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3 By Representatives Mitchell and Moore (M)
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, there is no requirement
9 that an attorney licensed by the Alabama State Bar
10 upon election to the Alabama Legislature must
11 forfeit his or her license to practice law.

12 This bill would make such requirement. Also,
13 this bill would require once the member is no
14 longer serving in the Legislature to retake and
15 pass the Alabama State Bar examination and complete
16 24 hours or more of continuing legal education for
17 relicensure as an attorney.

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19 A BILL

20 TO BE ENTITLED

21 AN ACT

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23 Relating to the Legislature; to require an attorney
24 elected to the Legislature to forfeit his or her license; to
25 require retaking and passing the Alabama State Bar examination
26 and completion of 24 hours or more of continuing legal
27 education for relicensing as an attorney.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

2 Section 1. (a) Immediately upon an attorney's
3 election to the House of Representatives or Senate of the
4 Alabama Legislature, he or she shall forfeit his or her
5 Alabama State Bar license to practice law in the state.

6 (b) A member of the House of Representatives or
7 Senate of the Legislature who forfeited his or her Alabama
8 State Bar license pursuant to subsection (a) and is no longer
9 serving in the Legislature may retake and pass the Alabama
10 State Bar examination and complete 24 hours or more of
11 continuing legal education for relicensure as an attorney in
12 the state.

13 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
14 first day of the third month following its passage and
15 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.