

1   AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-7-81, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REVISE THE AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY WHICH TRIGGERS THE JURISDICTION
3 OF CIRCUIT COURT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-11-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
4 1972, TO REVISE THE AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY WHICH TRIGGERS THE
5 JURISDICTION OF JUSTICE COURT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7   **SECTION 1.** Section 9-7-81, Mississippi Code of 1972, is

8 amended as follows:

9   9-7-81. The circuit court shall have original jurisdiction

10 in all actions when the principal of the amount in controversy

11 exceeds Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($2,500.00), and of all

12 other actions and causes, matters and things arising under the

13 constitution and laws of this state which are not exclusively

14 cognizable in some other court, and such appellate jurisdiction as

15 prescribed by law. Such court shall have power to hear and

16 determine all prosecutions in the name of the state for treason,

17 felonies, crimes and misdemeanors, except such as may be

18 exclusively cognizable before some other court; and said court

19 shall have all the powers belonging to a court of oyer and

20 terminer and general jail delivery, and may do and perform all

21 other acts properly pertaining to a circuit court of law.

22   **SECTION 2.** Section 9-11-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is

23 amended as follows:

24   9-11-9. Justice court judges shall have exclusive

25 jurisdiction of all actions for the recovery of debts or damages

26 or personal property, where the principal of the debt, the amount

27 of the demand, or the value of the property sought to be recovered

28 shall not exceed Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($2,500.00).

29   The justice court judges shall have no pecuniary interest in

30 the outcome of any action once suit has been filed.

31   **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from

32 and after July 1, 2004, and shall apply only to causes of action

33 filed after that date.

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PAGE 2   and justice court.