By: Representative Hines

To: Judiciary B; Appropriations A

HOUSE BILL NO. 454

AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTIONS 9-23-101, 9-23-103, 9-23-105, 2 9-23-107, 9-23-109, 9-23-111, 9-23-113 AND 9-23-115, MISSISSIPPI 3 CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE AUTHORITY FOR A CHANCERY OR COUNTY COURT TO ESTABLISH A DOMESTIC ABUSE COURT AND TO PROVIDE AUTHORITY FOR 5 JUSTICE AND MUNICIPAL COURTS TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH A COURT; TO 6 DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ENACTMENT OF STANDARDS OF 7 OPERATION TO GOVERN THE OPERATION OF DOMESTIC ABUSE COURTS BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF COURTS; TO CREATE THE DOMESTIC ABUSE 8 9 COURT SPECIAL FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 99-19-73, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE AN ASSESSMENT TO FUND DOMESTIC ABUSE COURTS; TO 10 11 AMEND SECTIONS 9-5-81 AND 9-9-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO 12 CONFORM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

- BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:
- 14 **SECTION 1.** The Legislature finds that:
- 15 (a) Domestic violence is a serious issue that causes
- 16 substantial damage to victims and children as well as to the
- 17 community. Families experiencing domestic violence are often
- 18 involved in more than one (1) court proceeding including divorce
- 19 and custody cases, civil and criminal proceedings regarding
- 20 domestic violence, substance abuse and child protection.
- 21 Substantial state and county resources are required each year for
- 22 the incarceration, supervision and treatment of batterers.

23 (b)	Domestic	abuse	courts	hold	offenders	accountable,

- 24 increase victim safety, provide greater judicial monitoring, and
- 25 coordinate information to provide effective interaction and use of
- 26 resources among the courts, justice system personnel and community
- 27 agencies. Effective case management and coordination ensures that
- 28 decisions in one (1) case do not conflict with existing orders in
- 29 other civil and criminal cases and provide courts with the
- 30 necessary information to protect victims and families.
- 31 (c) Domestic abuse courts have proven effective in
- 32 reducing recidivism and increasing victim safety. It is in the
- 33 best interests of the citizens of this state to authorize the
- 34 establishment of domestic abuse courts.
- 35 **SECTION 2.** The following shall be codified as Section
- 36 9-23-101, Mississippi Code of 1972:
- 37 9-23-101. (1) A domestic abuse court is a court focused on
- 38 the safety of the victim and the accountability of the offender
- 39 by:
- 40 (a) Bringing together criminal justice professionals,
- 41 local social programs and intensive judicial monitoring;
- 42 (b) Linking victims to programs and services by
- 43 effective collaboration with social service providers and other
- 44 stakeholders to refer victims to appropriate and available
- 45 community services based on risk and need;
- 46 (c) Linking eligible civil respondents to programs and
- 47 services by effective collaboration with social service providers

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- 49 and available community services based on risk and need;
- 50 (d) Linking eligible criminal defendants to programs
- 51 and services by effective collaboration with social service
- 52 providers and other stakeholders to refer defendants to
- 53 appropriate and available community services based on risk and
- 54 need; and
- (e) Providing centralized monitoring of participants to
- 56 ensure compliance with any civil domestic abuse protection orders
- 57 or with any treatment orders or other orders issued by the court.
- 58 (2) For the purposes of this act, "domestic abuse" and
- 59 "domestic violence" shall have the meanings ascribed to "abuse" by
- 60 Section 93-21-3 and to "misdemeanor which is an act of domestic
- 61 violence" in Section 99-3-7.
- SECTION 3. The following shall be codified as Section
- 63 9-23-103, Mississippi Code of 1972:
- 9-23-103. Any chancery or county court may establish a
- 65 domestic abuse court program. Any municipal or justice court is
- 66 authorized to participate in a domestic abuse court program
- 67 established in the county.
- 68 **SECTION 4.** The following shall be codified as Section
- 69 9-23-105, Mississippi Code of 1972:
- 70 9-23-105. (1) A domestic abuse court and accompanying
- 71 services of the domestic abuse court shall be available only to
- 72 individuals over whom the court has established jurisdiction.

