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3 By Senators Pittman and Keahey
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would create an additional
9 circuit judgeship, designated circuit judgeship
10 number 6, in the Twenty-eighth Judicial Circuit,
11 comprised of Baldwin County. This bill would make
12 the additional circuit judgeship conditional upon
13 the adoption of a resolution by the county
14 commission to provide the necessary funding for the
15 compensation and benefits for the judge and
16 employees through 2014. The bill would provide that
17 the initial judgeships would be filled by election
18 at the next general election.

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20 A BILL

21 TO BE ENTITLED

22 AN ACT

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24 To create an additional circuit judgeship in the
25 Twenty-eighth Judicial Circuit; and to provide for the
26 election of the first judge to fill the position.

27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1 Section 1. There is created an additional circuit
2 judgeship for the Twenty-eighth Judicial Circuit which shall
3 be designated judgeship number 6. The additional judgeship is
4 conditioned upon adoption of a resolution by the Baldwin
5 County Commission to provide the necessary funding through
6 2014 for compensation and benefits of the judge filling the
7 additional circuit judgeship, a judicial assistant, and a
8 bailiff or law clerk for the judge.

9 Section 2. (a) This judgeship shall be filled at the
10 general election in 2012 following its preclearance under
11 Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 42 U.S.C. § 1973c
12 and release of the conditional appropriation made by this act.

13 (b) The first judge elected pursuant to this section
14 shall serve for a six-year term, holding office from the first
15 Monday following the second Tuesday in January after the
16 general election at which that judge is elected.

17 (c) The judge elected to circuit judgeship number 6
18 shall have and shall exercise all the jurisdiction, power,
19 rights, and authority and shall possess all of the
20 qualifications, perform all of the duties, and shall be
21 subject to all of the responsibilities and duties of the
22 office to which other circuit judges are subject.

23 Section 3. The annual compensation of the circuit
24 judge appointed or elected pursuant to this act shall be in
25 accordance with Chapter 10A, Title 12, Code of Alabama 1975,
26 including, but not limited to, the provisions that no circuit
27 judge first elected or appointed to office after October 1,

1 2001, shall be provided a salary supplement or expense
2 allowance.

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