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3 By Representative Bridges  
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would create an additional circuit  
9 judgeship, designated Circuit Judgeship Number 4,  
10 in the Thirty-seventh Judicial Circuit comprised of  
11 Lee County. This bill would provide for the  
12 election of the judge at the 2016 general election  
13 or the next general election thereafter.

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15 A BILL  
16 TO BE ENTITLED  
17 AN ACT  
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19 To provide for an additional circuit judgeship in  
20 the Thirty-seventh Judicial Circuit comprised of Lee County;  
21 and to provide for the election of the judge.

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

23 Section 1. There is created an additional circuit  
24 judgeship for the Thirty-seventh Judicial Circuit which shall  
25 be designated Circuit Judgeship Number 4.

26 Section 2. (a) Circuit Judgeship Number 4 shall be  
27 filled at the general election held in November 2016, or the

1 next general election thereafter, provided the judgeship has  
2 been precleared under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of  
3 1965, 42 U.S.C. §1973c.

4 (b) The first judge elected to Circuit Judgeship  
5 Number 4 shall serve for a six-year term, holding office from  
6 the first Monday following the second Tuesday in January after  
7 the 2016 general election or the next general election  
8 thereafter at which that judge is elected.

9 (c) The judge elected to Circuit Judgeship Number 4  
10 shall have and shall exercise all the jurisdiction, power,  
11 rights, and authority and shall possess all of the  
12 qualifications, perform all of the duties, and shall be  
13 subject to all of the responsibilities and duties of the  
14 office to which other circuit judges are subject.

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

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