

The background features a stylized illustration of a goat on a hill. The goat is depicted in a dark blue silhouette, facing left. The hill is a light blue shape with a white path leading up to the goat. In the upper left corner, a flag on a pole is visible, with the flag itself being a light pinkish-red color. The entire scene is set against a white background with a thin blue border.

GOAT HILL
FINAL REPORT

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**All County Commission Chairs, Commissioners & Administrators are encouraged to read the Final Report in its entirety.*

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INTRODUCTION

County Leaders and Advocates,

The 2018 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature concluded on March 29, three weeks ahead of the constitutionally imposed 105-day deadline. The last week of the session was dominated by conflicts between the House and Senate about two bills – one that would require law enforcement to collect data related to racial profiling and another that now provides certain exceptions to the ethics law for elected officials participating in economic development projects. In the midst of some contentious debate on those issues, **the Association successfully passed three of its priority bills in the last days of the session – bringing the total number of county legislative priorities enacted this session to six.**

The deadline has passed for Governor Kay Ivey to act on legislation passed during the final week of the session, so any bills that did not receive her signature will not become law this year.

This final legislative report outlines the new general and local laws impacting county government in some form. Many of the bills outlined below will be the subject of discussion during the ACCA Annual Convention in August. In other cases, the Association staff will provide details on the implementation procedures in the coming weeks. **County officials or employees with questions about the contents of this report are encouraged to contact the ACCA Office.**

The final legislative report of the 2018 regular session is divided into the following sections:

- > **2018 ACCA Bills that Have Become Law**
- > **New Laws Impacting Counties**
- > **New Local Laws**

This year's report includes a navigation key to help direct county leaders to the bills that might be of particular interest to them, based on their affiliate organization membership and broader role in county government. However, everyone is encouraged to review this report as a whole because each new law is likely to have some sort of impact on local government operations.

The Association staff would like to extend a profound thank you to all county officials, employees and affiliate organization members who participated in this year's legislative advocacy efforts.

With tremendous gratitude and respect,
The Association Staff



2018 ACCA BILLS THAT HAVE BECOME LAW

Disaster Recovery & State of Emergency **M** **S**

Act 2018-94 by Sen. Greg Albritton & Rep. Nathaniel Ledbetter

In the midst of a natural disaster, external conditions often make it difficult for local government bodies to convene a quorum – delaying their ability to make critical decisions that protect the community. This act authorizes the county commission chairperson to declare that emergency conditions exist in the county, following an official declaration by the Governor’s Office. This change will allow local governments to be more prompt and efficient in the delivery of services to citizens during emergency situations. This new law also authorizes the Alabama Disaster Recovery Program to provide financial assistance to individuals and certain nonprofit organizations. **Effective February 14, 2018.**

Evidence in Taxpayer Appeals **T**

Act 2018-265 by Sen. Phil Williams & Rep. Corley Ellis

Prior to the enactment of this new law, a retailer protesting or appealing a commercial property valuation under the “Dark Store Theory” could buy or hide evidence related to the property’s appraisal value. This ACCA priority legislation amended Alabama law to require a retailer seeking to use a sale or lease transaction to boost its case for appealing a property valuation to disclose (1) whether or not the property was occupied at the time of transaction and (2) whether the comparable property was subject to any restrictions at the time of transaction that prevent the property from being used for its original purpose. These new requirements will prevent retailers from concealing information that could result in massive losses in commercial property taxes. **Effective March 20, 2018.**

Purchase of HVAC Units for Local Governments

Act 2018-413 by Rep. David Standridge & Sen. Clyde Chambliss

Local governments and school boards currently purchase a number of items from approved purchasing cooperatives. Under this law, a limited exception to the competitive bid law is created for the purchase of heating and air conditioning units for county, municipal and local school boards from those national cooperatives approved by the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts. This new provision is yet another cost-saving measure that will allow local entities to better protect taxpayer dollars. **Effective June 1, 2018.**

Workers’ Compensation Claims

Act 2018-471 by Rep. Prince Chestnut & Sen. Steve Livingston

While most counties participate in the Local Government Health Insurance Program (LGHIP), LGHIP has not had the authority to provide its participants with workers’ compensation services like the State Employees Insurance Fund. This new law authorizes the LGHIP Board to process claims for on-the-job injuries suffered by local government employees whose employers are participants in the system. Should the LGHIP Board exercise this authority, city and county governments could take advantage of the efficiencies and discounts available through the LGHIP that are not offered by the outside networks currently processing their workers’ compensation claims. **Effective March 28, 2018.**



2018 ACCA BILLS THAT HAVE BECOME LAW

Auction of Tax Liens **T**

Act 2018-577 by Rep. Corley Ellis & Sen. Gerald Dial

This new act revises the tax lien sale procedures for counties to authorize tax liens to be sold at auction to the bidder with the lowest interest rate. Previously, counties only had the option to sell their outstanding tax liens on real property, and the purchaser of the tax liens obtained the right to collect all delinquent taxes, penalties, interest and costs with respect to the property. Local leaders and tax officials believe the added statutory option of selling such tax liens through the auction process will allow counties to navigate this complicated process more efficiently. **Effective July 1, 2018.**

Simplified Sellers Use Tax Remittance **R**

Act 2018-539 by Rep. Rod Scott & Sen. Trip Pittman

This ACCA priority legislation makes two significant changes to the Simplified Sellers Use Tax (SSUT) program that are expected to significantly increase state and local government revenues from the program. The law now permits online retailers to remain in the program even if they purchase a smaller, in-state affiliate organization, and it also requires program participants to collect and remit sales tax revenue on products sold through the platforms by third-party companies. The enactment of these new provisions is expected to yield counties an additional \$60 million in revenue over the next five years. **Effective June 1, 2018.**



NEW LAWS IMPACTING COUNTIES

— TAXES, EXEMPTIONS & ABATEMENTS —

County Abatement of Taxes for Class III Properties

Act 2018-53 by Sen. Arthur Orr

Under this act, county commissions are now authorized to abate all or a portion of the ad valorem taxes for properties that (1) will be used for a qualifying project pursuant to the Alabama Jobs Act, (2) will create the specified number of new jobs required under the Alabama Jobs Act and (3) has at least \$50 million of anticipated capital expenditures in connection to the development of the property for the qualifying project. For properties located within a municipality, the county commission must first seek approval from the municipality's governing body before granting the abatement. This act also requires any abatement granted by the county commission to be embodied in an agreement between the county and the owner or user of the property, and the agreement must be filed with the Department of Revenue within 90 days of the abatement being granted. **Effective February 6, 2018.**

Elimination of Jointly-Filed Refund Petitions

Act 2018-180 by Sen. Steve Livingston

This new law eliminates the requirement of a taxpayer and consumer/purchaser having to jointly petition for the refund of sales or use taxes, public utility taxes or any transient occupancy tax. As amended, the law now permits a consumer/purchaser who paid the tax directly to the taxpayer to file a petition for refund. The taxpayer may also file a refund petition if (1) the taxpayer remitted in excess of the tax due but never collected the tax from the consumer/purchaser or (2) the consumer/purchaser paid the tax directly to the taxpayer. The law authorizes the Department of Revenue to adopt necessary rules and procedures related to the petition for such refunds. **Effective March 8, 2018.**

Sewer Authorities Eligible for Exemption Certificates

Act 2018-234 by Rep. Danny Crawford

This amended law clarifies that public water and sewer authorities, districts, boards and systems that are otherwise tax exempt are eligible to receive certificates of exemption from state and local sales and use taxes. **Effective June 1, 2018.**

Tax Delinquency Amnesty Act

Act 2018-153 by Rep. Ken Johnson

The Alabama Tax Delinquency Amnesty Act of 2018 requires the Department of Revenue (DOR) to develop and implement a tax amnesty program effective from July 1, 2018, to September 30, 2018. The act requires the Revenue Commissioner to publicize the program in such a way that maximizes public awareness and participation. Eligible taxpayers granted amnesty under the program will have to meet specified requirements, and the program will apply to all taxes administered by DOR, except motor fuel, motor vehicle and property taxes. **Effective March 6, 2018.**



NEW LAWS IMPACTING COUNTIES

— TAXES, EXEMPTIONS & ABATEMENTS —

Fruit & Agricultural Products Exempt from Sales & Use Taxes

Act 2018-562 by Rep. David Sessions

This act clarifies that the current sales tax exemption on gross receipts for the sale of agricultural products is applicable when the person or company plants – or cultivates – and harvests the product on leased or rented land. **Effective April 6, 2018.**

Tax Abatements for Data Processing Centers

Act 2018-475 by Rep. Nathaniel Ledbetter

In 2012, the Alabama Legislature gave local governing bodies the authority to grant abatements of certain taxes to data processing centers meeting the conditions specified in **Act 2012-210**. This act reauthorizes those abatements – which were set to expire on December 31, 2018 – through December 31, 2023. The new law does not make any changes to the program. **Effective March 28, 2018.**

Redemption of Property Sold for Taxes

Act 2018-494 by Sen. Hank Sanders

For persons seeking to redeem property sold for unpaid taxes, this amended law will lower the required interest payment amounts from 12% to 8%. Upon payment of the unpaid taxes with interest, a person seeking to redeem will now be allowed to take possession of the property prior to reimbursing the purchaser for allowable improvements and insurance premiums; however, this change in the law requires the reimbursement to be made prior to January 1 of the subsequent tax year. Failure to fulfill the reimbursement requirement within this time frame will halt the redemption process, thereby forfeiting the proposed redemptioner's rights in the property. **Effective January 1, 2020, for all actions related to taxes delinquent on or after January 1, 2020.**

Single Point of Filing Motor Fuels

Act 2018-469 by Rep. Paul Lee

This act establishes procedures for the Department of Revenue to provide taxpayers a system to file and remit county or municipal motor fuel taxes through a single point of electronic filing. The act does not impact local motor fuel tax rates and preserves all local laws related to local motor fuel tax collection. The new system created under this provision of law must be made available to affected taxpayers no later than October 31, 2019. The law specifies that there will be no charge for taxpayers or local taxing jurisdictions to utilize this system. Additionally, this act establishes a Local Motor Fuel Tax Advisory Committee to review the design and operation of the system and make recommendations regarding the system requirements and functionality; the committee will have its first meeting by or before September 30, 2018. Three county revenue officers will represent the Association on this advisory committee. Those counties levying or administering a motor fuel tax are urged to review this law very closely, as it includes a number of 2019 reporting deadlines counties will have to meet. **Effective May 1, 2018, for returns and payments for tax periods beginning after September 30, 2019.**



NEW LAWS IMPACTING COUNTIES

— COURTS & LAW ENFORCEMENT —

Juvenile Sex Offenders Notification **S**

Act 2018-528 by Sen. Clyde Chambliss

This new act makes a series of amendments and additions to the Alabama Sex Offender Registration and Community Notification Act. Under this newly-amended act, when a low-risk juvenile sex offender subject to notification requirements establishes a residence in a locality, that locality's law enforcement must notify the principal of the public or nonpublic school – and the local superintendent if it is a public school – where the offender will attend. This new law also clarifies that a juvenile sex offender and his or her guardian must immediately appear before local law enforcement should the offender's school attendance status change. Additionally, new language in this act (1) requires the State Board of Education to develop and each local board of education to adopt a comprehensive model policy for the supervision of low-risk juvenile sex offender students and (2) requires a sentencing court to consult with a juvenile probation officer and the local superintendent to determine alternative educational placement for a moderate- or high-risk juvenile sex offender. Lastly, this newly-amended act now provides that a school employee engaging in a sex act, having sexual contact or soliciting a sex act or sexual conduct with a student is considered a sex offense; these same actions performed by a foster parent toward a foster child are also considered sex offenses. **Effective July 1, 2018.**

Retired Law Enforcement Possession of Firearms **S**

Act 2018-529 by Sen. Jimmy Holley

Current law exempts law enforcement officers from the prohibition of carrying firearms in certain designated places, such as courthouses, jails, mental health facilities, law enforcement offices, etc. This amendment to the law extends this exemption to qualified retired law enforcement officers. A qualified law enforcement officer is one who served 10 or more years before retiring; ended his/her service in good standing; annually meets the qualification in firearms training for active law enforcement; possesses a photo I.D. issued by the officer's former agency deeming the retiree qualified in firearm training; and is not otherwise prohibited from carrying a firearm due to mental health, the influence of alcohol or another drug, or a state or federal law. **Effective July 1, 2018.**

Private Probate Judges **P**

Act 2018-384 by Sen. Cam Ward

Alabama law currently allows former district judges and circuit judges to serve as private judges in certain cases. This newly-amended law now extends this allowance to former probate judges. Additionally, this amendment requires each case heard by one of these private judges to be assigned a CV or DR case number by the Alabama Administrative Office of Court and grants private judges with the same jurisdiction on matters as is granted to those before a trial court. **Effective June 1, 2018.**



NEW LAWS IMPACTING COUNTIES

— COURTS & LAW ENFORCEMENT —

Sheriffs' Issuance of Pistol Permits

Act 2018-400 by Sen. Paul Sanford

Current law prohibits sheriffs from placing conditions or requirements on the issuance of pistol permits. This amendment also makes it unlawful for a sheriff to place a time constraint on an applicant receiving his or her pistol permit after the applicant has been notified of the permit's approval. **Effective June 1, 2018.**

Dangerous Dogs

Act 2018-182 by Sen. Steve Livingston

Emily's Law was enacted during the 2018 session to establish a uniform process by which a dog can be declared "dangerous," impounded and, if needed, humanely euthanized. When a dog is properly alleged to be dangerous under this law, the local animal control officer – and in some cases, a local law enforcement officer – will be required to initiate and/or conduct an investigation. If the investigation leads to the determination that a dog is indeed dangerous, then the law authorizes the county attorney to file a court petition to formally declare the dog as dangerous. Based on the determination of the court, the law provides a number of procedures related to the impounding, feeding, care – and in some cases, euthanization – of the dog that must be followed at the local level.

