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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would authorize a judge of
9 probate, district judge, or circuit judge
10 performing his or her duties as a judge to carry a
11 pistol openly or concealed on or about his or her
12 person in a courtroom, in a courthouse, on
13 courthouse property, and within his or her office.

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15 A BILL
16 TO BE ENTITLED
17 AN ACT

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19 Relating to judges; to authorize a judge of probate,
20 district judge, or circuit judge performing his or her duties
21 as a judge to carry a pistol openly or concealed on or about
22 his or her person in a courtroom, in a courthouse, on
23 courthouse property, and within his or her office.

24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

25 Section 1. (a) Notwithstanding Section 13A-11-61.2,
26 Code of Alabama 1975, or any other law to the contrary, a
27 judge of probate, a district judge, or a circuit judge

1 performing his or her duties as a judge may carry a pistol
2 openly or concealed on or about his or her person in a
3 courtroom, in a courthouse, on courthouse property, and within
4 his or her office.

5 (b) A judge carrying a pistol pursuant to this
6 section shall be immune from civil or criminal liability for
7 any act involving the use of that pistol, absent wanton,
8 willful, or intentional conduct. This subsection does not in
9 any way prohibit a claim of self-defense under existing law.

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