

1 SB286
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3 By Senators Givhan, Elliott, Chambliss, Livingston, Barfoot,
4 Butler and Melson
5 RFD: Judiciary
6 First Read: 02-MAR-21

8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would create an additional circuit
9 judgeship, designated as Circuit Judgeship Number
10 8, in the Twenty-third Judicial Circuit comprised
11 of Madison County, an additional circuit judgeship,
12 designated as Circuit Judgeship Number 4, in the
13 Nineteenth Judicial Circuit comprised of Autauga,
14 Chilton, and Elmore Counties, and an additional
15 circuit judgeship, designated Circuit Judgeship
16 Number 6, in the Twenty-eighth Judicial Circuit
17 comprised of Baldwin County.

18 This bill would also create an additional
19 district judgeship, designated as District
20 Judgeship Number 2, in DeKalb County.

21 This bill would also provide for the
22 authority of the judges and for the compensation
23 and benefits of the judges.

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25 A BILL
26 TO BE ENTITLED
27 AN ACT

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2 To provide for an additional circuit judgeship in
3 the Twenty-third Judicial Circuit comprised of Madison County;
4 to provide for an additional circuit judgeship in the
5 Nineteenth Judicial Circuit comprised of Autauga, Chilton, and
6 Elmore Counties; to provide for an additional circuit
7 judgeship in the Twenty-eighth Judicial Circuit comprised of
8 Baldwin County; to provide for an additional district
9 judgeship in DeKalb County; and to provide for the authority
10 of the judges and for the compensation and benefit of the
11 judges.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

13 Section 1. (a) There is created an additional
14 circuit judgeship for the Twenty-third Judicial Circuit which
15 shall be designated Circuit Judgeship Number 8.

16 (b) There is created an additional circuit judgeship
17 for the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit which shall be designated
18 as Circuit Judgeship Number 4.

19 (c) There is created an additional circuit judgeship
20 for the Twenty-eighth Judicial Circuit which shall be
21 designated as Circuit Judgeship Number 6.

22 (d) Circuit Judgeship Number 8 in the Twenty-third
23 Judicial Circuit, Circuit Judgeship Number 4 in the Nineteenth
24 Judicial Circuit, and Circuit Judgeship Number 6 in the
25 Twenty-eighth Judicial Circuit shall be filled in the manner
26 appropriate to fill a vacancy in their respective circuits,
27 effective October 1, 2021.

1 (e) The initial judges appointed to the additional
2 circuit judgeships pursuant to subsections (a), (b), and (c)
3 shall serve pursuant to Section 153 of the Constitution of
4 Alabama of 1901.

5 (f) The judges appointed to the additional circuit
6 judgeships pursuant to subsections (a), (b), and (c) shall
7 have and shall exercise all the jurisdiction, power, rights,
8 and authority and shall possess all of the qualifications,
9 perform all of the duties, and shall be subject to all of the
10 responsibilities and duties of the office to which other
11 circuit judges are subject.

12 (g) The annual compensation of the circuit judges
13 serving pursuant to subsections (a), (b), and (c) shall be in
14 accordance with Chapter 10A of Title 12, Code of Alabama 1975,
15 including, but not limited to, the provision that no circuit
16 judge first elected or appointed to office after October 1,
17 2001, shall be provided a salary supplement or expense
18 allowance.

19 Section 2. (a) There is created an additional
20 district judgeship in the District Court of DeKalb County
21 which shall be designated as District Judgeship Number 2.

22 (b) District Judgeship Number 2 in DeKalb County
23 shall be filled in the manner appropriate to fill a vacancy in
24 DeKalb County, effective October 1, 2021.

25 (c) The initial judge appointed to the additional
26 district judgeship pursuant to subsection (a) shall serve

1 pursuant to Section 153 of the Constitution of Alabama of
2 1901.

3 (d) The judge appointed to the additional district
4 judgeship pursuant to subsection (a) shall have and shall
5 exercise all the jurisdiction, power, rights, and authority
6 and shall possess all of the qualifications, perform all of
7 the duties, and shall be subject to all of the
8 responsibilities and duties of the office to which other
9 district judges are subject.

10 (e) The annual compensation of the district judge
11 serving pursuant to subsection (a) shall be in accordance with
12 Chapter 10A of Title 12, Code of Alabama 1975, including, but
13 not limited to, the provision that no district judge first
14 elected or appointed to office after October 1, 2001, shall be
15 provided a salary supplement or expense allowance.

16 Section 3. This act shall become effective
17 immediately following its passage and approval by the
18 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.