

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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Yeas 31  
Nays 0

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.