

AMENDMENT PROPOSED TO

HOUSE BILL NO. 1020

BY COMMITTEE

PROPOSED

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

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

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



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

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

53 (4) This section shall stand repealed on December 1, 2026.

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

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

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

67 19-23-21. (1) The county attorney of any county bordering
68 on the Gulf of Mexico and having two (2) judicial districts may
69 appoint an assistant county attorney from the judicial district in



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

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

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

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

90 9-7-25. (1) There shall be four (4) circuit judges for the
91 Seventh Circuit Court District. One (1) judge shall be elected
92 from each subdistrict as provided by Section 9-7-23(2)(a) through
93 (d).



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

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

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

108 9-7-23. (1) The Seventh Circuit Court District shall be
109 Hinds County.

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

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

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



118 28, 29, 30, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85,
119 Brownsville, Cynthia, Pocahontas and Tinnin.

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

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

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

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

139 **SECTION 8.** Section 45-1-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
140 brought forward as follows:

141 45-1-19. (1) The Department of Public Safety, through the
142 Office of Capitol Police, shall have jurisdiction relative to the



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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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



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

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

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

260 **SECTION 10.** Except for Section 8 of this act, this act shall
261 take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2023. Section
262 8 of this act shall take effect and be in force from and after
263 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, PROVIDE ONE ADDITIONAL CIRCUIT
18 JUDGE TO BE ELECTED FROM THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICT IN THE
19 2026 GENERAL ELECTION; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
20 TO ISSUE ALL CAPITOL POLICE PATROL OFFICERS BODY-WORN CAMERAS; TO
21 AMEND SECTION 45-1-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCLUDE THE
22 GOVERNOR'S MANSION WITHIN THE LIST OF STATE-OWNED BUILDINGS OVER
23 WHICH THE OFFICE OF CAPITOL POLICE HAS JURISDICTION; TO PROVIDE
24 THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SHALL HAVE JURISDICTION
25 RELATIVE TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF ALL LAWS OF THE STATE OF
26 MISSISSIPPI WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF JACKSON,
27 MISSISSIPPI; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE
28 CITY OF JACKSON TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY A
29 CERTAIN DATE; TO REQUIRE THE WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION OF THE CHIEF OF
30 THE CAPITOL POLICE OR THE COMMISSIONER PRIOR TO THE APPROVAL OF
31 ANY EVENT WHICH IS TO TAKE PLACE ON ANY STREET OR SIDEWALK
32 IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO ANY BUILDING OR PROPERTY OWNED OR OCCUPIED
33 BY ANY OFFICIAL, AGENCY, BOARD, COMMISSION, OFFICE OR OTHER ENTITY
34 OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

