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9 911 Directors

E Engineers

M Emergency Managers

P Probate Judges

R Revenue Officers

S Sheriffs

T Tax Officials

\$ Reimbursement Eligible

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

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INTRODUCTION

Members of the Alabama County Family,

The 2023 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature concluded June 6, which means the deadline has now passed for Gov. Kay Ivey to act on legislation passed during the final days of the session. This means any bills that did not receive her signature will not become law this year.

The ACCA staff is proud to announce that due to the hard work of the Alabama County Family, **a total of nine priority bills have been passed thus far in the year 2023** – with one bill to secure funding for county stormwater projects having passed in the March Special Session and eight additional bills passing during the Regular Session.

The Association’s final legislative report outlines these priorities, as well as every other new statewide or local law impacting county government in some form. Many of the laws 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 implementation procedures in the coming weeks. **County officials and employees with questions about the contents of this report are encouraged to contact the ACCA office at (334) 263-7594.**

The final legislative report of the 2023 Regular Session is divided into the following sections:

- > **Priority Statewide Bills Signed into Law**
- > **Other Statewide Bills Signed into Law**
 - Governmental Structure & County Operations
 - Revenue & Budgets
 - Employee Compensation & Benefits
 - Economic Development
 - Election Administration
 - Prisons & County Jails
 - Justice & Public Safety
 - Environment, Land Use & Public Works
 - Rural Transportation
- > **Local Bills Signed into Law**

Yet again, this year’s report includes a navigation key to help direct county leaders to the new laws 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 in its entirety because each new law has some sort of impact on local government operations.

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

With much gratitude and respect,
Your Association Staff

PRIORITY STATEWIDE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

Municipal Speed Limits

[Act 2023-130](#) by Sen. Steve Livingston & Rep. Debbie Wood **E**

This act provides that a municipality may not set the speed limit on a county-maintained street unless the municipality conducts an engineering and traffic investigation and receives written approval from the County Engineer to set the speed limit based on the results of that investigation. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

Competitive Bid Updates

[Act 2023-135](#) by Sen. Linda Coleman-Madison & Rep. Corley Ellis **9 E M R**

This act makes various changes to Alabama's Competitive Bid Law applicable to counties and their instrumentalities. Most notably, it increases the bid threshold from \$15,000 to \$30,000. These changes will be discussed in more detail at the 2023 ACCA Convention. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

CLEM Salaries & Certification

[Act 2023-204](#) by Sen. Andrew Jones & Rep. Allen Treadaway **M**

Among other changes to Alabama's emergency management laws, this act increases the state salary supplement for a Certified Local Emergency Manager (CLEM) director to 35 percent of his or her total salary, not to exceed \$17,000, and clarifies which CLEM directors are eligible for the supplement. **Effective October 1, 2023.**

Public Works Updates

[Act 2023-497](#) by Rep. Kerry Underwood & Sen. Sam Givhan **9 E M R**

This act updates Alabama's Public Works Law to address recent challenges at the local level. Notably, the act increases the bid threshold from \$50,000 to \$100,000 and creates greater flexibility in advertising project completion notices. This act will be discussed in greater detail at the 2023 ACCA Convention. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

Pistol Permit Revenue

[Act 2023-504](#) by Rep. Russell Bedsole **S**

This act improves Alabama's pistol permit revenue replacement grant program by amending the funding formula to better address local shortfalls, extending the grant program an additional two years and relieving the County Commission from responsibility over how Sheriffs and other recipients spend these grant monies. **Effective June 14, 2023.**

Property Tax Policies

[Act 2023-505](#) by Rep. Chris Sells **R T**

This act establishes the Alabama Ad Valorem Advisory Committee to promote more consistent and purposeful communication between the Alabama Department of Revenue and local tax officials. **Effective June 14, 2023.**

Poll Worker Compensation

[Act 2023-517](#) by Rep. James Lomax & Sen. Sam Givhan **P**

This act provides a \$50 per day state-funded increase in compensation to poll workers. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

PRIORITY BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

Courthouse Notices

Act 2023-529 by Sen. Jack Williams

This act authorizes the County Commission to post notices on its official website and on an electronic display inside the courthouse, rather than on a physical bulletin board, provided there is also compliance with any other physical notice or publication requirement of the applicable law. **Effective September 1, 2023.**



OTHER STATEWIDE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE & COUNTY OPERATIONS —

Act 2023-92 by Rep. Ginny Shaver **P**

This act creates comprehensive changes to Alabama's adoption laws, adding new chapters for the Alabama Minor Adoption Code and the Alabama Adult Adoption Code. **Effective January 1, 2024.**

Act 2023-118 by Sen. Will Barfoot

This act allows an Alabama Peace Officers' Memorial Day service to be held on the Capitol lawn on the first Friday of each year. It also allows counties and municipalities to designate the first Friday in May as Alabama Peace Officers' Memorial Day. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-122 by Sen. Sam Givhan **M**

The Alabama Unconscionable Pricing Act prohibits a person from imposing unconscionable prices on commodities during a declared state of emergency. This act limits that prohibition to the time periods and the affected areas specified in a proclamation by the Governor or a joint resolution of the Legislature. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-127 by Rep. Rhett Marques **P**

This act provides that an individual on active duty with the U.S. Armed Forces whose motor vehicle is registered in Alabama but who is required to reside in another state may purchase motor vehicle liability coverage in that other state, provided the coverage meets or exceeds the minimum amount required in Alabama. The purchase of liability coverage in the other state shall not invalidate his or her license or registration. **Effective January 1, 2024.**

Act 2023-128 by Sen. Rodger Smitherman

This act prohibits public agencies, including counties, from publicly disclosing information that would directly or indirectly identify a person as a member, supporter, volunteer or donor to any nonprofit organization. The act also prohibits public agencies from requiring that contractors, grantees or other persons submit a list of nonprofit organizations they have supported. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-162 by Rep. Wes Kitchens **P**

This act allows for distinctive "Brain Cancer Research" motor vehicle license plates. **Effective January 1, 2024.**

Act 2023-224 by Sen. Sam Givhan

This act authorizes the Legislative Council to contract with the Retirement Systems of Alabama to build a new Statehouse. The act also moves the start date of the Regular Legislative Session to the first Tuesday in February for the first year of the quadrennium. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-230 by Rep. James Lomax **P**

This act creates a distinctive license plate for emergency medical services providers. The act provides for the additional revenues to be distributed by the Comptroller to the Alabama Association of Ambulance Services and the Alabama Emergency Medical Services Association. **Effective January 1, 2024.**

OTHER STATEWIDE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE & COUNTY OPERATIONS —

Act 2023-246 by Rep. Alan Baker **S**

This act imposes new safety requirements on the operation and maintenance of amusement rides and water slides. ACCA amended the act so that these requirements do not apply to Sheriffs or governmental entities.

Effective August 1, 2023.

Act 2023-358 by Rep. David Standridge

This act creates the Rural and Community Fire Protection Development and Improvement Grant Program, to be administered by the Alabama Forestry Commission. Effective September 1, 2023.

Act 2023-396 by Rep. Prince Chestnut

This act prohibits employers, the state and political subdivisions from requiring an individual to be implanted with a microchip or other permanent identification marker. Effective September 1, 2023.

Act 2023-405 by Sen. Greg Albritton **P**

This act authorizes each former and current chair of the U.S.S. Alabama Battleship Commission to have a U.S.S. Alabama Battleship Commission distinctive license tag. Effective January 1, 2024.

Act 2023-460 by Rep. Danny Garrett

This act allows qualifying Class 8 municipalities to opt out of the jurisdiction of their county personnel boards and to create their own municipal civil service systems. Effective September 1, 2023.

Act 2023-506 by Rep. Shane Stringer **S**

This act requires County Commissions to make a request form available allowing a state legislator or a law enforcement officer or employee to request his or her personal identifying information be redacted from the County Commission's records. ACCA amended this legislation so that the request form would not have to be offered online.

Effective September 1, 2023.

Act 2023-507 by Rep. Juandalynn Givan **S**

This act creates procedures for the disclosure or release of recordings made by body-worn cameras or dashboard cameras used by law enforcement agencies. Effective September 1, 2023.

Act 2023-515 by Rep. Reed Ingram

This act removes residency requirements imposed on the District Attorney's personnel. Effective June 14, 2023.

Act 2023-543 by Sen. Arthur Orr

This act requires the Alabama Ethics Commission to provide certain evidence to an individual accused of violating the Ethics Law. Also, the act further provides for whistleblower protections included in the Ethics Law.

Effective September 1, 2023.