This new law imposes a number of new requirements on animal control officers, law enforcement and county attorneys. The Association will be providing county leaders with more detailed materials and training on this process in the coming weeks, but in the meantime, county leaders are strongly encouraged to closely examine this legislation. **Effective June 1, 2018.**

Workers' Compensation for Law Enforcement

Act 2018-523 by Rep. Matt Fridy

The Phillip Davis Act of 2018 makes adjustments to the workers' compensation benefits provided to the spouses of law enforcement officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty. Under this new provision of law, the surviving spouse of a law enforcement officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty – or as a result of injuries sustained while in the line of duty – will continue to receive workers' compensation benefits upon remarriage. It further provides that the surviving dependent child of such persons will, at least, continue to receive these benefits until he or she reaches the age of 18. The Association did not oppose this legislation after its actuaries determined this change would have a minimal impact on counties' workers' compensation exposures. **Effective July 1, 2018.**

Traffic Accident Reports

Act 2018-570 by Rep. Matt Fridy

This act requires the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency to give news-gathering organizations access to accident reports when they request such information solely for the purpose of publishing or broadcasting the news; however, the law prohibits such organizations from distributing the report or using it for any commercial purpose unrelated to publishing or broadcasting. The law further provides specific circumstances under which these accident reports can otherwise be shared with members of the public – one of which includes government entities responsible for the oversight of the road or bridge on which the accident occurred or for law enforcement investigations. **Effective July 1, 2018.**

NEW LAWS IMPACTING COUNTIES

— COURTS & LAW ENFORCEMENT —

Motor Vehicle Titles **R**

Act 2018-556 by Rep. Randy Wood

Under this new law, any appeals solely related to determining the proper party to have possession of a motor vehicle or manufactured home and the corresponding certificate of title must be filed in circuit court. The appealing party is responsible for prepaying the court costs, and any claim by an interested party for damages or a related action must be filed as a separate action. **Effective April 6, 2018.**

Missing Persons with Alzheimer's Disease **S**

Act 2018-456 by Rep. Laura Hall

Under the Missing Senior Citizen Alert Act, the State possesses the authority to issue alerts for missing senior citizens. This amendment to the act expands the State's authority to now issue alerts for missing individuals suffering from Alzheimer's disease or dementia, regardless of age. For a missing person suffering from a form of dementia, a caregiver's affirmation of the disease's presence will be considered sufficient proof for the alert, and a caregiver's submitted report should allow for a local search to begin. Should first responder training for missing individuals with dementia become available through a statewide department or agency or the Alzheimer's Association, local law enforcement and emergency personnel will be required to complete this training and utilize trained personnel to assist in conducting dementia-related searches. **Effective June 1, 2018.**

Residential Right to Redeem Foreclosed Property **T**

Act 2018-126 by Rep. Kerry Rich

This act amends the code sections related to the redemption of foreclosed residential properties. Under this new provision of law, if a homestead exemption was claimed in the tax year that the residential foreclosure sale occurred, the right to redeem the property must be exercised within one year of the foreclosure date. In such cases, a defect in or failure to provide the required notice does not currently affect the validity of the foreclosure or the transfer of title to the property. This new law further provides that the possession or production of proof of mailing of such notice is an affirmative defense to any cause of action related to the notice requirement and that any cause of action related to the notice requirement must be brought within one year of the foreclosure. **Effective February 22, 2018.**



NEW LAWS IMPACTING COUNTIES

— VEHICLE REGULATION —

Interlock Devices/DUI Offenses **S**

Act 2018-517 by Sen. Jim McClendon

This new law amends the code sections related to the use of ignition interlock devices for persons charged with driving under the influence. It now requires the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency to suspend the driving privileges of and install an ignition interlock device on the motor vehicle of any first-time offender found to have a blood/alcohol level of .15% or more while operating a vehicle. It also reduces the court fees related to the installation of interlock devices from \$300 to \$200 and adjusts the current distribution of such fees, none of which directly impact county funding. The act further adds a number of additional provisions related to pretrial diversion programs and indigence status.

This new law does not directly impact county governments, as counties do not receive any of the fees related to the interlock devices; however, county leaders and sheriffs should always monitor the number of municipal offenders that pass through county jails as a result of DUI changes. **Effective July 1, 2018.**

Hardship Driver Licenses **S**

Act 2018-289 by Sen. Clyde Chambliss

This new law requires the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) to develop and implement a Class D hardship driver license program with specified and limited driving privileges for inmates in work release programs or communications corrections programs and individuals released from Department of Corrections incarceration. Individuals with suspended or revoked licenses who do not pose a risk to public safety and cannot obtain alternative transportation will also be eligible for a hardship driver license. Holders of hardship driver licenses will be subject to rules and regulations set out by ALEA and will be required to pay a fee. Should an individual's hardship driver license be revoked, he or she will not be ineligible to apply for a driver's license for six months following the revocation date. People adjudicated or convicted of driving under the influence will not be eligible for a hardship driver license. **Effective June 1, 2018.**

Personal Information to License Plate Sponsors **P T**

Act 2018-190 by Sen. Gerald Dial

This newly-amended law requires the Department of Revenue (DOR) to allow a motor vehicle owner registering for a distinctive license plate to opt-in or opt-out of the release of personal information – such as the owner's name, owner's address and owner's email address – to the license plate's sponsor. Opt-in authorization can be granted at the time of the initial registration, but subsequent opt-in and opt-out authorizations must be done directly through DOR. This new requirement applies only to collegiate and university distinctive license plates and distinctive license plates authorized by the Legislative Oversight Committee, a collection of members now appointed by the Presiding Officer of the Senate to oversee the implementation and administration of this law. Additionally, this new law alters the membership of the Legislative Oversight Committee to include a representative from the Probate Judges Association and the Alabama Association of Tax Administrators. **Effective March 12, 2018.**



NEW LAWS IMPACTING COUNTIES

— VEHICLE REGULATION —

Emergency Contact Information Shared with ALEA **9 M S**

Act 2018-271 by Rep. K.L. Brown

Referred to as the Allison Faye Brown Act, this new law allows any person applying for or renewing a driver's license or any other license or card issued by the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) to provide ALEA with a designated emergency contact and his or her contact information. Under this law, ALEA will be responsible for storing the emergency contact information and will make the information available to law enforcement personnel when contact with the emergency contact is critical to the licensee or card holder.

Effective March 20, 2018.

