

1 HB502
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SYNOPSIS: This bill would create an additional circuit judgeship, designated Circuit Judgeship Number 7, in the Sixth Judicial Circuit comprised of Tuscaloosa County. This bill would make the additional circuit judgeship conditional upon the adoption of a resolution by the county commission to provide the necessary funding for compensation and benefits for the judge and certain employees for the first 24 months. This bill would provide for the election of the judge at the 2022 general election.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To provide for an additional circuit judgeship in the Sixth Judicial Circuit comprised of Tuscaloosa County; and to provide for the election of the judge under certain 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.