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3 By Senator Woods (N & P)
4 RFD: Local Legislation
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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 Relating to Walker County; to authorize the appointment
4 of temporary judges of probate in certain circumstances; and
5 to provide for compensation.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

7 Section 1. (a) The Judge of Probate of Walker County
8 may appoint, from the qualified electors of Walker County
9 licensed to practice law in this state, one or more temporary
10 judges of probate to serve contemporaneously with him or her
11 when the elected judge of probate finds that the temporary
12 appointments are necessary due to calendar congestion,
13 complexity of issues, the prospects of an unduly long trial,
14 or caseload management.

15 (b) No temporary appointment may be for a term longer
16 than 90 days.

17 (c) A temporary judge of probate may be appointed for
18 as many successive 90-day appointments as the elected judge of
19 probate deems necessary, but no individual may serve for more
20 than 200 days during any calendar year.

21 (d) All temporary judges of probate shall have the
22 jurisdiction and authority and shall discharge the duties of
23 the elected judge of probate, and the judgments, orders, and
24 decrees made or rendered by any temporary judge of probate
25 shall be entered on the records of the probate court and shall
26 have the force and effect and be subject to revision, appeal,
27 or other revisory remedy of judgments, orders, and decrees of
28 the probate court or the elected judge of probate.



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29 (e) Neither the elected judge of probate nor the surety
30 on his or her bond shall be responsible for any of the acts,
31 failures to act, reports, or decisions made by any temporary
32 judge of probate, or any of the acts or failures to act of any
33 employee in the probate court during the tenure of a temporary
34 judge of probate.

35 (f) A temporary judge of probate shall be paid fifty
36 dollars (\$50) per hearing paid from the discretionary funds of
37 the judge of probate. If the temporary judge of probate is an
38 employee of the probate court, the employee shall not receive
39 any additional compensation.

40 Section 2. This act shall become effective on June 1,
41 2026.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 12-Feb-26
I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed
the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
Passed: 17-Mar-26

By: Senator Woods