

## HB84 ENROLLED



1 HB84  
2 QNLFM14-2  
3 By Representative Hammett (Constitutional Amendment)  
4 RFD: Local Legislation  
5 First Read: 13-Jan-26  
6 PFD: 17-Dec-25



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

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



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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.

END PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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

"Relating to Covington County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to authorize the Judge of Probate of Covington County to exercise equity jurisdiction concurrent with that of the circuit court in cases originally filed in the Probate Court of Covington 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.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and  
was passed by the House 20-Jan-26.

John Treadwell  
Clerk

Senate

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**22-Jan-26**

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Passed