Special Windshield Placards for Veterans **P S**

Act 2018-133 by Rep. Barry Moore

This new law allows recipients of certain military honors and those recognized as having a certain veteran status to receive a free removable windshield placard for display in their motor vehicle(s). Additionally, this law makes it unlawful for someone not in possession of one of these removable windshield placards or a corresponding distinctive license plate to park in a parking place designated for a specific military honoree or veteran. A violation of this law will result in a fine of \$25 for the first offense, \$50 for the second offense and \$100 for the third or subsequent offense. For parking violations issued by a county law enforcement officer, 50% of the fine collected will be paid to the county general fund, with the remainder remitted to the State Treasury. Effective May 1, 2018.

Disabled Parking Authorization **S**

Act 2018-458 by Rep. Ken Johnson

Under Alabama law, law enforcement officers are required to issue a violation to any person who parks a vehicle in a reserved parking place for disabled individuals without possession of a special long-term access or long-term disability access license plate or placard. This amendment to the law makes it lawful for someone transporting a passenger with the proper license plate or placard to park in a place designated for disabled individuals. Effective June 1, 2018.



NEW LAWS IMPACTING COUNTIES

— ETHICS —

Revisions to State Ethics Law **9 E M P R S T**

Act 2018-515 by Sen. Cam Ward

This new law amends the sections of the Ethics Law related to “minor violations” by public officials and public employees. As amended, a “minor violation” by a public official will be considered any economic gain or loss of \$1,500 or less. Additionally, what constitutes a minor violation by a public employee is now to be determined at the discretion of the Alabama Ethics Commission and the Attorney General’s Office or the district attorney for the appropriate jurisdiction. The law provides five factors in making the final determination in such cases. The law also increases the administrative penalty the Ethics Commission can impose for such violations from \$1,000 to \$6,000.

These changes will be included in all upcoming training courses related to the state’s ethics law. In the meantime, please contact a member of the Association staff with any questions about this act. **Effective July 1, 2018.**

Award of Economic Incentives

Act 2018-541 by Rep. Ken Johnson

This act relates to the notification requirements for the grant of certain economic incentives. As amended, the law now requires local governments to notify the Secretary of Commerce in writing about specific grants of economic incentives. For county governments, this will primarily include any actions taken under the powers in Constitutional Amendment 772 or any local amendments, access road and bridge funding paid for through the Alabama Industrial Access Road and Bridge Corporation, or any grant of federal dollars to the county that are expended for such economic development purposes. Additionally, disclosed information concerning a proposed project is confidential under this law, and state and local entities are authorized to enter into confidentiality agreements with entities considering economic development activity within their boundaries. However, such agreements do not supersede a municipality’s obligation to notify a county of its intention to abate taxes or any public disclosure required for governmental permits or approvals. The new law also temporarily clarifies what constitutes “lobbying” for persons employed as economic development professionals. This portion of the law will be automatically repealed on April 1, 2019, at which time the Legislature is expected to propose a permanent solution to this controversial issue. **Effective April 6, 2018.**



NEW LAWS IMPACTING COUNTIES

— COUNTY GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION —

County Depositories

Act 2018-149 by Sen. Clay Scofield

Previously, county commissions were required to annually select a county bank depository on or before the first Monday in December to store county funds. Under this newly-amended law, county commissions are no longer required to bid the despository each year but still must solicit proposals when doing so in order to identify the depository offering the highest interest rate at the time of the selection. **Effective June 1, 2018.**

Tax Notification Requirements

Act 2018-150 by Sen. Paul Sanford

A number of local governments have agreements with the Department of Revenue (DOR) to collect their local sales, use, rental and lodging taxes. To recover its costs, the Department is currently authorized to charge counties a maximum of 5% of the revenue collected. This act reduces the maximum amount DOR can charge county governments to 2% of the revenue collected. Additionally, this new act prohibits DOR from charging counties for the cost of filing, processing and remittance services related to the ONE SPOT system, as well as extends the notice counties must provide the Department on any new or altered tax levies to be collected from 30 days to 60 days before the first day of the first month of collection.

Effective March 1, 2019. However, it requires DOR to notify local governments levying sales, use, rental or lodging tax of the current rates in its file no later than October 1, 2018. Then, by December 1, 2018, counties and cities will have to send DOR written confirmation of any erroneous rates with corrections, along with supporting resolutions or documentation. Members of CROAA are encouraged to closely review this act, particularly Section 2.

Data Breaches

Act 2018-396 by Sen. Arthur Orr

With passage of this act, Alabama became the last state to establish statutory procedures for government and private entities to follow related to breaches of cybersecurity. The new law, known as the Alabama Data Breach Notification Act of 2018, places three basic requirements on county governments and other “covered entities.” Each of the following requirements involve a number of procedures and details that will require close consideration by all counties and any departments maintaining databases of personal information that fall within the parameters of the statute: (1) covered entities and their third-party service providers are required to implement and maintain reasonable security measures to protect their sensitive information, (2) covered entities must conduct a prompt investigation upon discovering a security breach and (3) covered entities must provide proper notification of a security breach to (a) impacted Alabama residents, (b) the Alabama Attorney General's Office and (c) consumer reporting agencies.

The Association staff will provide county administrators a detailed overview of this new law at the Annual Administrators Conference in May, and it will also be a major issue of discussion at the ACCA Annual Convention in August. In the meantime, county leaders are urged to give this new law a close review. Please contact a member of the Association staff with any questions. **Effective June 1, 2018.**

NEW LAWS IMPACTING COUNTIES

— COUNTY GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION —

Non-Government Entities in LGHIP Program

Act 2018-124 by Rep. Kerry Rich

The Local Government Health Insurance Program affords employees and retirees of participating local governments health insurance coverage through the sole practices and funding of program participants. This amended act authorizes the Care Assurance System for Aging and Homebound to join the select few nonprofits participating in the LGHIP but requires any entities or organizations added to the LGHIP on or after June 1, 2018, (excluding local governments) to be treated as separate entities that must establish their own premiums and funding. This change is expected to head off the addition of large organizations to the LGHIP that could drastically interfere with local government premiums and cut into local government reserves. **Effective February 22, 2018.**

County Participation in State Fuel Fleet Program

Act 2018-195 by Rep. Dickie Drake

This act gives local governments, and their instrumentalities, clear authority to participate in the state fleet fuel card program, clarifying a long-standing issue for local governments. This new law also extends the state competitive bid law “preferred vendor” priority to any business physically located in the state of Alabama and more than 50% owned by a veteran. County leaders should note that the latter change was not included in competitive bid code sections governing county governments. **Effective June 1, 2018.**

Changes to the Department of Examiners

Act 2018-129 by Rep. Chris Pringle

This new law makes a number of significant changes to the Department of Examiners (DOE) and its internal operations. County administrators initially raised major concerns about a provision in the bill that could be interpreted to authorize the DOE to require all counties to utilize the same accounting software. However, the bill sponsor worked with the Association staff to address this concern and included language in the bill to require the chief examiner to consult with the Association on any potential changes to accounting and reporting requirements at the local level.

Although the Association expressed no objections to the legislation after the sponsor accepted the county amendments, county leaders are still encouraged to review these new provisions related to the DOE. The Association staff will provide the membership with more detailed information on any changes that could impact counties during upcoming conferences and training events. **Effective February 22, 2018.**

County Warrants for City-Owned Facilities

Act 2018-371 by Rep. Randy Davis

This act amends the code section authorizing county governments to issue warrants in order to finance public facilities. This law now extends the definition of an eligible public facility to include facilities – and capital improvements to facilities – owned or acquired by a municipality within the county. Any application of warrant proceeds issued under this provision of law for capital improvements to municipal facilities must be governed by a written agreement between the county and the municipality. **Effective March 26, 2018.**

NEW LAWS IMPACTING COUNTIES

— COUNTY GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION —

"In God We Trust" Act

Act 2018-272 by Rep. David Standridge

Referred to as the National Motto "In God We Trust" Act, this new law grants county commissions and state agencies the authority to display "In God We Trust" in and on public buildings and public vehicles, including courthouses, school classrooms, libraries, office buildings, and law enforcement or service vehicles. **Effective June 1, 2018.**

Extension for One-Time Payment to Local ERS Participants

Act 2018-563 by Rep. Steve McMillan

In Act 2017-367, the Alabama Legislature gave local entities participating in the Employees' Retirement System (ERS) the option to provide a one-time lump-sum payment to persons who (1) retired by or before May 1, 2017, and (2) were to receive, or be entitled to receive, a monthly ERS allowance on November 30, 2017. This new act extends the former deadline, allowing local employers participating in the ERS to now exercise this option up until October 31, 2018. **Effective April 6, 2018.**



NEW LAWS IMPACTING COUNTIES

— TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE —

Updates to Transportation Infrastructure Bank **E**

Act 2018-290 by Sen. Arthur Orr

This act makes a number of technical and substantive changes to the Alabama Transportation Infrastructure Bank, which was created in 2015 to assist government entities, including counties, in the financing of transportation projects. The act expands the definition of a “permitted investment” and “qualified project” as defined within the law. It also expands the bank’s access to capital to include, upon the Transportation Director’s recommendation and approval of the Governor, the following: motor vehicle license taxes distributed to the state, diesel fuel excise taxes (not including the portion distributed to counties and cities), motor carrier fuel excise taxes and the receipts on fees for vehicle identification markers. **Effective March 22, 2018.**

Distance from Power Lines **E**

Act 2018-402 by Sen. Cam Ward

Current Alabama law prohibits any individual from operating, placing or moving tools or machinery or moving any building within a certain distance of a high-voltage overhead conductor of electricity. This amended law increases the former 6-foot limitation to prohibit an individual from performing the aforementioned tasks within 10 feet of an electrical conductor installed above ground and not enclosed by iron pipe or a similar metal. **Effective January 1, 2019.**

Changes to State Board of Engineers & Licensure **E**

Act 2018-550 by Sen. Clyde Chambliss

This new law, which makes extensive changes to the code sections governing the State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, was passed after extensive discussions between the bill sponsor and members of the engineering and land surveying communities. County engineers are encouraged to review these changes and alert the Association staff about any issues that may require further training. **Effective July 1, 2018.**

Changes to "Move Over" Act **E**

Act 2018-459 by Rep. Chris Sells

The Alabama Move Over Act specifies the conditions for which a driver of a motor vehicle must move over or slow down when approaching certain vehicles on or along the road. This updated law amends the Alabama Move Over Act to require motorists to move over or slow down for any vehicle displaying flashing lights while on or along a road, covering county vehicles and better protecting county employees at work on roadways and roadsides. **Effective June 1, 2018.**



NEW LAWS IMPACTING COUNTIES

— TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE —

Transportation Network Companies

Act 2018-127 by Rep. David Faulkner

This new law aims to regulate the growing industry of transportation network companies (TNC) in the state. Upon other regulatory requirements, the act requires TNCs to obtain a permit from the Public Service Commission. It also mandates that TNCs collect a local assessment fee for all pre-arranged rides originating within the boundaries of a municipality or unincorporated area of the county equal to 1% of the gross trip fare. Within 30 days of the end of each calendar quarter, the TNC must submit the total amount of its assessment fees to the Commission. No later than 60 days after the end of each calendar quarter, the Commission will then distribute the collected assessment fees – minus any amount retained by the Commission to cover its necessary expenses – to the localities where the rides originated. **The portion of the law related to the local assessment will become effective August 1, 2018. All remaining sections will become effective July 1, 2018.**



NEW LAWS IMPACTING COUNTIES

— MISCELLANEOUS —

Broadband Incentives

Act 2018-395 by Sen. Clay Scofield

This act establishes a grant program administered by the Alabama Department of Economic Development Agency (ADECA) to encourage the expansion of broadband services into rural Alabama. It requires the ADECA Director to put forth rules and policies to administer the program and begin accepting applications for grants by or before the end of June. The grants will be funded through the Alabama Broadband Accessibility Fund with appropriations from the Legislature, as well as any gifts, grants or other donations received by ADECA for the program or fund. The goal of this program is to utilize this competitive grant process to incentivize private industries to expand and improve broadband services to unincorporated areas of counties and municipalities with less than 25,000 inhabitants.

Over the course of the legislative session, this program took a sharp turn from the initial proposal of granting such companies a series of tax abatements. The Association supported the creation of this incentive program and will be providing counties with more information as ADECA continues to work on its development. **Effective March 28, 2018.**

Approval of Alcohol Sales in Community Development Districts

Act 2018-287 by Sen. Steve Livingston

This new law amends the code section related to the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages within community development districts (CDD). It specifically applies to CDDs located in dry counties that share a border with another state and otherwise meet the criteria provided for in Section 35-8B-1(h) of the Alabama Code. If the majority of a CDD's board approves the sale of alcohol within the district for seven days per week, subject to approval by referendum, anyone in the district with the proper Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Board license may sell alcoholic beverages in the district. If the CDD is located in an unincorporated area of the county, the CDD's board must petition the probate judge to call a county-wide referendum election on whether or not to authorize the sale of alcohol in the district. The cost of the election, including the cost of notice by publication, must be paid out of the county general fund. The costs for such referendums held for CDDs within a municipality's corporate limits shall be paid out of the municipality's general fund.

