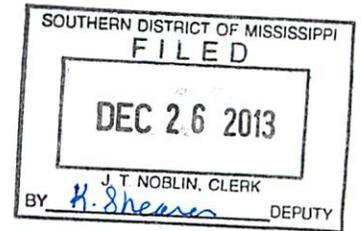


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI



ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
REALIGNMENT OF THE SOUTHERN JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

On December 20, 2013, the President signed into law H.R. 2871, Realignment Of The Southern Judicial District of Mississippi, Pub. L. No. 113-61, 127 Stat. 665 (2013).¹ Therefore, the Clerk of Court is directed to assign new civil and criminal case filings in the four realigned divisions pursuant to INTERNAL RULE 1 - AS AMENDED, ASSIGNMENT OF CASES TO JUDGES AND MAGISTRATE JUDGES, effective December 20, 2013.

In order to meet the court's statistical and reporting requirements, the Clerk of Court shall identify all pending civil and criminal cases whose county of origin has now been aligned in a

¹REALIGNMENT OF SOUTHERN JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

An Act To amend title 28, United States Code, to modify the composition of the southern judicial district of Mississippi to improve judicial efficiency, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. REALIGNMENT OF SOUTHERN JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF
MISSISSIPPI.

Section 104(b) of title 28, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:
Southern District

(b) The southern district comprises four divisions.

(1) The Northern Division comprises the counties of Copiah, Hinds, Holmes, Issaquena, Kemper, Lauderdale, Leake, Madison, Neshoba, Newton, Noxubee, Rankin, Scott, Simpson, Sharkey, Smith, Warren, and Yazoo. Court for the Northern Division shall be held at Jackson.

(2) The Southern Division comprises the counties of George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Pearl River, and Stone. Court for the Southern Division shall be held at Gulfport.

(3) The Eastern Division comprises the counties of Clarke, Covington, Forrest, Jasper, Jefferson Davis, Jones, Lamar, Lawrence, Marion, Perry, Wayne, and Walthall. Court for the Eastern Division shall be held at Hattiesburg.

(4) The Western Division comprises the counties of Adams, Amite, Claiborne, Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, Pike, and Wilkinson. Court for the Western Division shall be held at Natchez.

SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act and the amendment made by this Act shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act. Approved December 20, 2013.

new division and shall transfer those cases to a docket number in the division into which that county is now aligned. The assignment of the district and magistrate judges in these cases will be unchanged. Miscellaneous matters and Multi-District Litigation cases will not be transferred to new docket numbers.

SO ORDERED AND ADJUDGED this the 26th day of December, 2013.

sl Louis Guirola, Jr.

LOUIS GUIROLA, JR.
CHIEF U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE