

By: Representatives Banks, Calhoun, Evans

To: Judiciary A;
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1288

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 9-7-23 AND 9-7-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE
2 OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR FIVE JUDGES FOR THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT
3 DISTRICT; TO REVISE THE SUBDISTRICTS OF THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT
4 DISTRICT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 9-7-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 9-7-23. (1) The Seventh Circuit Court District shall be
9 comprised of Hinds County.

10 (2) The Seventh Circuit Court District shall be divided into
11 five (5) subdistricts in Hinds County as follows:

12 (a) Subdistrict 7-1 shall be the same as Supervisor
13 District 1.

14 (b) Subdistrict 7-2 shall be the same as Supervisor
15 District 2.

16 (c) Subdistrict 7-3 shall be the same as Supervisor
17 District 3.

18 (d) Subdistrict 7-4 shall be the same as Supervisor
19 District 4.

20 (e) Subdistrict 7-5 shall be the same as Supervisor
21 District 5.

22 **SECTION 2.** Section 9-7-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
23 amended as follows:

24 9-7-25. (1) There shall be five (5) circuit judges for the
25 Seventh Circuit Court District. One (1) judge shall be elected
26 from each subdistrict.

27 (2) While there shall be no limitation whatsoever upon the
28 powers and duties of the said judges other than as cast upon them

29 by the Constitution and laws of this state, the court in the First
30 Judicial District of Hinds County, in the discretion of the senior
31 circuit judge, may be divided into civil and criminal divisions as
32 a matter of convenience, by the entry of an order upon the minutes
33 of the court.

34 **SECTION 3.** The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
35 shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
36 or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the
37 Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
38 District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
39 provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
40 extended.

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