



THE FACTS ABOUT HB 1020 the CAPITAL COMPLEX IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (CCID) EXPANSION BILL

- Hinds County is Mississippi's **most populous county** and **home to Jackson, its capital city**, which is also the state's biggest city. Hinds County and Jackson are majority-Black, and Hinds County's duly elected judges and prosecutor are majority-Black Americans.
- HB 1020 would require that over 18% of Jackson's normal allocation of sales tax revenue be given to the Capitol Complex Improvement District ("CCID").
- HB 1020 would enlarge the CCID area and thrust it deep into the purely residential area of Northeast Jackson—miles from downtown—where the Capitol Police—who have shot or killed multiple Black people recently—have no right or reason to be.
- HB 1020 would empower a slate of all-white Mississippi state officials to appoint unelected judges and unelected prosecutors in majority-Black Hinds County. The sheriff duties of the new CCID judicial system would be carried out by the unelected Chief of the Capitol District Police.
 - **Unelected judges** would be appointed by Mississippi's Chief Justice of Supreme Court (who is white).
 - **Unelected prosecutors** would be appointed by Mississippi's Attorney General (who is white).
 - **The unelected Chief of the Capitol Police**, which operates like the sheriff within the CCID judicial district, is currently appointed by Mississippi's Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety (who is white).
- HB 1020 would strip from duly-elected judges in Hinds County the right to preside over ANY cases brought against the State of Mississippi and the CCID. Only judges appointed by Mississippi's white Chief Justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court will

have the power to hear and make decisions on cases against the Capitol Police (CCID police), the State of Mississippi, and its agencies.

- HB 1020 would strip Hinds County residents of their right:
 - to have their civil and criminal cases adjudged by their duly-elected Hinds County judges (who are majority-Black).
 - to be prosecuted according to the prosecutorial decisions of their duly-elected District Attorney (who is Black).

- HB 1020 would replace the political voice and electoral power of hundreds of thousands of Hinds County residents (who are 70% Black) and give this voting and decision making power to 3 White state-level officials:
 1. The Mississippi Supreme Court Chief Justice (Michael Randolph will appoint all judges);
 2. The Attorney General (Lynn Fitch will appoint all prosecutors);
 3. The Commissioner of Public Safety (Sean Tindell will appoint the Chief of the Capital City Police, who has the powers of a sheriff). Tindell recently suggested that drug sniffing bears should be unleashed in Jackson to get residents in their homes (on 1/11/2023 on Super Talk), and Agricultural Commissioner Andy Gipson said CCID residents could be detained in the Mississippi Fairgrounds.

- HB 1020 would, in effect, create a state-occupied extrajudicial territory controlled entirely by White state-level officials—in the heart of Mississippi’s majority-Black capital city and its most populous—and majority-Black— county. And it would make Jacksonians PAY for it, through taking 18% of Jackson’s sales tax revenue.
 - It’s ruthlessly racist – it’s a land and power grab by White state officials of majority-Black-controlled institutions, tax revenue, and political power.
 - It’s dangerously anti-democratic: It’s an attempt by state officials to rule (via unelected CCID-appointed police, judges, and prosecutors) the most resource-rich part of the capital city like a state-occupied territory—
 - Stripping Hinds County citizens of their right to self-governance;
 - Stripping Hinds County elected officials of the political power vested in them *by the local community* to, in turn, exercise physical and legal power over those same community members; and

- Stripping the duly-elected DA and judges of Hinds County of their obligation to make prosecutorial decisions in and preside over all of Hinds County cases.
- HB 1020 would cut the electoral cord between Hinds County residents and their democratic institutions—installing courts controlled by three white state-level officials to **determine outcomes in civil litigation and criminal matters as to the majority-Black** members of the Jackson/Hinds County community.

To read the full bill click [here](#).