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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 2014 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 2014, provided
12 the judgeship has been precleared under Section 5 of the
13 Voting Rights Act of 1965, 42 U.S.C. §1973c and the Tuscaloosa
14 County Commission has adopted a resolution pursuant to Section
15 1.

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

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

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

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