OTHER STATEWIDE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE & COUNTY OPERATIONS —

Act 2023-548 by Sen. Sam Givhan **P**

This act updates laws regarding the commission, training and discipline of notaries public. The act increases the fee for each notary commission issued and imposes an application fee. **Effective September 1, 2023.**



OTHER STATEWIDE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— REVENUE & BUDGETS —

Act 2023-102 by Rep. Matt Woods **E P S**

This act provides a process by which certain unclaimed fiduciary funds may be forfeited to the county.
Effective August 1, 2023.

Act 2023-309 by Rep. David Faulkner **R T**

Under existing law, the Birmingham Zoo is exempt from paying any state, county, and municipal sales and use taxes associated with capital expenditures. This act extends the exemption through September 30, 2027.
Effective August 1, 2023.

Act 2023-409 by Sen. Dan Roberts

This act prohibits a governmental entity from entering into a contract with a company for goods or services unless the contract contains written verification from the company that it does not and will not engage in economic boycotts.
Effective September 1, 2023, but only applicable to contracts entered into on or after October 1, 2023.

Act 2023-422 by Rep. Garrett **R**

This act increases the threshold for submitting estimated monthly sales tax payments from \$5,000 to \$20,000 in average monthly sales tax liability. Effective October 1, 2023.

Act 2023-465 by Sen. Andrew Jones

This act authorizes the Alabama Department of Examiners of Public Accounts, if suspecting fraud or mismanagement of funds, to perform a one-time audit of any nonprofit corporation that is not incorporated under Title 11 and that provides water service. Effective June 14, 2023.

Act 2023-496 by Rep. David Faulkner **R**

This act amends an existing tax exemption to reflect the current name of the March of Dimes Inc., formerly called the National Foundation. Effective June 14, 2023.

Act 2023-499 by Rep. David Faulkner **T**

This act sets a deadline by which valuation notices must be mailed by county tax assessing officials, imposes notice requirements for certain decisions of the Board of Equalization, and extends the time to pay taxes and file an appeal regarding actions of the Board of Equalization. Effective June 14, 2023.

Act 2023-502 by Rep. Kyle South

This act allows the state's Board of Adjustment to approve uncontested claims on an expedited basis without a full hearing. Effective June 14, 2023.

OTHER STATEWIDE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— REVENUE & BUDGETS —

Act 2023-510 by Rep. Chip Brown

This act authorizes a volunteer fire department or volunteer rescue squad to purchase kitchen equipment, food and beverages for the department or squad. The act also creates a state income tax credit for volunteer firefighters and volunteer rescue squad members. ACCA amended this legislation to prevent the County Commission from being responsible for the expenditures and activities of volunteer fire departments or volunteer rescue squads.

Effective September 1, 2023.

Act 2023-525 by Sen. Andrew Jones **R**

This act allows nonprofit organizations to be issued licenses to host wine festivals. ACCA amended this legislation to ensure that local sales and use taxes are properly collected and remitted. Effective September 1, 2023.

Act 2023-526 by Sen. Dan Roberts **R**

This act requires the Alabama Department of Revenue to grant certificates of exemption from sales and use taxes to contractors or subcontractors when they purchase materials to be used in a project for an entity statutorily exempt from sales and use taxes. Effective June 14, 2023, but only applicable to contracts entered into on or after January 1, 2024.

Act 2023-542 by Sen. Arthur Orr **S**

This act makes various changes to the procurement law applicable to state government. Notably for counties, the act makes Sheriffs and District Attorneys subject to the same bid laws applicable to county governments. ACCA amended this legislation to remove a burdensome reporting requirement for counties that was improperly included in the state government's procurement law. Effective June 14, 2023.

Act 2023-544 by Sen. Merika Coleman **9 E M P R S T**

This act adds new exemptions to Alabama's Competitive Bid Law for the purchase of computer programs, software applications, and services that aid in the prevention and detection of criminal activity by law enforcement agencies and community-oriented policing programs. Effective September 1, 2023.

Act 2023-554 by Rep. Danny Garrett **R**

This act reduces the state's portion of sales tax on "food" (as defined by the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). The act also authorizes County Commissions and municipalities to reduce their local portion of sales tax on food under certain circumstances. This act will be discussed at length at the 2023 ACCA Convention.

Effective June 15, 2023.

Act 2023-561 by Rep. Dan Roberts

This act prohibits governmental agencies, including counties, from accepting payments using Central Bank Digital Currency. Effective September 1, 2023.



OTHER STATEWIDE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION & BENEFITS —

Act 2023-101 by Rep. Joe Lovvorn **S**

This act removes the deadline for law enforcement officers who are Tier I members of the Employees' Retirement System or Teachers' Retirement System to purchase hazardous duty time for prior eligible service.

