

**HB371 ENROLLED**



1 HB371  
2 L52R9WW-2  
3 By Representative Paramore (Constitutional Amendment)  
4 RFD: Local Legislation  
5 First Read: 03-Feb-26



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 To propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama  
4 of 2022, relating to Pike County, to authorize the Judge of  
5 Probate of Pike County to exercise equity jurisdiction  
6 concurrent with certain circuit court cases if the judge of  
7 probate is a licensed attorney in the State of Alabama.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

9 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution  
10 of Alabama of 2022, is proposed:

11 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

12 The Judge of Probate of Pike County may exercise equity  
13 jurisdiction concurrent with that of the circuit court in  
14 cases originally filed in the Probate Court of Pike County if  
15 the judge of probate is a licensed attorney in the State of  
16 Alabama. In any case subject to this amendment, the judge of  
17 probate shall possess the power and authority of a circuit  
18 court judge trying the case, and the case shall be treated in  
19 all respects in the same manner as a case filed in circuit  
20 court. The Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure shall apply in the  
21 cases except as otherwise specifically provided by law. This  
22 amendment is self-executing, but the Legislature may enact  
23 additional laws to implement this amendment if needed.

24 Upon ratification of this constitutional amendment, the  
25 Code Commissioner shall number and place this amendment as  
26 appropriate in the constitution omitting this instructional  
27 paragraph and may make the following nonsubstantive revisions:  
28 change capitalization, hierarchy, spelling, and punctuation



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29 for purposes of style and uniformity; correct manifest  
30 grammatical, clerical, and typographical errors; revise  
31 internal or external citations and cross-references; harmonize  
32 language; and translate effective dates.

33 END PROPOSED AMENDMENT

34 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment  
35 shall be held in accordance with Sections 284, 284.01, and 285  
36 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, and the election laws  
37 of this state. The appropriate election official shall assign  
38 a ballot number for the proposed constitutional amendment on  
39 the election ballot and shall set forth the following  
40 description of the substance or subject matter of the proposed  
41 constitutional amendment:

42 "Relating to Pike County, proposing an amendment to the  
43 Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to authorize the Judge of  
44 Probate of Pike County to exercise equity jurisdiction  
45 concurrent with that of the circuit court in cases originally  
46 filed in the Probate Court of Pike County if the judge of  
47 probate is a licensed attorney in the State of Alabama.

48 Proposed by Act \_\_\_\_."

49 This description shall be followed by the following  
50 language:

51 "Yes( ) No( )."

52 Section 3. The proposed amendment shall become valid as  
53 part of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, when approved by  
54 a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon.