- 73 (2) A domestic abuse court that does not have felony
- 74 jurisdiction may assume jurisdiction over an individual convicted
- 75 of a felony from another court within the county upon entry of an
- 76 appropriate order by the criminal court referring that individual
- 77 to the domestic abuse court for the purpose of participation in
- 78 the domestic abuse court program.
- 79 **SECTION 5.** The following shall be codified as Section
- 80 9-23-107, Mississippi Code of 1972:
- 9-23-107. (1) The Administrative Office of Courts shall
- 82 develop uniform standards for operation of a domestic abuse court.
- 83 Any domestic abuse court shall operate pursuant to those
- 84 standards. Such standards shall, at a minimum, include provisions
- 85 for:
- 86 (a) Establishment and coordination of the domestic
- 87 abuse court;
- 88 (b) Funding for the domestic abuse court;
- 89 (c) Procedural matters;
- 90 (d) Referral protocols;
- 91 (e) Participant eligibility;
- 92 (f) Services to be made available to participants
- 93 referred to the court; and
- 94 (q) Roles and duties of the court, which shall include,
- 95 but not be limited to, assessment, referral, case management,
- 96 supervision and evaluation.

- 97 (2) Any court wishing to adopt local rules for the
- 98 coordination of services and to address court procedures that may
- 99 vary from those established by the Administrative Office of Courts
- 100 shall submit those rules to the Administrative Office of Courts
- 101 for approval prior to implementation.
- 102 **SECTION 6.** The following shall be codified as Section
- 103 9-23-109, Mississippi Code of 1972:
- 104 9-23-109. A domestic abuse court may hire employees
- 105 necessary to carry out the functions of the court, including, but
- 106 not limited to, an administrator, case manager, counselor or
- 107 clerical staff.
- 108 **SECTION 7.** The following shall be codified as Section
- 109 9-23-111, Mississippi Code of 1972:
- 110 9-23-111. Nothing herein shall be construed to guarantee any
- 111 individual the right to participate in a domestic abuse court
- 112 program.
- 113 **SECTION 8.** The following shall be codified as Section
- 114 9-23-113, Mississippi Code of 1972:
- 115 9-23-113. (1) All monies received from any source by the
- 116 domestic abuse court shall be accumulated in a fund to be used
- 117 only for domestic abuse court purposes. Any funds remaining in
- 118 this fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into any
- 119 general fund, but shall be retained in the Domestic Abuse Court
- 120 Fund for the funding of further activities by the domestic abuse
- 121 court.

122	(2)	Α	domestic	abuse	court	may	apply	for	and	receive	the
123	followin	g:									

- 124 (a) Gifts, bequests and donations from private sources.
- 125 (b) Grant and contract money from governmental sources.
- 126 (c) Other forms of financial assistance approved by the
- 127 court to supplement the budget of the domestic abuse court.
- 128 **SECTION 9.** The following shall be codified as Section
- 129 9-23-115, Mississippi Code of 1972:
- 130 9-23-115. There is created in the State Treasury a special
- 131 interest-bearing fund to be known as the Domestic Abuse Court
- 132 Fund. The purpose of the fund shall be to provide supplemental
- 133 funding to all domestic abuse courts in the state. Monies from
- 134 the fund shall be distributed by the State Treasurer upon warrants
- 135 issued by the Administrative Office of Courts to assist domestic
- 136 abuse courts. The fund shall be expended by the Administrative
- 137 Office of Courts upon appropriation by the Legislature, and shall
- 138 consist of: (a) monies appropriated by the Legislature for the
- 139 purposes of funding domestic abuse courts; (b) the interest
- 140 accruing to the fund; (c) monies received under the provisions of
- 141 Section 99-19-73; (d) monies received from the federal government;
- 142 and (e) monies received from such other sources as may be provided
- 143 by law.
- 144 **SECTION 10.** Section 99-19-73, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 145 amended as follows:

