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1 HB83
2 6YC2633-1
3 By Representative Standridge (Constitutional Amendment)
4 RFD: Local Legislation
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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, relating to Blount County, to authorize the Judge of Probate of Blount County to exercise equity jurisdiction concurrent with that of the circuit court in cases originally filed in the Probate Court of Blount County if the judge of probate is licensed to practice law in the State of Alabama.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, relating to Blount County, to authorize the Judge of Probate of Blount County to exercise jurisdiction concurrent with certain circuit court cases if the judge of probate is licensed to practice law in the State of Alabama.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

PROPOSED AMENDMENT



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

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

50 END PROPOSED AMENDMENT

51 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment
52 shall be held in accordance with Sections 284, 284.01, and 285
53 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, and the election laws
54 of this state. The appropriate election official shall assign
55 a ballot number for the proposed constitutional amendment on



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the election ballot and shall set forth the following description of the substance or subject matter of the proposed constitutional amendment:

"Relating to Blount County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to authorize the Judge of Probate of Blount County to exercise equity jurisdiction concurrent with that of the circuit court in cases originally filed in the Probate Court of Blount County if the judge of probate is licensed to practice law in the State of Alabama.

Proposed by Act ____."

This description shall be followed by the following language:

"Yes() No()."

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