

HB 697: Court of Appeals; clarify districts

Rather than redefining election districts for the Court of Appeals, the Legislature has defined the districts for the Court of Appeals that are exactly the same as the 1992 Congressional districts for Mississippi.

In the House and Senate committees, the chairmen noted that the members of the court requested this bill.

Although this bill is fine and you should sign it, the only concern that I have about it is whether the court of appeals is subject to the “one man, one vote” decision and how this may impact the court’s districts. Or, for that matter, do all commissions (i.e., DWFP) fall under the *Baker v. Carr*?

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