

By: Representative Watson

To: Judiciary A;  
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 552

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-7-35, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 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.