Although this law has limited applicability, county leaders should be aware of the increasing number of proposed legislation related to CDDs and the potential impact or requirements they may place on counties. **Effective March 22, 2018.**



NEW LAWS IMPACTING COUNTIES

— MISCELLANEOUS —

Alabama Rural Hospital Resource Center

Act 2018-394 by Sen. Greg Reed

This act grants the University of Alabama at Birmingham the authority to establish the Alabama Rural Hospital Resource Center. The purpose of the resource center is to provide rural Alabamians access to high-quality health care by increasing the viability and capabilities of nonprofit or public rural hospitals at minimal to zero cost. The resource center may support participating hospitals in the areas of compliance, strategic planning, recruitment, purchasing, and supply chain and any other area that furthers the purpose of the center. The obligations of this new law will not go into effect until the University of Alabama at Birmingham formally approves the measures and sufficient funds are provided through the Governor's Office or are appropriated by the Legislature. **Effective March 28, 2018.**

Emergency Responder & Peer Support Communication **M** **S**

Act 2018-416 by Rep. Paul Lee

Communications by emergency responders to certified peer support members made during peer support events will soon be privileged under this new law. The law specifies instances where such communication may be excluded from privilege and also maintains an emergency responder's right to waive such privilege. For purposes of this law, peer support members are persons who have received training in critical incident stress management and who are certified by the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency to provide emotional and moral support to emergency responders for job-related stress. **Effective June 1, 2018.**



NEW LOCAL LAWS

— AUTAUGA —

Prattville Corporate Limits

Act 2018-183 by Sen. Clyde Chambliss

This act alters, rearranges and extends the boundary lines and corporate limits of the municipality of Prattville. **Effective March 8, 2018.**

— BALDWIN —

Retirement Benefits

Act 2018-520 by Rep. Harry Shiver

This act authorizes employees of the presiding circuit judge to be eligible for the Employees' Retirement System. This act also establishes that funds necessary for the administration of these retirement benefits be paid for by the Baldwin County Law Library Operating Fund. **Effective April 6, 2018.**

Sheriff's Department

Act 2018-240 by Rep. Harry Shiver

This act allows sheriff's department employees to receive a retired badge and firearm upon retirement from the sheriff's office. **Effective March 15, 2018.**

— BARBOUR —

Alcohol Sales

Act 2018-221 by Sen. Billy Beasley

This act authorizes the local governing body of the town of Louisville to authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages after 1 p.m. on Sunday. **Effective March 14, 2018.**

Alcohol Sales

Act 2018-222 by Sen. Billy Beasley

This act authorizes the local governing body of the town of Clio to authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages after 1 p.m. on Sunday. **Effective March 14, 2018.**

— BULLOCK —

Alcohol Sales

Act 2018-191 by Sen. Billy Beasley

This act authorizes the local governing body of the city of Union Springs to authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages after 1 p.m. on Sunday, upon the approval of a local referendum. **Effective March 12, 2018.**

— BUTLER —

Sheriff's Department

Act 2018-244 by Rep. Chris Sells

This act allows sheriff's department employees to receive a retired badge and firearm upon retirement from the sheriff's office. **Effective March 15, 2018.**



NEW LOCAL LAWS

— CALHOUN —

Operation of Council-Manager Government

Act 2018-499 by Rep. Barbara Boyd

This bill authorizes the city manager and city council to transfer any unencumbered appropriation balance or portion of balance within an office, department, board or agency. **Effective April 4, 2018.**

License & Revenue Commissioner Offices

Act 2018-497 by Rep. K.L. Brown

This act provides for a branch office of the county license commissioner and county revenue commissioner in the community of Alexandria. **Effective April 4, 2018.**

— CHAMBERS —

Alcohol Sales

Act 2018-566 by Rep. Issac Whorton

This act proposes to allow the county commission to authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages in the unincorporated areas of the county, upon approval of a local referendum. **Effective April 6, 2018.**

Sheriff Compensation

Act 2018-269 by Sen. Gerald Dial

This act increases the salary of the sheriff, effective upon the next term of office in 2019. **Effective June 1, 2018.**

— CHEROKEE —

Coroner Expense

Act 2018-243 by Rep. Richard Lindsey

This act authorizes the county commission to pay expenses for the operation of the office of the coroner. **Effective March 15, 2018.**

Sheriff's Department

Act 2018-79 by Sen. Phil Williams

This act authorizes the sheriff to sell certain abandoned, stolen and unclaimed property at public auction. **Effective May 1, 2018.**

NEW LOCAL LAWS

— CHILTON —

Dangerous Dogs

Act 2018-184 by Rep. Jimmy Martin

This local constitutional amendment proposes to allow the establishment of procedures by local law by which a dog can be declared dangerous or a nuisance and be humanely destroyed in the unincorporated areas of the county. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

Dangerous Dogs

Act 2018-236 by Rep. Jimmy Martin

This act establishes policies and procedures by which a dog can be declared dangerous or a nuisance and be humanely destroyed in the unincorporated areas of the county. **Effective upon adoption of local constitutional amendment Act 2018-184.**

Sheriff Salary Increase

Act 2018-251 by Rep. Jimmy Martin

This act increases the salary of the sheriff, commencing on the sheriff's first day of the next term of office. **Effective March 16, 2018.**

Probate Judge Salary Increase

Act 2018-237 by Rep. Jimmy Martin

This act increases the annual salary of the probate judge, commencing on the probate judge's first day of the next term of office. **Effective March 15, 2018.**

— CLARKE —

Grove Hill Corporate Limits

Act 2018-267 by Sen. Greg Albritton

This act alters, rearranges and extends the boundary lines and corporate limits of the municipality of Grove Hill. **Effective June 1, 2018.**

— CLAY —

Sheriff Supernumerary

Act 2018-37 by Rep. Steve Hurst

This act proposes a local constitutional amendment prohibiting a sheriff from participating in the supernumerary program and allowing the sheriff to elect to participate in the Employees' Retirement System. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

County Engineer Residency

Act 2018-101 by Rep. Steve Hurst

This act waives the requirement that the county engineer be a resident of the county. **Effective February 20, 2018.**

Tobacco Tax Distribution

Act 2018-432 by Sen. Gerald Dial

This act allocates portions of the tobacco tax to the Clay County Animal Shelter and the Water Districts. **Effective October 1, 2017.**

NEW LOCAL LAWS

— COLBERT —

Ad Valorem Tax

Act 2018-241 by Rep. Marcel Black

This act authorizes the city of Muscle Shoals to increase the ad valorem tax, upon approval of a local referendum. **Effective March 15, 2018.**

Alcohol Sales

Act 2018-253 by Rep. Johnny Mack Morrow

This act authorizes the governing body of the town of Cherokee to regulate and permit the sale of alcoholic beverages. **Effective March 16, 2018.**

Alcohol Sales

Act 2018-476 by Rep. Marcel Black

This act authorizes the county commission to regulate and permit the sale of alcoholic beverages during certain hours on Sunday. **Effective March 29, 2018.**

— CONECUH —

Voting Centers

Act 2018-407 by Sen. Greg Albritton

This act authorizes the county commission to establish voting centers and validate existing voting centers within the county. **Effective March 28, 2018.**

— COOSA —

Sheriff Booking Fee

Act 2018-39 by Rep. Ron Johnson

This act authorizes the sheriff to impose a booking fee and the proceeds be used by the county commission for county jail operations. **Effective April 1, 2018.**

Sheriff Use of Credit Card

Act 2018-93 by Rep. Ron Johnson

This act authorizes the sheriff to establish procedures to make limited purchases utilizing a credit or debit card for law enforcement purposes. **Effective February 14, 2018.**

