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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would require that the Supreme
9 Court adopt rules to implement expedited civil
10 actions.

11 This bill would provide for expedited civil
12 actions in certain civil cases where damages do not
13 exceed \$100,000.

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15 A BILL
16 TO BE ENTITLED
17 AN ACT

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19 Relating to civil actions in circuit court; to
20 provide for expedited civil actions under certain
21 circumstances; and to require the Supreme Court to adopt rules
22 to implement an expedited civil action.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

24 Section 1. The Supreme Court shall adopt rules to
25 promote the prompt, efficient, and cost-effective resolution
26 of civil actions. The rules shall: (1) apply to civil actions
27 in circuit courts in which the amount in controversy,

1 inclusive of all claims for damages of any kind, whether
2 actual or exemplary, a penalty, attorney's fees, expenses,
3 costs, interest, or any other type of damage of any kind, does
4 not exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000); and (2)
5 address the need for lowering discovery costs in these actions
6 and the procedure for ensuring that these actions will be
7 expedited in the civil justice system.

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