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# United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

September 4, 1933

Senator R. H. Walker,  
Athens, Alabama

Dear Senator Walker:

On going further into my mail, I find your letter of August 4th together with enclosures. As you requested, I am returning the enclosures. I have read the contents.

The Department here is calling upon me and Senator Bankhead to make recommendations with reference to various postmasters in Judge Almon's old District. As I wrote you, they have also called upon us to make recommendations with reference to cotton statisticians. Whether we will be called upon to make a recommendation for a permanent postmaster at Athens I do not know. In several instances the Department has wired and urged immediate recommendations. Personally I regret that a situation has arisen which makes it necessary for me to pass upon these local appointments because these appointments have long been recognized as prerogative of the Congressmen. I might also add that personally, I have been very much inclined to follow up recommendations that were made by Judge Almon before his death.

P.O. ?  
I am wishing you much success and with all good wishes,

Sincerely your friend,

  
HUGO L. BLACK.

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A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To abolish the office of Clerk of the Court of Appeals and the office of Assistant Clerk of the Court of Appeals and to provide that all of the duties now performed by the Clerk of the Court of Appeals and by the Assistant Clerk of the Court of Appeals shall be performed by the Clerk of the Supreme Court and his assistant, and to provide for the transfer of all of the books, records, and furniture from the office of the Clerk of the Court of Appeals to the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court, and for the repeal of Sections 7332, 7333, 7334 and 7336 of the Code of Alabama of 1923, and Sub-sections (1) and (2) of Section 23 of an act entitled, "An Act to fix the salaries and compensation of certain State officials, appointees, employees, capitol watchmen and servants, and to make it unlawful for any parties whose salaries or compensation is fixed hereby to accept any increase in such salaries or compensation for any additional duties placed upon such persons" (Approved September 29, 1923).

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. The office of Clerk of the Court of Appeals and the office of Assistant Clerk of the Court of Appeals are hereby abolished.

**Section 2.** All of the duties imposed by law upon the Clerk of the Court of Appeals and his assistant, or assistants, are hereby assigned and transferred to the Clerk of the Supreme Court and shall be performed by the said Clerk of the Supreme Court and his assistants.

**Section 3.** All of the books, records, transcripts, papers, furniture and equipment of all kind of the office of the Clerk of the Court of Appeals are hereby transferred to the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court.

**Section 4.** Sections 7332, 7333, 7334 and 7336 of the Code of Alabama of 1923, and Sub-sections (1) and (2) of Section 23 of an act entitled, "An Act to fix the salaries and compensation of certain State officials, appointees, employees, capitol watchmen and servants, and to make it unlawful for any parties whose salaries or compensation is fixed hereby to accept any increase in such salaries or compensation for any additional duties placed upon such persons" (Approved September 29, 1923), are hereby repealed.

**Section 5.** This act shall go into effect on January 1, 1935.

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