Effective August 1, 2023.

Act 2023-107 by Sen. Josh Carnley

This act extends the deadline for a county to opt in to providing a one-time lump-sum longevity bonus to retirees in the Employees' Retirement System. A county may opt in to this act by resolution on or before October 31, 2023. Any county that opts in is required to bear the costs of the longevity bonuses paid to its retirees. Effective May 3, 2023.

Act 2023-112 by Rep. Corley Ellis

This act authorizes disability insurers to expand their fully insured benefits to include paid family leave benefits through employer-sponsored group insurance policies or voluntarily purchased employee policies. Effective August 1, 2023.

Act 2023-196 by Sen. Josh Carnley

This act allows health benefit plans to communicate with covered individuals by electronic means under certain conditions. Effective August 1, 2023.

Act 2023-334 by Rep. Rex Reynolds **S**

This act authorizes certain Employees' Retirement System retirees to work as school resource officers or Alabama Department of Corrections correctional officers without suspension of their retirement allowances, provided that the compensation earned does not exceed \$52,000 per year.

Effective August 1, 2023, and scheduled to sunset December 31, 2026.

Act 2023-380 by Rep. Napoleon Bracy

Beginning the first pay day on or after October 1, 2023, this act provides a 2 percent salary increase to state employees. The increase provided by this act does not apply to any local supplement provided to any judges or to any other local employee whose salary is tied to that of any state employee. Effective June 1, 2023.

Act 2023-421 by Rep. Anthony Daniels

For the purposes of income taxation, this act excludes from the term "gross income" any compensation received by a full-time hourly waged paid employee for work performed in excess of 40 hours in a week. This law is in effect for tax years that begin after December 31, 2023, and end prior to June 30, 2025. The Alabama Department of Revenue and ACCA will provide further guidance as the effective date nears. Effective January 1, 2024.



OTHER STATEWIDE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT —

Act 2023-33 by Rep. Anthony Daniels

This act is known as the Innovation and Small Business Act. It allows Innovate Alabama to provide up to \$25 million per year in state tax credits to economic development organizations that undertake certain projects involving technology companies or “innovative” companies. These innovative companies include small businesses headquartered in certain distressed areas, as well as small businesses owned by U.S. citizens who are women or African American.

Effective April 20, 2023.

Act 2023-34 by Rep. Danny Garrett

This act is known as the Enhancing Alabama’s Economic Progress Act. It extends the Alabama Jobs Act and the Growing Alabama Act through July 31, 2028, and it increases their annual funding caps. Additionally, this act creates the Sweet Home Alabama Tourism Investment Act, which provides tax rebates to certified tourism destination projects over a 10-year period. Effective April 20, 2023.

Act 2023-35 by Sen. Arthur Orr

This act is known as the Site Evaluation Economic Development Strategy (SEEDS). The act allows local economic development organizations to apply for site assessment or development grants from the State Industrial Development Authority. Effective April 20, 2023.

Act 2023-36 by Sen. Garlan Gudger

This act is known as the Enhancing Transparency Act. The act requires the Alabama Department of Commerce to publish on its website certain information about the projects and companies receiving incentives under the Alabama Jobs Act. Effective July 1, 2023.

Act 2023-313 by Rep. David Faulkner

This act revises the Growing Alabama tax credit for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2021, so that the credit issued to a parent or holding company may be claimed by the subsidiary, provided both the parent or holding company and subsidiary are filing as part of an Alabama consolidated return. Effective May 30, 2023.

Act 2023-356 by Rep. Chip Brown

This act provides enhanced liability protection to owners, operators or prospective purchasers of “brownfields” (i.e., potentially contaminated properties) that participate in a voluntary cleanup program through the Alabama Department of Environmental Management. Property owners may petition the local government to establish a brownfield redevelopment district as a separate public corporation. Effective September 1, 2023.

Act 2023-415 by Sen. Tom Butler

This act authorizes the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) to distribute certain funds to design, construct and install a replica of the Saturn 1B Rocket at the northernmost I-65 Welcome Center. Additionally, this act distributes additional funds from ADECA to West Alabama Utilities, Bay Minette Utilities and Washington County for economic development. Effective September 1, 2023.

