

1 SB255
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3 By Senators Albritton and Orr
4 RFD: Finance and Taxation General Fund
5 First Read: 03-MAR-20

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7 A BILL
8 TO BE ENTITLED
9 AN ACT
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11 To provide for an additional circuit judgeship in
12 the Twenty-third Judicial Circuit comprised of Madison County;
13 to provide for an additional circuit judgeship in the
14 Nineteenth Judicial Circuit comprised of Autauga, Chilton, and
15 Elmore Counties; to provide for an additional circuit
16 judgeship in the Twenty-eighth Judicial Circuit comprised of
17 Baldwin County; and to further provide for reallocation of
18 vacant circuit judgeships.

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

20 Section 1. (a) There is created an additional
21 circuit judgeship for the Twenty-third Judicial Circuit which
22 shall be designated Circuit Judgeship Number 8.

23 (b) There is created an additional circuit judgeship
24 for the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit which shall be designated
25 as Circuit Judgeship Number 4.

1 (c) There is created an additional circuit judgeship
2 for the Twenty-eighth Judicial Circuit which shall be
3 designated as Circuit Judgeship Number 6.

4 Section 2. (a) Circuit Judgeship Number 8 in the
5 Twenty-third Judicial Circuit, Circuit Judgeship Number 4 in
6 the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, and Circuit Judgeship Number
7 6 in the Twenty-eighth Judicial Circuit shall be filled in the
8 manner appropriate to fill a vacancy in their respective
9 circuits, effective October 1, 2020.

10 (b) The first judges appointed to the additional
11 circuit judgeships pursuant to subsection (a) shall serve
12 pursuant to Section 153 of the Constitution of Alabama of
13 1901.

14 (c) The judges appointed to the additional circuit
15 judgeship pursuant to subsection (a) shall have and shall
16 exercise all the jurisdiction, power, rights, and authority
17 and shall possess all of the qualifications, perform all of
18 the duties, and shall be subject to all of the
19 responsibilities and duties of the office to which other
20 circuit judges are subject.

21 Section 3. The annual compensation of the circuit
22 judges serving pursuant to Section 2 shall be in accordance
23 with Chapter 10A of Title 12, Code of Alabama 1975, including,
24 but not limited to, the provision that no circuit judge first
25 elected or appointed to office after October 1, 2001, shall be
26 provided a salary supplement or expense allowance.

1 Section 4. Notwithstanding Section 12-9A-2, Code of
2 Alabama 1975, or any other law to the contrary, the Judicial
3 Resources Allocation Commission shall reallocate the first
4 circuit judgeship that becomes vacant after the effective date
5 of this act as provided under existing law. The commission may
6 not reallocate the second, third, and fourth circuit
7 judgeships that become vacant after the effective date of this
8 act and those judgeships shall terminate. Thereafter, the
9 commission may reallocate any subsequent circuit judgeship
10 that becomes vacant as provided under existing law.

11 Section 5. This act shall become effective
12 immediately following its passage and approval by the
13 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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4 Read for the first time and referred to the Senate
5 committee on Finance and Taxation General Fund ... 03-MAR-20
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7 Read for the second time and placed on the calen-
8 dar 1 amendment..... 05-MAR-20
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10 Read for the third time and passed as amended 05-MAY-20

11 Yeas 31
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15 Patrick Harris,
16 Secretary.
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