Distribution of Tobacco Tax

Act 2018-202 by Rep. Mark Tuggle

This act distributes a portion of the tobacco tax to the county commission general fund. **Effective March 12, 2018, with retroactive effect to October 1, 2016.**

Probate Judge Fees

Act 2018-478 by Sen. Clyde Chambliss

This act authorizes the probate judge to collect fees for scanning, faxing and electronic transmittal of documents by the probate office. **Effective June 1, 2018.**

NEW LOCAL LAWS

— CRENSHAW —

Alcohol Sales

Act 2018-254 by Rep. Chris Sells

This act authorizes the county commission to authorize the sale of alcohol for on-premise and off-premise consumption. **Effective March 16, 2018.**

— CULLMAN —

Sheriff Food Fund

Act 2018-409 by Rep. Corey Harbison

This act proposes a local constitutional amendment providing for certain procedures for the sheriff's feeding of prisoners in the county jail. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

— DALE —

Alcohol Sales

Act 2018-238 by Rep. Steve Clouse

This act authorizes the city council to permit the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sunday, upon the approval of a local referendum. **Effective March 15, 2018.**

Tag Fee for Emergency Services

Act 2018-239 by Rep. Steve Clouse

This act authorizes the revenue commissioner to collect a tag transaction fee for motor vehicles. Proceeds are to be allocated for emergency medical services. **Effective March 15, 2018.**

Alcohol Sales

Act 2018-245 by Rep. Steve Clouse

This act authorizes the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sundays between the hours of 1 p.m. and midnight, upon the approval of a local referendum. **Effective March 15, 2018.**

Alcohol Sales

Act 2018-252 by Rep. Steve Clouse

This act requires the purchase of a license for the sale of alcohol in the unincorporated areas of the county for on-premise consumption. **Effective March 16, 2018.**

— DEKALB —

Alcohol Sales

Act 2018-55 by Rep. Nathaniel Ledbetter

This bill authorizes the governing body of the city of Fort Payne to regulate and permit the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sunday. **Effective February 7, 2018.**

NEW LOCAL LAWS

— ELMORE —

Prattville Corporate Limits

Act 2018-183 by Sen. Clyde Chambliss

This act alters, rearranges and extends the boundary lines and corporate limits of the municipality of Prattville. **Effective March 8, 2018.**

Sheriff Compensation

Act 2018-189 by Sen. Dick Brewbaker

This act provides for the compensation of the sheriff, commencing on the sheriff's first day of the next term of office. **Effective June 1, 2018.**

— ESCAMBIA —

Alcohol Sales

Act 2018-256 by Rep. Alan Baker

This act authorizes the governing body of the city of Atmore to regulate and permit the sale of alcohol on Sundays. **Effective March 16, 2018.**

County Board of Education Compensation

Act 2018-228 by Rep. Alan Baker

This act increases the compensation of the county board of education for attending meetings. **Effective March 14, 2018.**

— ETOWAH —

Glencoe Corporate Limits

Act 2018-522 by Rep. Craig Ford

This bill alters, rearranges and extends the boundary lines and corporate limits of the municipality of Glencoe. **Effective April 6, 2018.**

Personnel Board Compensation Increase

Act 2018-579 by Rep. Craig Ford

This act increases the per diem of the county personnel board members for conducting meetings and hearings. **Effective April 6, 2018.**

Gadsden Board of Education

Act 2018-565 by Rep. Mack Butler

This act establishes that members of the Gadsden City Board of Education be elected rather than appointed, upon the approval of a local referendum. **Effective April 6, 2018.**

NEW LOCAL LAWS

— FAYETTE —

Fayette County Inmate Work Release

Act 2018-511 by Rep. Kyle South

This act increases the earnings percentage withheld from participation in the County Inmate Work Release Board Program. **Effective April 4, 2018.**

Poll Workers Compensation

Act 2018-512 by Rep. Kyle South

This act increases the compensation for poll workers, to be paid by the county commission and the State. **Effective June 1, 2018.**

— FRANKLIN —

Sales & Use Tax

Act 2018-109 by Sen. Larry Stutts

This act proposes a local constitutional amendment to reallocate a portion of existing sales and use tax for the purposes of maintaining roads and bridges associated with public schools. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

— HALE —

Sheriff's Department

Act 2018-277 by Sen. Bobby Singleton

This act authorizes the sheriff to sell certain abandoned, stolen and unclaimed property at public auction. **Effective May 1, 2018.**

— HENRY —

Booking Fee

Act 2018-226 by Rep. Dexter Grimsley

This act provides for a booking fee imposed on each person booked into the county jail, with proceeds provided to the county commission for the operation of the jail and the circuit clerk's office. **Effective June 1, 2018.**

Sheriff Processing Fee

Act 2018-130 by Rep. Dexter Grimsley

This act establishes a processing fee for personal service of process by the sheriff and for the proceeds to be used for law enforcement purposes. **Effective May 1, 2018.**

Coroner Employee Benefits

Act 2018-100 by Rep. Dexter Grimsley

This act provides for a cost-of-living pay raise, health insurance benefits and retirement benefits for the county coroner. **Effective February 8, 2018.**

NEW LOCAL LAWS

— HOUSTON —

Municipal Warrant Fee

Act 2018-257 by Rep. Paul Lee

This act provides for the city of Webb municipal judge or magistrate to establish a warrant recall fee for failure to appear in court. **Effective March 16, 2018.**

Employee Compensation

Act 2018-521 by Rep. Paul Lee

This bill authorizes the city of Dothan to provide for the approval of employee compensation rates to be approved by the city clerk. **Effective April 6, 2018.**

— JACKSON —

Alcohol Sales

Act 2018-131 by Rep. Tommy Hanes

This act authorizes the city of Bridgeport to regulate and permit the sale of alcohol on Sundays. **Effective February 23, 2018.**

Water & Fire Protection

Act 2018-54 by Sen. Steve Livingston

This proposed constitutional amendment authorizes the Cumberland Mountain Water and Fire Protection Authority to provide natural gas service in the county. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

TVA Monies

Act 2018-270 by Sen. Steve Livingston

This act redistributes TVA payments to the Jackson County Legislative Delegation Critical Needs Fund. **Effective March 20, 2018.**

County Commission Chair

Act 2018-516 by Sen. Steve Livingston

This act provides that the county commission chair will serve full time and further amends the compensation of the county commission chair. **Effective April 4, 2018.**

NEW LOCAL LAWS

— JEFFERSON —

Ad Valorem Tax

Act 2018-166 by Rep. David Faulkner

This local constitutional amendment proposes to remove the existing limits on the amount of ad valorem taxes payable on various classes of taxable property. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

Pleasant Grove Utility Fees

Act 2018-560 by Rep. Allen Farley

This bill provides for the investment and use of the proceeds from the sale of the gas and water distribution systems for the city of Pleasant Grove. **Effective July 1, 2018.**

