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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would create an additional circuit  
9 judgeship, designated Circuit Judgeship Number 7,  
10 in the Sixth Judicial Circuit comprised of  
11 Tuscaloosa County. This bill would make the  
12 additional circuit judgeship conditional upon the  
13 adoption of a resolution by the county commission  
14 to provide the necessary funding for compensation  
15 and benefits for the judge and certain employees  
16 for the first 24 months. This bill would provide  
17 for the election of the judge at the 2016 general  
18 election.

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20 A BILL  
21 TO BE ENTITLED  
22 AN ACT

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24 To provide for an additional circuit judgeship in  
25 the Sixth Judicial Circuit comprised of Tuscaloosa County; and

1 to provide for the election of the judge under certain  
2 conditions.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

4 Section 1. There is created an additional circuit  
5 judgeship for the Sixth Judicial Circuit which shall be  
6 designated Circuit Judgeship Number 7. The additional  
7 judgeship is conditioned upon adoption of a resolution by the  
8 Tuscaloosa County Commission to provide the necessary funding  
9 for the first 24 months for compensation and benefits of the  
10 judge filling the additional circuit judgeship, a judicial  
11 assistant, and a court reporter for the judge.

12 Section 2. (a) Circuit Judgeship Number 7 shall be  
13 filled at the general election held in November 2016, provided  
14 the judgeship has been precleared under Section 5 of the  
15 Voting Rights Act of 1965, 42 U.S.C. §1973c and the Tuscaloosa  
16 County Commission has adopted a resolution pursuant to Section  
17 1.

18 (b) The first judge elected to the additional  
19 circuit judgeship pursuant to this act shall serve for a  
20 six-year term, holding office from the first Monday following  
21 the second Tuesday in January after the general election at  
22 which that judge is elected.

23 (c) The judge elected to the additional circuit  
24 judgeship pursuant to this act shall have and shall exercise  
25 all the jurisdiction, power, rights, and authority and shall  
26 possess all of the qualifications, perform all of the duties,

1 and shall be subject to all of the responsibilities and duties  
2 of the office to which other circuit judges are subject.

3 Section 3. The annual compensation of the circuit  
4 judges elected pursuant to this act shall be in accordance  
5 with Chapter 10A of Title 12, Code of Alabama 1975, including,  
6 but not limited to, the provision that no circuit judge first  
7 elected or appointed to office after October 1, 2001, shall be  
8 provided a salary supplement or expense allowance.

9 Section 4. This act shall become effective  
10 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
11 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.