146	99-19-73. (1) Traffic violations . In addition to any
147	monetary penalties and any other penalties imposed by law, there
148	shall be imposed and collected the following state assessment from
149	each person upon whom a court imposes a fine or other penalty for
150	any violation in Title 63, Mississippi Code of 1972, except
151	offenses relating to the Mississippi Implied Consent Law (Section
152	63-11-1 et seq.) and offenses relating to vehicular parking or
153	registration:
154	FUND
155	State Court Education Fund[Deleted]
156	State Prosecutor Education Fund[Deleted]
157	Vulnerable Persons Training,
158	Investigation and Prosecution Trust Fund[Deleted]
159	Child Support Prosecution Trust Fund[Deleted]
160	Driver Training Penalty Assessment Fund[Deleted]
161	Law Enforcement Officers Training Fund[Deleted]
162	Spinal Cord and Head Injury Trust Fund
163	(for all moving violations)[Deleted]
164	Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund[Deleted]
165	Mississippi Leadership Council on Aging Fund[Deleted]
166	Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters
167	Death Benefits Trust Fund[Deleted]
168	Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters
169	Disability Benefits Trust Fund[Deleted]
170	State Prosecutor Compensation Fund for the purpose

171	of providing additional compensation for
172	district attorneys and their legal assistants[Deleted]
173	Crisis Intervention Mental Health Fund[Deleted]
174	Intervention Court Fund[Deleted]
175	Judicial Performance Fund[Deleted]
176	Capital Defense Counsel Fund[Deleted]
177	Indigent Appeals Fund[Deleted]
178	Capital Post-Conviction Counsel Fund[Deleted]
179	Victims of Domestic Violence Fund[Deleted]
180	Public Defenders Education Fund[Deleted]
181	Domestic Violence Training Fund[Deleted]
182	Attorney General's Cyber Crime Unit[Deleted]
183	Children's Safe Center Fund[Deleted]
184	DuBard School for Language Disorders Fund[Deleted]
185	Children's Advocacy Centers Fund[Deleted]
186	Judicial System Operation Fund[Deleted]
187	GENERAL FUND\$ 90.50
188	(2) Implied Consent Law violations. In addition to any
189	monetary penalties and any other penalties imposed by law, there
190	shall be imposed and collected the following state assessment from
191	each person upon whom a court imposes a fine or any other penalty
192	for any violation of the Mississippi Implied Consent Law (Section
193	63-11-1 et seq.):
194	FUND
195	Crime Victims' Compensation Fund[Deleted]

196	State Court Education Fund[Deleted]
197	State Prosecutor Education Fund[Deleted]
198	Vulnerable Persons Training,
199	Investigation and Prosecution Trust Fund[Deleted]
200	Child Support Prosecution Trust Fund[Deleted]
201	Driver Training Penalty Assessment Fund[Deleted]
202	Law Enforcement Officers Training Fund[Deleted]
203	Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund[Deleted]
204	Mississippi Alcohol Safety Education Program Fund[Deleted]
205	Federal-State Alcohol Program Fund[Deleted]
206	Mississippi Forensics Laboratory
207	Implied Consent Law Fund[Deleted]
208	Spinal Cord and Head Injury Trust Fund[Deleted]
209	Capital Defense Counsel Fund[Deleted]
210	Indigent Appeals Fund[Deleted]
211	Capital Post-Conviction Counsel Fund[Deleted]
212	Victims of Domestic Violence Fund[Deleted]
213	Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters
214	Death Benefits Trust Fund[Deleted]
215	Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters
216	Disability Benefits Trust Fund[Deleted]
217	State Prosecutor Compensation Fund for the purpose
218	of providing additional compensation for
219	district attorneys and their legal assistants[Deleted]
220	Crisis Intervention Mental Health Fund[Deleted]

221	Intervention Court Fund[Deleted]
222	Statewide Victims' Information and
223	Notification System Fund[Deleted]
224	Public Defenders Education Fund[Deleted]
225	Domestic Violence Training Fund[Deleted]
226	Attorney General's Cyber Crime Unit[Deleted]
227	<pre>Domestic Abuse Court Fund\$ 1.00</pre>
228	<u>General Fund</u>
229	* * * TOTAL STATE ASSESSMENT\$ * * * 244.50
230	(3) Game and Fish Law violations. In addition to any
231	monetary penalties and any other penalties imposed by law, there
232	shall be imposed and collected the following state assessment from
233	each person upon whom a court imposes a fine or other penalty for
234	any violation of the game and fish statutes or regulations of this
235	state:
236	FUND
237	State Court Education Fund[Deleted]
238	State Prosecutor Education Fund[Deleted]
239	Vulnerable Persons Training,
240	Investigation and Prosecution Trust Fund[Deleted]
241	Law Enforcement Officers Training Fund[Deleted]
242	Hunter Education and Training Program Fund[Deleted]
243	Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters
244	Death Benefits Trust Fund[Deleted]
245	Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters

246	Disability Benefits Trust Fund[Deleted]
247	State Prosecutor Compensation Fund for the purpose
248	of providing additional compensation for district
249	attorneys and their legal assistants[Deleted]
250	Crisis Intervention Mental Health Fund[Deleted]
251	Intervention Court Fund[Deleted]
252	Capital Defense Counsel Fund[Deleted]
253	Indigent Appeals Fund[Deleted]
254	Capital Post-Conviction Counsel Fund[Deleted]
255	Victims of Domestic Violence Fund[Deleted]
256	Public Defenders Education Fund[Deleted]
257	Domestic Violence Training Fund[Deleted]
258	Attorney General's Cyber Crime Unit[Deleted]
259	Domestic Abuse Court Fund\$ 1.00
260	<u>General Fund</u>
261	* * * TOTAL STATE ASSESSMENT\$ * * * 90.00
262	(4) [Deleted]
263	(5) Speeding, reckless and careless driving violations. In
264	addition to any assessment imposed under subsection (1) or (2) of
265	this section, there shall be imposed and collected the following
266	state assessment from each person upon whom a court imposes a fine
267	or other penalty for driving a vehicle on a road or highway:
268	(a) At a speed that exceeds the posted speed limit by
269	at least ten (10) miles per hour but not more than twenty (20)
270	miles per hour\$10.00

271	(b) At a speed that exceeds the posted speed limit by
272	at least twenty (20) miles per hour but not more than thirty (30)
273	miles per hour\$20.00
274	(c) At a speed that exceeds the posted speed limit by
275	thirty (30) miles per hour or more\$30.00
276	(d) In violation of Section 63-3-1201, which is the
277	offense of reckless driving\$10.00
278	(e) In violation of Section 63-3-1213, which is the
279	offense of careless driving\$10.00
280	All assessments collected under this subsection shall be
281	deposited into the State General Fund.
282	(6) Other misdemeanors. In addition to any monetary
283	penalties and any other penalties imposed by law, there shall be
284	imposed and collected the following state assessment from each
285	person upon whom a court imposes a fine or other penalty for any
286	misdemeanor violation not specified in subsection (1), (2) or (3)
287	of this section, except offenses relating to vehicular parking or
288	registration:
289	FUND
290	Crime Victims' Compensation Fund[Deleted]
291	State Court Education Fund[Deleted]
292	State Prosecutor Education Fund[Deleted]
293	Vulnerable Persons Training, Investigation
294	and Prosecution Trust Fund[Deleted]
295	Child Support Prosecution Trust Fund[Deleted]

296	Law Enforcement Officers Training Fund[Deleted]
297	Capital Defense Counsel Fund[Deleted]
298	Indigent Appeals Fund[Deleted]
299	Capital Post-Conviction Counsel Fund[Deleted]
300	Victims of Domestic Violence Fund[Deleted]
301	State Crime Stoppers Fund[Deleted]
302	Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters
303	Death Benefits Trust Fund[Deleted]
304	Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters
305	Disability Benefits Trust Fund[Deleted]
306	State Prosecutor Compensation Fund for the purpose
307	of providing additional compensation for
308	district attorneys and their legal assistants[Deleted]
309	Crisis Intervention Mental Health Fund[Deleted]
310	Intervention Court Fund[Deleted]
311	Judicial Performance Fund[Deleted]
312	Statewide Victims' Information and
313	Notification System Fund[Deleted]
314	Public Defenders Education Fund[Deleted]
315	Domestic Violence Training Fund[Deleted]
316	Attorney General's Cyber Crime Unit[Deleted]
317	Information Exchange Network Fund[Deleted]
318	Motorcycle Officer Training Fund[Deleted]
319	Civil Legal Assistance Fund[Deleted]
320	Justice Court Collections Fund[Deleted]

