

**HB84 ENROLLED**



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



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.

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:



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

34 END PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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

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

49 Proposed by Act \_\_\_\_."

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

52 "Yes( ) No( ) ."

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



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63 Speaker of the House of Representatives  
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House of Representatives

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

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John Treadwell  
Clerk

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83 Senate **22-Jan-26** Passed  
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