

**Adopted  
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

**House Bill No. 1020**

**BY: Committee**

**Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting  
in lieu thereof the following:**

37        SECTION 1. (1) There shall be three (3) temporary special  
38 circuit judges for the Seventh Circuit Court District with no  
39 limitation whatsoever upon the powers and duties of the said  
40 judges other than as cast upon them by the Constitution and laws  
41 of this state.

42        (2) There shall be two (2) temporary special circuit judges  
43 for the Seventh Circuit Court District with the limitation upon  
44 the powers and duties of the judges authorized under this  
45 subsection that the judges shall hear only criminal matters, as



46 well as those limitations cast upon them by the Constitution and  
47 laws of this state.

48 (3) No later than fifteen (15) days after the passage of  
49 this act, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall appoint the  
50 judges authorized under this section. The Chief Justice of the  
51 Supreme Court may elect to reappoint circuit judges currently  
52 serving on a temporary basis in the Seventh Circuit Court  
53 District.

54 (4) This section shall stand repealed on December 1, 2026.

55 **SECTION 2.** Three (3) full-time legal assistants are  
56 authorized in the Seventh Circuit Court District in addition to  
57 the full-time legal assistants authorized by Section  
58 25-31-5(1)(g).

59 **SECTION 3.** The public defender of the Seventh Circuit Court  
60 District may appoint three (3) full-time assistant public  
61 defenders in addition to those authorized by Section 25-32-3. The  
62 full-time assistant public defenders shall receive the same  
63 compensation as provided by law for full-time assistant public  
64 defenders to be paid from funds specifically appropriated therefor  
65 by the Legislature.

66 **SECTION 4.** Section 19-23-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
67 amended as follows:

68 19-23-21. (1) The county attorney of any county bordering  
69 on the Gulf of Mexico and having two (2) judicial districts may  
70 appoint an assistant county attorney from the judicial district in



71 which the county attorney does not reside, to serve for a term  
72 commensurate with the county attorney; the assistant county  
73 attorney shall receive the same salary, mileage expense account  
74 and secretarial assistance as provided by law for the county  
75 attorney and shall have the same duties and powers as the county  
76 attorney, subject to the direction of the county attorney.

77 (2) (a) The county attorney of any county housing the seat  
78 of state government, wherein U.S. Highways 80 and 49 intersect,  
79 and having two (2) judicial districts, may appoint two (2)  
80 temporary assistant county attorneys; the temporary assistant  
81 county attorneys shall receive the same salary, mileage expense  
82 account and secretarial assistance as provided by law for the  
83 county attorney to be paid from funds specifically appropriated  
84 therefor by the Legislature; the temporary assistant county  
85 attorneys shall have the same duties and powers as the county  
86 attorney, subject to the direction of the county attorney.

87 (b) This subsection shall stand repealed on December 1,  
88 2026.

89 **SECTION 5.** Section 9-7-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
90 amended as follows:

91 9-7-25. (1) There shall be four (4) circuit judges for the  
92 Seventh Circuit Court District. One (1) judge shall be elected  
93 from each subdistrict as provided by Section 9-7-23(2)(a) through  
94 (d).



95 (2) While there shall be no limitation whatsoever upon the  
96 powers and duties of the said judges other than as cast upon them  
97 by the Constitution and laws of this state, the court in the First  
98 Judicial District of Hinds County, in the discretion of the senior  
99 circuit judge, may be divided into civil and criminal divisions as  
100 a matter of convenience, by the entry of an order upon the minutes  
101 of the court.

102 (3) On January 1, 2026, there shall be one (1) circuit judge  
103 for the Seventh Circuit Court District in addition to the judges  
104 authorized in subsection (1) of this section. The judge  
105 authorized under this subsection shall be elected from the  
106 subdistrict as provided by Section 9-7-23(2)(e).

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

109 9-7-23. (1) The Seventh Circuit Court District shall be  
110 Hinds County.

