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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 Under existing law, a search warrant must be
6 executed and returned to the issuing judge or
7 magistrate within 10 days after the date of issuance. A
8 search warrant not returned within this time period is
9 void.

10 This bill would provide that if the search
11 warrant is for the collection of a DNA reference
12 sample, the period of time to execute and return the
13 search warrant would be extended to 60 days.

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16 A BILL

17 TO BE ENTITLED

18 AN ACT

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20 Relating to search warrants; to amend Section 15-5-12,
21 Code of Alabama 1975, to extend the authorized period of time
22 to execute and return a search warrant for the collection of a
23 DNA reference sample.

24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

25 Section 1. Section 15-5-12, Code of Alabama 1975, is
26 amended to read as follows:

27 "§15-5-12

28 (a) A search warrant must be executed and returned to

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29 the judge or the magistrate by whom it was issued ~~within as~~
30 follows:

31 (1) Within 10 days after its date; or
32 (2) Within 60 days after its date for the collection of
33 a DNA reference sample for confirmatory forensic analysis,
34 pursuant to an investigative lead generated from a search of
35 the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS); if not executed after
36 such time, it.

37 (b) A search warrant not executed and returned in
38 accordance with this section is void."

39 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
40 1, 2026.