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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would create an additional circuit
9 judgeship, designated Circuit Judgeship Number 12,
10 in the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit comprised of
11 Mobile County and would provide for the funding of
12 the judgeship. This bill would provide for the
13 election of the judge at the 2016 general election
14 under certain conditions.

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16 A BILL
17 TO BE ENTITLED
18 AN ACT

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20 To provide for an additional circuit judgeship in
21 the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit comprised of Mobile County;
22 and to provide for the election of the judge and to provide
23 for the funding under certain conditions.

24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

25 Section 1. There is created an additional circuit
26 judgeship for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit which shall be
27 designated Circuit Judgeship Number 12, which shall be

1 conditioned upon the availability of funding the additional
2 judgeship by one of the two following methods: (1) Funding for
3 the additional judgeship is available for the State of Alabama
4 before the qualifying period for the election of the
5 judgeship. (2) If state funding is not available before the
6 qualifying period for the election of the judgeship, then the
7 additional judgeship shall be conditioned upon adoption of a
8 resolution by the Mobile County Commission to provide the
9 necessary funding for the first 36 months for compensation and
10 benefits of the judge filling the additional circuit
11 judgeship, a judicial assistant, and a court reporter for the
12 judge.

13 Section 2. (a) Circuit Judgeship Number 12 shall be
14 filled at the general election held in November 2016.

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

20 (c) The judge elected to the additional circuit
21 judgeship pursuant to this act shall have and shall exercise
22 all the jurisdiction, power, rights, and authority and shall
23 possess all of the qualifications, perform all of the duties,
24 and shall be subject to all of the responsibilities and duties
25 of the office to which other circuit judges are subject.

26 Section 3. The annual compensation of the circuit
27 judges elected pursuant to this act shall be in accordance

1 with Chapter 10A of Title 12, Code of Alabama 1975, including,
2 but not limited to, the provision that no circuit judge first
3 elected or appointed to office after October 1, 2001, shall be
4 provided a salary supplement or expense allowance.

5 Section 4. This act shall become effective
6 immediately following its passage and approval by the
7 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.