

1 HB221  
2 216122-1  
3 By Representative Hill  
4 RFD: Judiciary  
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SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Administrative Director of Courts must certify vacancies in offices of judges of circuit courts, district courts, courts of appeals, and the Supreme Court, and clerks of circuit courts to the Secretary of State by December 1 of the year preceding the next general election.

This bill would eliminate the requirement to certify vacancies and require the Administrative Director of Courts to certify and submit a listing of all offices of judges of circuit courts, district courts, courts of appeals, and the Supreme Court, and clerks of circuit courts that are to appear on the ballot for the next general election to the Secretary of State by December 1 of the year preceding the next general election.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

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2           Relating to courts; to amend Section 17-14-7, Code  
3 of Alabama 1975, to eliminate the requirement to certify  
4 vacancies and require the Administrative Director of Courts to  
5 certify and submit a listing of all offices of judges of  
6 circuit courts, district courts, courts of appeals, and the  
7 Supreme Court, and clerks of circuit courts that are to appear  
8 on the ballot for the next general election to the Secretary  
9 of State by December 1 of the year preceding the next general  
10 election.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

12           Section 1. Section 17-14-7, Code of Alabama 1975, is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14           "§17-14-7.

15           "The Administrative Director of Courts shall certify  
16 ~~vacancies in~~ and submit a listing of all offices of judges of  
17 circuit courts, district courts, courts of appeals, and the  
18 Supreme Court, and clerks of circuit courts, including the  
19 county and place number that are to appear on the ballot for  
20 the next general election, to the Secretary of State by  
21 December 1 of the year preceding the next general election.  
22 The Secretary of State shall utilize the listing certified by  
23 the Administrative Director of Courts when certifying  
24 candidates to appear on the ballot in accordance with Sections  
25 17-9-3, 17-13-5, and 17-13-18."

1                   Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
2 first day of the third month following its passage and  
3 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.