

By: Senator(s) Albritton

To: Judiciary, Division A;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2109

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-5-36, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 ADD A CHANCELLOR TO THE TENTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT; TO AMEND
3 SECTION 23-15-977, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT A
4 PERSON MAY BE A CANDIDATE FOR ONLY ONE JUDICIAL POST AT A TIME;
5 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

11 (2) For purposes of appointment and election, the four (4)
12 chancellorships shall be separate and distinct and denominated for
13 purposes of appointment and election only as "Place One," "Place
14 Two," * * * "Place Three" and "Place Four," respectively. The
15 chancellor to fill Place One shall be a resident of Forrest,
16 Lamar, Marion, Pearl River or Perry County. The chancellor to
17 fill Place Two shall be a resident of Lamar, Marion, Pearl River
18 or Perry County. The chancellor to fill Place Three shall be a
19 resident of Forrest County. The chancellor to fill Place Four
20 shall be elected at-large from the Tenth Chancery Court District.

21 Election of the four (4) offices of chancellor shall be by
22 election to be held in every county within the Tenth Chancery
23 Court District of Mississippi.

24 **SECTION 2.** Section 23-15-977, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
25 amended as follows:

26 23-15-977. (1) * * * Candidates for judicial office as
27 defined in Section 23-15-975 of this subarticle shall file the
28 intent to be a candidate with the proper officials not later than

29 5:00 p.m. on the first Friday after the first Monday in May prior
30 to the general election for judicial office and shall pay to the
31 proper officials the following amounts:

32 (a) Candidates for Supreme Court judge and Court of
33 Appeals, the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

34 (b) Candidates for circuit judge and chancellor, the
35 sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

36 (c) Candidates for county judge and family court judge,
37 the sum of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00).

38 (2) Candidates for judicial offices listed in paragraphs (a)
39 and (b) of subsection (1) of this section shall file the intent to
40 be a candidate with, and pay the proper assessment made pursuant
41 to subsection (1) of this section to, the State Board of Election
42 Commissioners.

43 (3) Candidates for judicial offices listed in paragraph (c)
44 of subsection (1) of this section shall file the intent to be a
45 candidate with, and pay the proper assessment made pursuant to
46 subsection (1) of this section to, the circuit clerk of the proper
47 county. The circuit clerk shall notify the county commissioners
48 of election of all persons who have filed the intent to be a
49 candidate with, and paid the proper assessment to, such clerk.
50 Such notification shall occur within two (2) business days and
51 shall contain all necessary information.

52 (4) A candidate may qualify for only one (1) judicial
53 office.

54 **SECTION 3.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
55 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
56 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the
57 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
58 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
59 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
60 extended.

61 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
62 and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting
63 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.