

By: Representative Watson

To: Judiciary A;  
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1085

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-5-36, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL CHANCELLOR FOR THE TENTH CHANCERY COURT  
3 DISTRICT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 9-5-36, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 9-5-36. (1) There shall be four (4) chancellors for the  
8 Tenth Chancery Court District.

9 (2) For purposes of appointment and election, the three (3)  
10 chancellorships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for  
11 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One," "Place  
12 Two," and "Place Three," and "Place Four," respectively. The  
13 chancellor to fill Place One shall be a resident of Forrest,  
14 Lamar, Marion, Pearl River or Perry County. The chancellor to  
15 fill Place Two shall be a resident of Lamar, Marion, Pearl River  
16 or Perry County. The chancellor to fill Place Three shall be a  
17 resident of Forrest County. The chancellor to fill Place Four  
18 shall be a resident of Forrest, Lamar, Marion, Pearl River or  
19 Perry County. Election of the three (3) offices of chancellor  
20 shall be by election to be held in every county within the Tenth  
21 Chancery Court District of Mississippi.

22 **SECTION 2.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi  
23 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,  
24 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the  
25 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States  
26 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the

27 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and  
28 extended.

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