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3 By Senator Whatley
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would create an additional
9 circuit judgeship, designated Circuit Judgeship
10 Number 4, in the Thirty-seventh Judicial Circuit
11 comprised of Lee County. This bill would make the
12 additional circuit judgeship conditional upon the
13 adoption of a resolution by the county commission
14 to provide the necessary funding for compensation
15 and benefits for the judge and employees for the
16 first 12 months. This bill would provide for the
17 election of the judge at the 2014 general election
18 or the next general election thereafter.

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20 A BILL

21 TO BE ENTITLED

22 AN ACT

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24 To provide for an additional circuit judgeship in
25 the Thirty-seventh Judicial Circuit comprised of Lee County;
26 and to provide for the election of the judge.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

2 Section 1. There is created an additional circuit
3 judgeship for the Thirty-seventh Judicial Circuit which shall
4 be designated Circuit Judgeship Number 4. The additional
5 judgeship is conditioned upon adoption of a resolution by the
6 Lee County Commission to provide the necessary funding for the
7 first 12 months for compensation and benefits of the judge
8 filling the additional circuit judgeship, a judicial
9 assistant, and a bailiff or law clerk for the judge.

10 Section 2. (a) Circuit Judgeship Number 4 shall be
11 filled at the general election held in November 2014, or the
12 next general election thereafter, provided the judgeship has
13 been precleared under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of
14 1965, 42 U.S.C. §1973c and the Lee County Commission has
15 adopted a resolution pursuant to Section 1.

16 (b) The first judge elected to Circuit Judgeship
17 Number 4 shall serve for a six-year term, holding office from
18 the first Monday following the second Tuesday in January after
19 the 2014 general election or the next general election
20 thereafter at which that judge is elected.

21 (c) The judge elected to Circuit Judgeship Number 4
22 shall have and shall exercise all the jurisdiction, power,
23 rights, and authority and shall possess all of the
24 qualifications, perform all of the duties, and shall be
25 subject to all of the responsibilities and duties of the
26 office to which other circuit judges are subject.

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

7 Section 4. This act shall become effective
8 immediately following its passage and approval by the
9 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.