

1 HB457
2 157849-1
3 By Representative Holmes (A) (Constitutional Amendment)
4 RFD: Montgomery County Legislation
5 First Read: 11-FEB-14

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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, circuit court judges and
9 district court judges are elected to six-year terms
10 of office.

11 This bill would propose an amendment to the
12 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, reducing the terms
13 of office of circuit court judges and district
14 court judges in the 15th Judicial Circuit,
15 comprised of Montgomery County, to a term of office
16 of four years.

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18 A BILL
19 TO BE ENTITLED
20 AN ACT

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22 Relating to the 15th Judicial Circuit comprised of
23 Montgomery County; to reduce the terms of office of circuit
24 court judges and district court judges to four years.

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

26 Section 1. The following amendment to the
27 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, is proposed and shall become

1 valid as a part of the Constitution when all requirements of
2 this act are fulfilled:

3 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

4 At the completion of the current term of office of
5 each circuit court judge and each district court judge, in the
6 15th Judicial Circuit comprised of Montgomery County, the next
7 term of office and each term of office thereafter for circuit
8 court judges and district court judges shall be four years.

9 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment
10 shall be held in accordance with Amendment 555 to the
11 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section
12 284.01 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of
13 Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the election laws of this
14 state.

15 Section 3. The appropriate election official shall
16 assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional
17 amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the
18 following description of the substance or subject matter of
19 the proposed constitutional amendment:

20 "Relating to Montgomery County, proposing an
21 amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to
22 the 15th Judicial Circuit comprised of Montgomery County; to
23 reduce the term of office of circuit court judges and district
24 court judges to four years.

25 "Proposed by Act _____"

26 This description shall be followed by the following
27 language:

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"Yes () No ()."