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3 By Senator Woods (N & P)  
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4 A BILL  
5 TO BE ENTITLED  
6 AN ACT

9 Relating to Walker County; to authorize the appointment  
10 of temporary judges of probate in certain circumstances; and  
11 to provide for compensation.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

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

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

27 (d) All temporary judges of probate shall have the  
28 jurisdiction and authority and shall discharge the duties of

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29 the elected judge of probate, and the judgments, orders, and  
30 decrees made or rendered by any temporary judge of probate  
31 shall be entered on the records of the probate court and shall  
32 have the force and effect and be subject to revision, appeal,  
33 or other revisory remedy of judgments, orders, and decrees of  
34 the probate court or the elected judge of probate.

35 (e) Neither the elected judge of probate nor the surety  
36 on his or her bond shall be responsible for any of the acts,  
37 failures to act, reports, or decisions made by any temporary  
38 judge of probate, or any of the acts or failures to act of any  
39 employee in the probate court during the tenure of a temporary  
40 judge of probate.

41 (f) A temporary judge of probate shall be paid fifty  
42 dollars (\$50) per hearing paid from the discretionary funds of  
43 the judge of probate. If the temporary judge of probate is an  
44 employee of the probate court, the employee shall not receive  
45 any additional compensation.

46 Section 2. This act shall become effective on June 1,  
47 2026.