

## HB371 INTRODUCED



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2 L52R9WW-1

3 By Representative Paramore (Constitutional Amendment)

4 RFD: Local Legislation

5 First Read: 03-Feb-26



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## 4 SYNOPSIS:

5 This bill would propose an amendment to the  
6 Constitution of Alabama of 2022, relating to Pike  
7 County, to authorize the Judge of Probate of Pike  
8 County to exercise equity jurisdiction concurrent with  
9 that of the circuit court in cases originally filed in  
10 the Probate Court of Pike County if the judge of  
11 probate is a licensed attorney in the State of Alabama.

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14 A BILL

15 TO BE ENTITLED

16 AN ACT

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18 To propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama  
19 of 2022, relating to Pike County, to authorize the Judge of  
20 Probate of Pike County to exercise equity jurisdiction  
21 concurrent with certain circuit court cases if the judge of  
22 probate is a licensed attorney in the State of Alabama.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

## 26 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

27 The Judge of Probate of Pike County may exercise equity  
28 jurisdiction concurrent with that of the circuit court in



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29 cases originally filed in the Probate Court of Pike County if  
30 the judge of probate is a licensed attorney in the State of  
31 Alabama. In any case subject to this amendment, the judge of  
32 probate shall possess the power and authority of a circuit  
33 court judge trying the case, and the case shall be treated in  
34 all respects in the same manner as a case filed in circuit  
35 court. The Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure shall apply in the  
36 cases except as otherwise specifically provided by law. This  
37 amendment is self-executing, but the Legislature may enact  
38 additional laws to implement this amendment if needed.

Upon ratification of this constitutional amendment, the Code Commissioner shall number and place this amendment as appropriate in the constitution omitting this instructional paragraph and may make the following nonsubstantive revisions: change capitalization, hierarchy, spelling, and punctuation for purposes of style and uniformity; correct manifest grammatical, clerical, and typographical errors; revise internal or external citations and cross-references; harmonize language; and translate effective dates.

48 END PROPOSED AMENDMENT



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57           "Relating to Pike County, proposing an amendment to the  
58   Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to authorize the Judge of  
59   Probate of Pike County to exercise equity jurisdiction  
60   concurrent with that of the circuit court in cases originally  
61   filed in the Probate Court of Pike County if the judge of  
62   probate is a licensed attorney in the State of Alabama.

63           Proposed by Act \_\_\_\_."

64           This description shall be followed by the following  
65   language:

66           "Yes ( ) No ( ) ."

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