- 1 HB14
- 2 126771-5
- 3 By Representative Beckman
- 4 RFD: Judiciary
- 5 First Read: 07-FEB-12
- 6 PFD: 09/15/2011

<u>ENGROSSED</u>
A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT
To authorize the presiding circuit judge of each
judicial circuit to create guidelines providing for certain
pretrial proceedings in civil or probate cases to be conducted
by telephone conferencing or other audio-video
telecommunications means.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
Section 1. (a) The presiding judge of each judicial
circuit may authorize pretrial motion hearings in civil and
<pre>criminal matters in the circuit courts, district courts and</pre>
probate courts to be conducted by telephone conferencing or
other audio-video telecommunications means. The presiding
judge shall develop and publish procedures for the conduct of
the civil <u>and criminal</u> hearings in the circuit courts $\underline{}$
districts courts and probate courts in his or her judicial
circuit.
(b) The telephone or audio-video telecommunications
device used in the hearing shall enable the judge and all

parties to converse simultaneously with each other.

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Section 2. This act shall become effective on

January 1 of the year following its passage and approval by

the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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3	House of Representatives
4 5 6 7	Read for the first time and re- ferred to the House of Representa- tives committee on Judiciary 07-FEB-12
8 9 10	Read for the second time and placed on the calendar 1 amendment 08-FEB-12
11 12 13	Read for the third time and passed as amended 23-FEB-12 Yeas 98, Nays 0, Abstains 0
14 15 16	Greg Pappas Clerk