111 (2) The Seventh Circuit Court District shall be divided into  
112 four (4) subdistricts in Hinds County as follows:

113 (a) Subdistrict 7-1 shall consist of the following  
114 precincts in Hinds County: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 32, 33, 34,  
115 35, 36, 44, 45, 46, 47, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 92, 93, 96  
116 and 97.

117 (b) Subdistrict 7-2 shall consist of the following  
118 precincts in Hinds County: 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 23, 27,



119 28, 29, 30, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85,  
120 Brownsville, Cynthia, Pocahontas and Tinnin.

121 (c) Subdistrict 7-3 shall consist of the following  
122 precincts in Hinds County: 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 31,  
123 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 66,  
124 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 86, 89, and Jackson State.

125 (d) Subdistrict 7-4 shall consist of the following  
126 precincts in Hinds County: 87, 88, 90, 91, 94, 95, Bolton, Byram  
127 1, Byram 2, Cayuga, Chapel Hill, Clinton 1, Clinton 2, Clinton 3,  
128 Clinton 4, Clinton 5, Clinton 6, Dry Grove, Edwards, Learned, Old  
129 Byram, Pinehaven, Raymond 1, Raymond 2, Spring Ridge, St. Thomas,  
130 Terry, Utica 1 and Utica 2.

131 (e) Subdistrict 7-5 shall consist of the precincts in  
132 Hinds County to be determined by the Legislature before January 1,  
133 2026.

134 **SECTION 7.** The Department of Public Safety shall issue all  
135 patrol police officers within the Office of Capitol Police  
136 body-worn cameras that shall be worn on the uniforms of the patrol  
137 officers. As used in this section, "body-worn cameras" means  
138 devices that are worn by police officers which electronically  
139 record audio and video of the activities of the officers.

140 **SECTION 8.** Section 45-1-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
141 amended as follows:

142 45-1-19. (1) The Department of Public Safety, through the  
143 Office of Capitol Police, shall have jurisdiction relative to the



144 enforcement of all laws of the State of Mississippi on the  
145 properties, from curb to curb, including adjoining streets,  
146 sidewalks and leased parking lots within the Capitol Complex, set  
147 forth in Section 29-5-2, the Governor's Mansion, the Court of  
148 Appeals Building, the Mississippi Department of Transportation  
149 Building and the Public Employees' Retirement System Building, and  
150 any property purchased, constructed or otherwise acquired by the  
151 State of Mississippi for conducting state business and not  
152 specifically under the supervision and care by any other state  
153 entity, but which is reasonably assumed the Department of Public  
154 Safety would be responsible for such. The Department of Public  
155 Safety shall, through any person or persons appointed by the  
156 commissioner, make arrests for any violation of any law of the  
157 State of Mississippi on the grounds of or within those properties.  
158 The Department of Public Safety shall, in addition, enforce the  
159 provisions of this section and Sections 29-5-57 through 29-5-67,  
160 29-5-73 through 29-5-75, and 29-5-81 through 29-5-95, and  
161 prescribe such rules and regulations as are necessary therefor.  
162 The powers and duties related to the administration of Sections  
163 29-5-57 through 29-5-67, 29-5-73 through 29-5-75, and 29-5-81  
164 through 29-5-95 shall remain with the Department of Finance and  
165 Administration.

166 (2) Subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees of  
167 State Institutions of Higher Learning, the Board of Trustees and  
168 the Department of Public Safety shall be authorized to enter into



169 a contract for the Department of Public Safety to supply the  
170 security personnel with jurisdiction to enforce all laws of the  
171 State of Mississippi on the property of the Board of Trustees  
172 located at the corner of Ridgewood Road and Lakeland Drive in the  
173 City of Jackson.

174 (3) The Department of Public Safety and the Department of  
175 Agriculture are authorized to enter into a contract for the  
176 Department of Public Safety to have jurisdiction and enforce all  
177 laws of the State of Mississippi on the property of the Department  
178 of Agriculture located at 121 North Jefferson Street and the new  
179 Farmers Market Building located at the corner of High and  
180 Jefferson Streets in the City of Jackson, Hinds County,  
181 Mississippi. It is the intent of the Legislature that the  
182 Department of Public Safety will not post any security personnel  
183 at such buildings, but will provide regular vehicle patrols and  
184 responses to security system alarms.

185 (4) The Department of Public Safety and the Mississippi Fair  
186 Commission are authorized to enter into a contract for the  
187 Department of Public Safety to have jurisdiction and enforce all  
188 laws of the State of Mississippi on the property of the  
189 Mississippi Fair Commission known as the "Mississippi State  
190 Fairgrounds Complex" and any and all of its outlying buildings and  
191 property. The Department of Public Safety and the Mississippi  
192 Fair Commission are authorized to enter into a contract for the  
193 Department of Public Safety to supply the security personnel to



194 the Mississippi Fair Commission with jurisdiction to enforce all  
195 laws of the State of Mississippi on this property and any and all  
196 buildings on this property.

197 (5) The Department of Public Safety and the Department of  
198 Revenue are authorized to enter into a contract for the Department  
199 of Public Safety to supply the security personnel with  
200 jurisdiction to enforce all laws of the State of Mississippi at  
201 the Alcoholic Beverage Control facility and the Department of  
202 Revenue main office.

203 (6) The Department of Public Safety shall have jurisdiction  
204 relative to the enforcement of all laws of the State of  
205 Mississippi within the boundaries of the Capitol Complex  
206 Improvement District created in Section 29-5-203 and within the  
207 boundaries of the City of Jackson, Mississippi. The Department of  
208 Public Safety shall, through any person or persons appointed by  
209 the Department of Public Safety, make arrests for any violation of  
210 any law of the State of Mississippi which occurs within the  
211 boundaries of the district and the City of Jackson. The  
212 jurisdiction of the Department of Public Safety granted under this  
213 subsection (6) shall be concurrent with the jurisdiction of the  
214 City of Jackson, Mississippi, and that of Hinds County,  
215 Mississippi. The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety  
216 and City of Jackson shall enter into a Memorandum of Understanding  
217 by July 1, 2023, which shall be mutually beneficial to both  
218 parties detailing the expectations of both parties. The execution





219 of or failure to execute such a memorandum shall not affect any  
220 grant of jurisdiction under this subsection. In the event the  
221 memorandum is not executed any dispute related to the law  
222 enforcement functions of the Office of Capitol Police within the  
223 boundaries of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, shall be resolved  
224 in favor of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety.  
225 At any time and/or during any event necessitating the coordination  
226 of and/or utilization at multiple jurisdictions, as determined by  
227 the Chief of Capitol Police or the Commissioner, the Department of  
228 Public Safety shall be the lead agency when the event occurs on  
229 property as defined herein that is owned or leased by the state as  
230 provided in subsection (1) of this section. Written authorization  
231 of the Chief of the Capitol Police or the Commissioner shall be  
232 required prior to the approval of any event which is to take place  
233 on any street or sidewalk immediately adjacent to any building or  
234 property owned or occupied by any official, agency, board,  
235 commission, office or other entity of the State of Mississippi, or  
236 which can reasonably be expected to block, impede or otherwise  
237 hinder ingress thereto and/or egress therefrom. The jurisdiction  
238 and authority of the Department of Public Safety under this  
239 subsection (6) shall be in addition to any other jurisdiction and  
240 authority provided to the department under this section or any  
241 other law.

242 (7) The Department of Public Safety is authorized to enter  
243 into a contract with any county for the county to take custody of



244 the misdemeanor offenders arrested under the authority granted  
245 under this section.

246 (8) All accrued personal leave earned pursuant to Section  
247 25-3-93, accrued major medical leave earned pursuant to Section  
248 25-3-95, accrued state compensatory leave earned pursuant to  
249 Section 25-3-92, and compensatory leave earned pursuant to the  
250 Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) shall transfer from the Department  
251 of Finance and Administration to the Department of Public Safety  
252 for all employees transferred under this section.

253 **SECTION 9.** Candidates for the judgeship authorized in  
254 Section 9-7-25(2) shall qualify as provided by Section 23-15-977  
255 and shall run for office and be elected as provided in Sections  
256 23-15-974 through 23-15-985 (Nonpartisan Judicial Election Act).  
257 The term of the office of the circuit court judgeship authorized  
258 in Section 9-7-25(2) shall begin on January 1, 2027, and their  
259 terms shall continue for four (4) years as is otherwise provided  
260 by law.

261 **SECTION 10.** Except for Section 8 of this act, this act shall  
262 take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023. Section  
263 8 of this act shall take effect and be in force from and after  
264 October 1, 2023.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FIVE TEMPORARY CIRCUIT JUDGES FOR THE FIRST  
2 JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT UNTIL



3 DECEMBER 1, 2026; TO PROVIDE THAT TWO OF THE TEMPORARY CIRCUIT  
4 JUDGES OF THE FIVE AUTHORIZED IN THIS ACT BE LIMITED TO HEAR ONLY  
5 CRIMINAL MATTERS; TO AUTHORIZE THREE FULL-TIME LEGAL ASSISTANTS IN  
6 THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT IN ADDITION TO THE FULL-TIME  
7 LEGAL ASSISTANTS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 25-31-5(1)(G); TO AUTHORIZE  
8 THREE FULL-TIME ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDERS IN THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT  
9 COURT DISTRICT IN ADDITION TO THE FULL-TIME ASSISTANT PUBLIC  
10 DEFENDERS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 25-32-3; TO AMEND SECTION  
11 19-23-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY  
12 PROSECUTING ATTORNEY OF HINDS COUNTY TO APPOINT TWO TEMPORARY  
13 ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEYS; TO AMEND SECTION 9-7-25, MISSISSIPPI  
14 CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADDITIONAL CIRCUIT JUDGE TO BE  
15 ELECTED IN THE 2026 GENERAL ELECTION SHALL BE ELECTED FROM A  
16 SUBDISTRICT TO BE DETERMINED BY THE LEGISLATURE; TO AMEND SECTION  
17 9-7-23, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE ONE ADDITIONAL  
18 CIRCUIT JUDGE TO BE ELECTED FROM THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT  
19 DISTRICT IN THE 2026 GENERAL ELECTION; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT  
20 OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ISSUE ALL CAPITOL POLICE PATROL OFFICERS  
21 BODY-WORN CAMERAS; TO AMEND SECTION 45-1-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
22 1972, TO INCLUDE THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION WITHIN THE LIST OF  
23 STATE-OWNED BUILDINGS OVER WHICH THE OFFICE OF CAPITOL POLICE HAS  
24 JURISDICTION; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
25 SHALL HAVE JURISDICTION RELATIVE TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF ALL LAWS OF  
26 THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF  
27 JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
28 AND THE CITY OF JACKSON TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF  
29 UNDERSTANDING BY A CERTAIN DATE; TO REQUIRE THE WRITTEN  
30 AUTHORIZATION OF THE CHIEF OF THE CAPITOL POLICE OR THE  
31 COMMISSIONER PRIOR TO THE APPROVAL OF ANY EVENT WHICH IS TO TAKE  
32 PLACE ON ANY STREET OR SIDEWALK IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO ANY  
33 BUILDING OR PROPERTY OWNED OR OCCUPIED BY ANY OFFICIAL, AGENCY,  
34 BOARD, COMMISSION, OFFICE OR OTHER ENTITY OF THE STATE OF  
35 MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

