

1 SB335  
2 211766-1  
3 By Senator Albritton  
4 RFD: Finance and Taxation General Fund  
5 First Read: 11-MAR-21

8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would create an additional circuit  
9 judgeship, designated Circuit Judgeship Number 6,  
10 in the Twenty-eighth Judicial Circuit comprised of  
11 Baldwin County, an additional circuit judgeship,  
12 designated Circuit Judgeship Number 12, in the  
13 Thirteenth Judicial Circuit comprised of Mobile  
14 County, an additional circuit judgeship, designated  
15 Circuit Judgeship Number 8, in the Twenty-third  
16 Judicial Circuit comprised of Madison County, an  
17 additional circuit judgeship, designated Circuit  
18 Judgeship Number 4, in the Thirty-seventh Judicial  
19 Circuit comprised of Lee County, an additional  
20 circuit judgeship, designated Circuit Judgeship  
21 Number 2, in the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit  
22 comprised of Marengo, Greene, and Sumter Counties,  
23 and an additional circuit judgeship, designated  
24 Circuit Judgeship Number 4, in the Eleventh  
25 Judicial Circuit comprised of Lauderdale County.

1                   This bill would also provide for the  
2                   authority of the judges and for the compensation of  
3                   the judges.

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5                   A BILL  
6                   TO BE ENTITLED  
7                   AN ACT

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9                   To provide for an additional circuit judgeship in  
10                  the Twenty-eighth Judicial Circuit comprised of Baldwin  
11                  County; to provide for an additional circuit judgeship in the  
12                  Thirteenth Judicial Circuit comprised of Mobile County; to  
13                  provide for an additional circuit judgeship in the  
14                  Twenty-third Judicial Circuit comprised of Madison County; to  
15                  provide for an additional circuit judgeship in the  
16                  Thirty-seventh Judicial Circuit comprised of Lee County; to  
17                  provide for an additional circuit judgeship in the Seventeenth  
18                  Judicial Circuit comprised of Marengo, Greene, and Sumter  
19                  Counties; to provide for an additional circuit judgeship in  
20                  the Eleventh Judicial Circuit comprised of Lauderdale County;  
21                  and to provide for the authority of the judges and for the  
22                  compensation of the judges.

23                  BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

24                  Section 1. (a) There is created an additional  
25                  circuit judgeship for the Twenty-eighth Judicial Circuit which  
26                  shall be designated Circuit Judgeship Number 6.

1 (b) There is created an additional circuit judgeship  
2 for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit which shall be designated  
3 as Circuit Judgeship Number 12.

4 (c) There is created an additional circuit judgeship  
5 for the Twenty-third Judicial Circuit which shall be  
6 designated as Circuit Judgeship Number 8.

7 (d) There is created an additional circuit judgeship  
8 for the Thirty-seventh Judicial Circuit which shall be  
9 designated as Circuit Judgeship Number 4.

10 (e) There is created an additional circuit judgeship  
11 for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit which shall be designated  
12 as Circuit Judgeship Number 2.

13 (f) There is created an additional circuit judgeship  
14 for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit which shall be designated as  
15 Circuit Judgeship Number 4.

16 (g) Circuit Judgeship Number 6 in the Twenty-eighth  
17 Judicial Circuit, Circuit Judgeship Number 12 in the  
18 Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Circuit Judgeship Number 8 in the  
19 Twenty-third Judicial Circuit, Circuit Judgeship Number 4 in  
20 the Thirty-seventh Judicial Circuit, Circuit Judgeship Number  
21 2 in the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, and Circuit Judgeship  
22 Number 4 in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit shall be filled in  
23 the manner appropriate to fill a vacancy in their respective  
24 circuits, effective October 1, 2021.

25 (h) The initial judges appointed to the additional  
26 circuit judgeships pursuant to this section shall serve

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

3 (i) The judges appointed to the additional circuit  
4 judgeships pursuant to this section 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 circuit judges are subject.

10 (j) The annual compensation of the circuit judges  
11 serving pursuant to this section 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 circuit judge first  
14 elected or appointed to office after October 1, 2001, shall be  
15 provided a salary supplement or expense allowance.

16 Section 2. This act shall become effective  
17 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
18 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.