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3 By Senator Singleton
4 RFD: Judiciary
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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 Under existing constitutional provisions, all
6 judges must be elected by vote of the electors within
7 the territorial jurisdiction of their respective
8 courts.

9 This bill would propose an amendment to the
10 Constitution of Alabama of 2022, relating to the
11 election of associate justices of the Alabama Supreme
12 Court and judges of the appellate courts by districts.

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15 A BILL

16 TO BE ENTITLED

17 AN ACT

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19 Proposing an amendment to Section 152 of the
20 Constitution of Alabama of 2022, relating to the election of
21 associate justices of the Alabama Supreme Court and judges of
22 the courts of appeals by district.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

24 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution
25 of Alabama of 2022, is proposed:

26 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

27 "Section 152

28 (a) All Except as provided in subsection (b), judges

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29 shall be elected by vote of the electors within the
30 territorial jurisdiction of their respective courts.

31 (b) Commencing with the 2028 General Election,
32 associate justices of the Alabama Supreme Court and judges of
33 the courts of appeals shall be elected by district as
34 determined by the Legislature.

35 Upon ratification of this constitutional amendment, the
36 Code Commissioner shall number and place this amendment as
37 appropriate in the constitution omitting this instructional
38 paragraph and may make the following nonsubstantive revisions:
39 change capitalization, hierarchy, spelling, and punctuation
40 for purposes of style and uniformity; correct manifest
41 grammatical, clerical, and typographical errors; revise
42 internal or external citations and cross-references; harmonize
43 language; and translate effective dates.

44 END OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

45 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment
46 shall be held in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the
47 Constitution of Alabama of 2022, and the election laws of this
48 state. The appropriate election official shall assign a ballot
49 number for the proposed constitutional amendment on the
50 election ballot and shall set forth the following description
51 of the substance or subject matter of the proposed
52 constitutional amendment:

53 "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama
54 of 2022, to amend Section 152, to provide for the election of
55 associate justices of the Alabama Supreme Court and judges of
56 the courts of appeals by district.

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57 Proposed by Act ____."

58 This description shall be followed by the following
59 language:

60 "Yes () No () ."

61 Section 3. The proposed amendment shall become valid as
62 a part of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, when approved
63 by a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon.