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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would create an additional
9 district judgeship, designated District Judgeship
10 Number 3, in the Sixth Judicial Circuit comprised
11 of Tuscaloosa County. This bill would make the
12 additional district 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 an employee for the
16 first 24 months. This bill would provide for the
17 election of the judge at the 2022 general election.

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19 A BILL
20 TO BE ENTITLED
21 AN ACT
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23 To provide for an additional district judgeship in
24 the Sixth Judicial Circuit comprised of Tuscaloosa County; and
25 to provide for the election of the judge under certain
26 conditions.

27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1 Section 1. There is created an additional district
2 judgeship for the Sixth Judicial Circuit which shall be
3 designated District Judgeship Number 3. The additional
4 judgeship is conditioned upon adoption of a resolution by the
5 Tuscaloosa County Commission to provide the necessary funding
6 for the first 24 months for compensation and benefits of the
7 judge filling the additional district judgeship and a judicial
8 assistant for the judge.

9 Section 2. (a) District Judgeship Number 3 shall be
10 filled at the general election held in November 2022, provided
11 the Tuscaloosa County Commission has adopted a resolution
12 pursuant to Section 1.

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

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

24 Section 3. The annual compensation of the district
25 judges elected pursuant to this act shall be in accordance
26 with Chapter 10A of Title 12, Code of Alabama 1975, including,
27 but not limited to, the provision that no district judge first

1 elected or appointed to office after October 1, 2001, shall be
2 provided a salary supplement or expense allowance.

3 Section 4. All laws or parts of laws which conflict
4 with this act are repealed.

5 Section 5. This act shall become effective
6 immediately following its passage and approval by the
7 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.