

1 HB17  
2 112998-1  
3 By Representative Mitchell (Constitutional Amendment)  
4 RFD: Government Operations  
5 First Read: 12-JAN-10  
6 PFD: 09/23/2009

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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would propose a constitutional  
9 amendment specifying that a person engaged in any  
10 occupation or vocation that involves serving as an  
11 officer of the court, including, but not limited to  
12 attorneys, may not serve in the Legislature.

13 This bill would state that the purpose of  
14 this restriction is to prevent potential undue  
15 influence, conflict of interest, or multiple  
16 payments by the state to the person.

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18 A BILL  
19 TO BE ENTITLED  
20 AN ACT

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22 Proposing an amendment to Section 47 of the  
23 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 47  
24 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama  
25 of 1901, as amended, to further provide for the qualifications  
26 of legislators.

27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:



1 and 285 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of  
2 Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the election laws of this  
3 state.

4 Section 3. The appropriate election official shall  
5 assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional  
6 amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the  
7 following description of the substance or subject matter of  
8 the proposed constitutional amendment:

9 "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of  
10 Alabama of 1901, to specify that a person engaged in any  
11 occupation or vocation that involves serving as an officer of  
12 the court, including, but not limited to attorneys, may not  
13 serve in the Legislature."

14 "Proposed by Act \_\_\_\_\_"

15 This description shall be followed by the following  
16 language:

17 "Yes ( ) No ( )."