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3 By Senator Ward
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4 ENROLLED, An Act,

5 Relating to civil actions in circuit court, district
6 court, municipal court, and probate court; to provide for
7 expedited civil actions under certain circumstances; and to
8 require the Supreme Court to adopt guidelines to implement an
9 expedited civil action.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

11 Section 1. The Supreme Court shall adopt guidelines
12 to promote the prompt, efficient, and cost-effective
13 resolution of civil actions. The guidelines shall: (1) apply
14 to civil actions in circuit courts in which the amount in
15 controversy, inclusive of all claims for damages of any kind,
16 whether actual or exemplary, a penalty, attorney's fees,
17 expenses, costs, interest, or any other type of damage of any
18 kind, does not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000); and
19 (2) address the need for lowering discovery costs in these
20 actions and the procedure for ensuring that these actions will
21 be expedited in the civil justice system.

22 Section 2. The Supreme Court may not adopt
23 guidelines under this act that conflict with any of the
24 following state laws or procedures:

25 (1) Domestic relations and family law.

1 (2) Property law.

2 (3) Tax law.

3 Section 3. This act shall become effective on the
4 first day of the third month following its passage and
5 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 01-MAY-12

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate.

Senate 16-MAY-12

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate, as amended by Conference Committee Report.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives

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House of Representatives

Passed: 16-MAY-2012, as amended by Conference Committee Report.

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