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3 By Senator Smitherman
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would establish permanent place
9 names for each seat on the supreme court and courts
10 of appeals, so each seat is consistent and easily
11 distinguished for election purposes.

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13 A BILL
14 TO BE ENTITLED
15 AN ACT

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17 Relating to elections; to establish permanent place
18 names for each seat on the supreme court and courts of
19 appeals.

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

21 Section 1. Beginning with the 2022 statewide
22 election, the following offices on the supreme court, court of
23 criminal appeals, and court of civil appeals shall be
24 permanently identified as follows:

25 (1) The supreme court:

1 a. The office of associate justice identified as
2 "Place No. 1" on the 2018 statewide election ballot shall be
3 "Place 1" on the supreme court.

4 b. The office of associate justice identified as
5 "Place No. 2" on the 2018 statewide election ballot shall be
6 "Place 2" on the supreme court.

7 c. The office of associate justice identified as
8 "Place No. 3" on the 2018 statewide election ballot shall be
9 "Place 3" on the supreme court.

10 d. The office of associate justice identified as
11 "Place No. 4" on the 2018 statewide election ballot shall be
12 "Place 4" on the supreme court.

13 e. The office of associate justice identified as
14 "Place No. 1" on the 2016 statewide election ballot shall be
15 "Place 5" on the supreme court.

16 f. The office of associate justice identified as
17 "Place No. 2" on the 2016 statewide election ballot shall be
18 "Place 6" on the supreme court.

19 g. The office of associate justice identified as
20 "Place No. 3" on the 2016 statewide election ballot shall be
21 "Place 7" on the supreme court.

22 h. The office of associate justice identified as
23 "Place No. 1" on the 2014 statewide election ballot shall be
24 "Place 8" on the supreme court.

25 (2) The court of criminal appeals:

1 a. The office of judge identified as "Place No. 1"
2 on the 2018 statewide election ballot shall be "Place 1" on
3 the court of criminal appeals.

4 b. The office of judge identified as "Place No. 2"
5 on the 2018 statewide election ballot shall be "Place 2" on
6 the court of criminal appeals.

7 c. The office of judge identified as "Place No. 3"
8 on the 2018 statewide election ballot shall be "Place 3" on
9 the court of criminal appeals.

10 d. The office of judge identified as "Place No. 1"
11 on the 2014 statewide election ballot shall be "Place 4" on
12 the court of criminal appeals.

13 e. The office of judge identified as "Place No. 2"
14 on the 2014 statewide election ballot shall be "Place 5" on
15 the court of criminal appeals.

16 (3) The court of civil appeals:

17 a. The office of judge identified as "Place No. 1"
18 on the 2018 statewide election ballot shall be "Place 1" on
19 the court of civil appeals.

20 b. The office of judge identified as "Place No. 2"
21 on the 2018 statewide election ballot shall be "Place 2" on
22 the court of civil appeals.

23 c. The office of judge identified as "Place No. 3"
24 on the 2018 statewide election ballot shall be "Place 3" on
25 the court of civil appeals.

1 d. The office of judge identified as "Place No. 1"
2 on the 2014 statewide election ballot shall be "Place 4" on
3 the court of civil appeals.

4 e. The office of judge identified as "Place No. 2"
5 on the 2014 statewide election ballot shall be "Place 5" on
6 the court of civil appeals.

7 Section 2. This act shall become effective on
8 February 1, 2021, following its passage and approval by the
9 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.