

1 HB689  
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3 By Representative Hurst  
4 RFD: Judiciary  
5 First Read: 21-MAY-15

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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the sheriff of a county  
9 and any deputy sheriff are prohibited from  
10 practicing law.

11 This bill would specify that a deputy  
12 sheriff would be prohibited from practicing  
13 criminal law.

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15 A BILL  
16 TO BE ENTITLED  
17 AN ACT

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19 Relating to attorneys; to amend Section 34-3-14,  
20 Code of Alabama 1975, prohibiting certain county officials  
21 including deputy sheriffs from practicing law; to specify that  
22 a deputy sheriff may not practice criminal law.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

24 Section 1. Section 34-3-14 of the Code of Alabama  
25 1975, is amended to read as follows:

26 "§34-3-14.

1                    "The judge of any court of record, ~~or~~ or the sheriff ~~or~~  
2 ~~deputy of the sheriff~~ must not practice law; a deputy sheriff  
3 must not practice criminal law or act as an attorney in any  
4 case involving criminal law; the clerk of the circuit court or  
5 the deputy of the clerk must not practice in the county of  
6 which he or she is clerk or deputy; the register or his or her  
7 partner or the deputy of the register must not practice in the  
8 court of which he or she is register or deputy; the clerk of  
9 the judge of probate must not practice in the court of which  
10 his or her principal is the judge."

11                    Section 2. This act shall become effective  
12 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
13 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.