City of Warrior Corporate Limits

Act 2018-177 by Rep. Allen Treadaway

This act alters, rearranges and extends the boundary lines and corporate limits of the municipality of Warrior. **Effective June 1, 2018.**

Ad Valorem Tax

Act 2018-461 by Rep. Dickie Drake

This act authorizes the city of Leeds to increase the ad valorem rate, upon approval of a local referendum. The proceeds are to be distributed to the city of Leeds general fund and the Leeds City Board of Education. **Effective March 28, 2018.**

Alcohol Sales

Act 2018-387 by Sen. Linda Coleman-Madison

This act authorizes the governing body of the city of Birmingham to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premise consumption on Sunday, commencing at 1 a.m. **Effective March 26, 2018.**

— LAUDERDALE —

Gas Tax Proceeds

Act 2018-142 by Sen. Tim Melson

This act requires all proceeds collected from the excise tax on gasoline and motor fuel be used to pay off securities for the funding of the Shoals Economic Development Project. **Effective May 1, 2018.**

— LOWNDES —

Coroner Expense

Act 2018-99 by Sen. Hank Sanders

This act increases the expense allowance for the county coroner. **Effective June 1, 2018.**

Sheriff Compensation

Act 2018-145 by Sen. Hank Sanders

This act ratifies and confirms any cost-of-living increases, merit raises, one-time pay increases or additional compensation made to the sheriff. **Effective February 28, 2018.**



NEW LOCAL LAWS

— LEE —

Smiths Station Corporate Limits

Act 2018-246 by Rep. Issac Whorton

This act alters, rearranges and extends the boundary lines and corporate limits of the municipality of Smiths Station. **Effective June 1, 2018.**

Alcohol Sales

Act 2018-391 by Rep. Joe Lovvorn

This act authorizes the governing body of the city of Auburn to approve the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premise consumption on Sundays. **Effective March 27, 2018.**

— LIMESTONE —

Ad Valorem Tax

Act 2018-507 by Rep. Danny Crawford

This act provides for ad valorem taxes collected in the county to further finance the budgetary operations of the revenue commissioner and the license commissioner on a pro rata share basis. **Effective April 4, 2018, with retroactive effect to April 12, 2006.**

— MACON —

Tobacco Tax Distribution

Act 2018-530 by Sen. Billy Beasley

This act allocates a portion of the tobacco tax to the county general fund to be used for recreational purposes in the county. **Effective April 6, 2018.**

— MADISON —

Noise Ordinance

Act 2018-167 by Sen. Bill Holtzclaw

This act proposes a constitutional amendment related to the unincorporated areas of the county to authorize the county commission to adopt and enforce ordinances to limit and restrict noise levels and public nuisances caused by excessive noise levels. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

— MARION —

Probate Judge Compensation

Act 2018-510 by Rep. Mike Millican

This act increases the probate judge's compensation and provides for the county commission to provide expenses for probate office operations, commencing with the term of office beginning January 2019. **Effective June 1, 2018.**

— MARSHALL —

Coroner Expense

Act 2018-509 by Rep. Ed Henry

This act increases the expense allowance for the county coroner. **Effective July 1, 2018.**

NEW LOCAL LAWS

— MOBILE —

Alcohol Sales

Act 2018-227 by Rep. James Buskey

This act authorizes the governing body of any municipality within the county and the county commission to authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sunday, commencing at 10 a.m. **Effective March 14, 2018.**

Food Services

Act 2018-229 by Rep. Margie Wilcox

This act authorizes the Mobile County Health Department to regulate food service establishments for regional celebrations. **Effective March 14, 2018.**

— MONROE —

Probate Judge Compensation

Act 2018-185 by Rep. Thomas Jackson

This act proposes a constitutional amendment to provide that compensation to the probate judge be on a salary basis and for fees collected by the probate judge to be deposited into the county general fund. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

— MONTGOMERY —

ERS Retirement

Act 2018-559 by Rep. John Knight

This act authorizes the employees of the city of Montgomery and the Montgomery Airport Authority to join the Employees' Retirement System of Alabama, upon the approval of the local governing bodies. **Effective April 6, 2018.**

ERS Retirement

Act 2018-388 by Rep. Kelvin Lawrence

This constitutional amendment proposes to allow the members of the Montgomery County Commission to participate in the Employees' Retirement System. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

NEW LOCAL LAWS

— MORGAN —

Alcohol Sales

Act 2018-110 by Sen. Arthur Orr

This act authorizes the local governing body of the city of Priceville to authorize the sale of draft or keg beer under certain circumstances. **Effective February 13, 2018.**

Alcohol Sales

Act 2018-501 by Rep. Ed Henry

This act authorizes the local governing body of the city of Hartselle to authorize the sale of draft or keg beer under certain circumstances. **Effective April 4, 2018.**

Sheriff Food Fund

Act 2018-92 by Sen. Arthur Orr

This act proposes a local constitutional amendment providing for certain procedures for the sheriff's feeding of prisoners in the county jail. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

— PICKENS —

Community Safe Rooms

Act 2018-293 by Rep. Alan Harper

This act authorizes the county commission to levy an additional sales and use tax for the financing and construction of community safe rooms within the county, upon approval of a local referendum. **Effective March 22, 2018.**

— PIKE —

Alcohol Sales

Act 2018-255 by Rep. Alan Boothe

This act authorizes the county commission to provide for the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sundays in the unincorporated areas of the county, upon the approval of a local referendum. **Effective March 16, 2018.**

— RANDOLPH —

Volunteer Fire Departments

Act 2018-84 by Rep. Bob Fincher

This act provides for a portion of tobacco tax revenues to be distributed to volunteer fire departments and to the Randolph County Rescue Squad. **Effective February 12, 2018.**

— TALLADEGA —

Alcohol Sales

Act 2018-193 by Rep. Ron Johnson

This act authorizes the governing body of the city of Childersburg to authorize the sale of alcohol after 1 p.m. on Sunday, upon the approval of a local referendum. **Effective March 12, 2018.**



NEW LOCAL LAWS

— WALKER —

Alcohol Sales

Act 2018-370 by Rep. Connie Rowe

This act authorizes the governing body of the city of Jasper to authorize the sale of alcohol after noon on Sunday, upon the approval of a local referendum. **Effective March 26, 2018.**

Appointments to Economic & Industrial Development Authority

Act 2018-558 by Rep. Tim Wadsworth

This bill provides procedures for the appointment of members to the Economic and Industrial Development Authority for the city of Oakman by the local governing body. **Effective April 6, 2018.**

— WASHINGTON —

Coroner Expense Allowance

Act 2018-78 by Rep. Elaine Beech

This act authorizes the county commission to provide an additional expense allowance for the coroner. **Effective February 9, 2018.**

— WILCOX —

Sales & Use Tax

Act 2018-56 by Rep. Kelvin Lawrence

This act authorizes the county commission to levy an additional sales and use tax, with proceeds of the tax to be used for the operation and maintenance of the J. Paul Jones Hospital. **Effective February 8, 2018.**

