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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would create an additional circuit  
9 judgeship, designated Circuit Judgeship Number 7,  
10 in the Sixth Judicial Circuit comprised of  
11 Tuscaloosa 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 certain employees  
16 for the first 24 months. This bill would provide  
17 for the election of the judge at the 2022 general  
18 election.

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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 Sixth Judicial Circuit comprised of Tuscaloosa County; and  
26 to provide for the election of the judge under certain  
27 conditions.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

2 Section 1. There is created an additional circuit  
3 judgeship for the Sixth Judicial Circuit which shall be  
4 designated Circuit Judgeship Number 7. The additional  
5 judgeship is conditioned upon adoption of a resolution by the  
6 Tuscaloosa County Commission to provide the necessary funding  
7 for the first 24 months for compensation and benefits of the  
8 judge filling the additional circuit judgeship, a judicial  
9 assistant, and a court reporter for the judge.

10 Section 2. (a) Circuit Judgeship Number 7 shall be  
11 filled at the general election held in November 2022, provided  
12 the Tuscaloosa County Commission has adopted a resolution  
13 pursuant to Section 1.

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

19 (c) The judge elected to the additional circuit  
20 judgeship pursuant to this act shall have and shall exercise  
21 all the jurisdiction, power, rights, and authority and shall  
22 possess all of the qualifications, perform all of the duties,  
23 and shall be subject to all of the responsibilities and duties  
24 of the office to which other circuit judges are subject.

25 Section 3. The annual compensation of the circuit  
26 judges elected pursuant to this act shall be in accordance  
27 with Chapter 10A of Title 12, Code of Alabama 1975, including,

1 but not limited to, the provision that no circuit judge first  
2 elected or appointed to office after October 1, 2001, shall be  
3 provided a salary supplement or expense allowance.

4 Section 4. All laws or parts of laws which conflict  
5 with this act are repealed.

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