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3 By Representatives Beckman, Jones, Boman, Long, Sanderford,
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6 RFD: Judiciary
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4 A BILL
5 TO BE ENTITLED
6 AN ACT
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8 To authorize the presiding circuit judge of each
9 judicial circuit to create guidelines providing for certain
10 pretrial proceedings in civil or probate cases to be conducted
11 by telephone conferencing or other audio-video
12 telecommunications means.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

14 Section 1. (a) The presiding judge of each judicial
15 circuit court may authorize pretrial motion hearings in civil
16 matters in the circuit courts and probate courts to be
17 conducted by telephone conferencing or other audio-video
18 telecommunications means. The presiding judge shall develop
19 and publish procedures for the conduct of ~~the hearings in the~~
20 circuit. the civil hearings in the circuit courts and probate
21 courts in his or her judicial circuit.

22 (b) The telephone or audio-video telecommunications
23 device used in the hearing shall enable the judge and all
24 parties to converse simultaneously with each other.

25 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
26 ~~first day of the third month~~ January 1 of the year following

1 its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise
2 becoming law.

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Yeas 87, Nays 0, Abstains 2

Greg Pappas
Clerk