321	Municipal Court Collections Fund[Deleted]
322	Domestic Abuse Court Fund
323	<u>General Fund</u>
324	* * *TOTAL STATE ASSESSMENT\$ * * *122.75
325	(7) Other felonies. In addition to any monetary penalties
326	and any other penalties imposed by law, there shall be imposed and
327	collected the following state assessment from each person upon
328	whom a court imposes a fine or other penalty for any felony
329	violation not specified in subsection (1), (2) or (3) of this
330	section:
331	FUND
332	Crime Victims' Compensation Fund
333	State Court Education Fund[Deleted]
334	State Prosecutor Education Fund[Deleted]
335	Vulnerable Persons Training, Investigation
336	and Prosecution Trust Fund[Deleted]
337	Child Support Prosecution Trust Fund[Deleted]
338	Law Enforcement Officers Training Fund[Deleted]
339	Capital Defense Counsel Fund[Deleted]
340	Indigent Appeals Fund[Deleted]
341	Capital Post-Conviction Counsel Fund[Deleted]
342	Victims of Domestic Violence Fund[Deleted]
343	Criminal Justice Fund[Deleted]
344	Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters
345	Death Benefits Trust Fund[Deleted]

346	Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters
347	Disability Benefits Trust Fund[Deleted]
348	State Prosecutor Compensation Fund for the purpose
349	of providing additional compensation for
350	district attorneys and their legal assistants[Deleted]
351	Crisis Intervention Mental Health Fund[Deleted]
352	Intervention Court Fund[Deleted]
353	Statewide Victims' Information and
354	Notification System Fund[Deleted]
355	Public Defenders Education Fund[Deleted]
356	Domestic Violence Training Fund[Deleted]
357	Attorney General's Cyber Crime Unit[Deleted]
358	Forensics Laboratory DNA Identification System Fund[Deleted]
359	Domestic Abuse Court Fund\$ 1.00
360	<u>General Fund</u>
361	* * *TOTAL STATE ASSESSMENT\$ * * *281.50
362	(8) Additional assessments on certain violations:
363	(a) Railroad crossing violations. In addition to any
364	monetary penalties and any other penalties imposed by law, there
365	shall be imposed and collected the following state assessment in
366	addition to all other state assessments due under this section
367	from each person upon whom a court imposes a fine or other penalty
368	for any violation involving railroad crossings under Section
369	37-41-55, 63-3-1007, 63-3-1009, 63-3-1011, 63-3-1013 or 77-9-249:
370	Operation Lifesaver Fund\$25.00

371	(b) Drug violations. In addition to any monetary
372	penalties and any other penalties imposed by law, there shall be
373	imposed and collected the following state assessment in addition
374	to all other state assessments due under this section from each
375	person upon whom a court imposes a fine or other penalty for any
376	violation of Section 41-29-139:
377	Drug Evidence Disposition Fund\$25.00
378	Mississippi Foster Care Fund\$ 2.00
379	(c) Motor vehicle liability insurance violations. In
380	addition to any monetary penalties and any other penalties imposed
381	by law, there shall be imposed and collected the following state
382	assessment in addition to all other state assessments due under
383	this section from each person upon whom a court imposes a fine or
384	other penalty for any violation of Section 63-15-4(4) or Section
385	63-16-13(1):
386	Uninsured Motorist Identification Fund:
387	First offense\$200.00
388	Second offense\$300.00
389	Third or subsequent offense\$400.00
390	(9) If a fine or other penalty imposed is suspended, in
391	whole or in part, such suspension shall not affect the state
392	assessment under this section. No state assessment imposed under
393	the provisions of this section may be suspended or reduced by the
394	court.

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395	(10) (a) After a determination by the court of the amount
396	due, it shall be the duty of the clerk of the court to promptly
397	collect all state assessments imposed under the provisions of this
398	section. The state assessments imposed under the provisions of
399	this section may not be paid by personal check.

- county to deposit all state assessments collected in the circuit, county and justice courts in the county on a monthly basis with the State Treasurer pursuant to appropriate procedures established by the State Auditor. The chancery clerk shall make a monthly lump-sum deposit of the total state assessments collected in the circuit, county and justice courts in the county under this section, and shall report to the Department of Finance and Administration the total number of violations under each subsection for which state assessments were collected in the circuit, county and justice courts in the county during that month.
- It shall be the duty of the municipal clerk of each municipality to deposit all the state assessments collected in the municipal court in the municipality on a monthly basis with the State Treasurer pursuant to appropriate procedures established by the State Auditor. The municipal clerk shall make a monthly lump-sum deposit of the total state assessments collected in the municipal court in the municipality under this section, and shall report to the Department of Finance and Administration the total

420 number of violations under each subsection for wh	ich state
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- 421 assessments were collected in the municipal court in the
- 422 municipality during that month.
- 423 (11) It shall be the duty of the Department of Finance and
- 424 Administration to deposit on a monthly basis all state assessments
- 425 into the State General Fund or proper special fund in the State
- 426 Treasury. The Department of Finance and Administration shall
- 427 issue regulations providing for the proper allocation of these
- 428 funds.
- 429 (12) The State Auditor shall establish by regulation
- 430 procedures for refunds of state assessments, including refunds
- 431 associated with assessments imposed before July 1, 1990, and
- 432 refunds after appeals in which the defendant's conviction is
- 433 reversed. The Auditor shall provide in the regulations for
- 434 certification of eligibility for refunds and may require the
- 435 defendant seeking a refund to submit a verified copy of a court
- 436 order or abstract by which the defendant is entitled to a refund.
- 437 All refunds of state assessments shall be made in accordance with
- 438 the procedures established by the Auditor.
- 439 **SECTION 11.** Section 9-5-81, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 440 amended as follows:
- 441 9-5-81. The chancery court in addition to the full
- 442 jurisdiction in all the matters and cases expressly conferred upon
- 443 it by the Constitution shall have jurisdiction of all cases
- 444 transferred to it by the circuit court or remanded to it by the

- 445 Supreme Court; and such further jurisdiction, as is, in this
- 446 chapter or elsewhere, provided by law. A chancery court is
- 447 authorized to establish a domestic abuse court as provided in
- 448 Sections 1 through 9 of this act.
- SECTION 12. Section 9-9-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 450 amended as follows:
- 9-9-21. (1) The jurisdiction of the county court shall be
- 452 as follows: It shall have jurisdiction concurrent with the
- 453 justice court in all matters, civil and criminal of which the
- 454 justice court has jurisdiction; and it shall have jurisdiction
- 455 concurrent with the circuit and chancery courts in all matters of
- 456 law and equity wherein the amount of value of the thing in
- 457 controversy shall not exceed, exclusive of costs and interest, the
- 458 sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00), and the
- 459 jurisdiction of the county court shall not be affected by any
- 460 setoff, counterclaim or cross-bill in such actions where the
- 461 amount sought to be recovered in such setoff, counterclaim or
- 462 cross-bill exceeds Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00).
- 463 Provided, however, the party filing such setoff, counterclaim or
- 464 cross-bill which exceeds Two Hundred Thousand Dollars
- 465 (\$200,000.00) shall give notice to the opposite party or parties
- 466 as provided in Section 13-3-83, and on motion of all parties filed
- 467 within twenty (20) days after the filing of such setoff,
- 468 counterclaim or cross-bill, the county court shall transfer the
- 469 case to the circuit or chancery court wherein the county court is

470	situated and which would otherwise have jurisdiction. It shall
471	have exclusively the jurisdiction heretofore exercised by the
472	justice court in the following matters and causes: namely,
473	eminent domain, the partition of personal property, and actions of
474	unlawful entry and detainer, provided that the actions of eminent
475	domain and unlawful entry and detainer may be returnable and
476	triable before the judge of said court in vacation. The county
477	court shall have jurisdiction over criminal matters in the county
478	assigned by a judge of the circuit court district in which the

- 480 (2) In the event of the establishment of a county court by
 481 an agreement between two (2) or more counties as provided in
 482 Section 9-9-3, it shall be lawful for such court sitting in one
 483 (1) county to act upon any and all matters of which it has
 484 jurisdiction as provided by law arising in the other county under
 485 the jurisdiction of said court.
- 486 (3) A county court is authorized to establish a domestic

 487 abuse court as provided in Sections 1 through 9 of this act.

 488 SECTION 13. This act shall take effect and be in force from

 489 and after July 1, 2025.

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county is included.