OTHER STATEWIDE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT —

Act 2023-419 by Rep. Chip Brown

This act raises the cap on port credits and expands tax incentives for businesses that increase their cargo volume through Alabama public ports. **Effective January 1, 2024.**

Act 2023-511 by Rep. Danny Garrett

This act provides each qualified taxpayer a one-time refundable income tax credit of \$150 (or \$300 for married filing jointly) to partially offset the amount of sales tax paid on groceries. The act directs the Alabama Department of Revenue to issue these tax credits no sooner than November 30, 2023. **Effective June 14, 2023.**

Act 2023-512 by Rep. Danny Garrett

This act clarifies which projects are eligible for tax rebates under the Sweet Home Alabama Tourism Investment Act, adds members to the Alabama Tourism Department's Advisory Board, and amends certain qualifications in the SEEDS act to more closely resemble those in the Jobs Act. **Effective June 14, 2023.**

Act 2023-522 by Rep. Adline Clarke

This act adds members to the Historic Tax Credit Evaluating Committee and revises available tax credits related to historic structures. **Effective June 14, 2023.**



OTHER STATEWIDE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— ELECTION ADMINISTRATION —

Act 2023-131 by Sen. Clyde Chambliss **P**

This act prohibits electronic vote counting systems from connecting to the internet or cell phone networks and from possessing modem technology. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-320 by Sen. Clyde Chambliss **P**

This act requires approved electronic vote counting systems to use paper ballots that are marked and made available for inspection and verification by the voter before the vote is cast and counted. **Effective May 30, 2023.**

Act 2023-501 by Rep. Chris Pringle **P**

For the 2024 election cycle only, this act moves the second or runoff primary election to the third Tuesday in April. The reasoning behind this legislation is to avoid election poll work on Easter Sunday. **Effective June 14, 2023.**



OTHER STATEWIDE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— PRISONS & COUNTY JAILS —

Act 2023-4 by Rep. Matt Simpson **S**

This act establishes mandatory minimum terms of imprisonment for trafficking one gram or more of fentanyl or any synthetic controlled substance fentanyl analogue. **Effective July 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-22 by Sen. April Weaver **S**

This act reduces the amount of correctional incentive time (also known as “good time”) that prisoners may receive and provides for additional circumstances in which a prisoner may be required to forfeit his or her good time. **Effective April 14, 2023.**

Act 2023-336 by Sen. Linda Coleman-Madison **S**

This act revises the definition of “contraband” to include things that a detention center policy prohibits a person confined in a detention facility from obtaining or possessing. Additionally, the act revises the crimes of “promoting prison contraband” to include situations in which a juvenile is given contraband within a detention facility. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-364 by Rep. Jerry Starnes **S**

This act allows a specialist, in addition to a probation officer, to conduct an investigation regarding a defendant and to provide a written report of the findings to the court. ACCA amended the legislation so that parolees would not be held in county jails indefinitely due to “exigent circumstances” that resulted in postponing the parole hearing, mitigating the legislation’s impact on counties. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-367 by Rep. Wes Kitchens **S**

This act provides that a prisoner who is charged with a new federal, state or local offense punishable by more than 12 months of imprisonment may not be considered for parole until the charge has been disposed. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-461 by Sen. Arthur Orr **S**

This act modifies the statutes on criminal solicitation, attempt and conspiracy to reflect the existence of Class D felonies. The act also gives judges more discretion when sentencing individuals convicted of Class C and Class D felonies. **Effective July 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-474 by Sen. Will Barfoot

This act allows a judge to order, as a condition of bond, that certain offenders be supervised by the Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles. **Effective September 1, 2023, but only operative upon certification by the Alabama Director of Finance that sufficient funds for implementation have been appropriated to the Board of Pardons and Paroles.**

OTHER STATEWIDE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— PRISONS & COUNTY JAILS —

Act 2023-475 by Sen. Chris Elliott

This act makes the conditions of an individual's probation or parole viewable to law enforcement officers through the Law Enforcement Tactical System. The act also allows a law enforcement officer to arrest a parolee or probationer without a warrant in certain circumstances. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-476 by Sen. David Sessions

This act amends the Alabama Bail Reform Act and provides for the acceptance of certain filing fees by the Sheriff. **Effective September 1, 2023.**



OTHER STATEWIDE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY —

Act 2023-61 by Sen. Bobby Singleton **P**

This act allows attorneys appointed to advocate for a petitioner in probate court to be paid “reasonable” fees related to consultation and preparation of the petition prior to appointment, subject to approval by the Probate Judge.

Effective July 1, 2023.

Act 2023-93 by Rep. Rolanda Hollis **S**

This act prohibits individuals from smoking tobacco products or vaping in an enclosed motor vehicle when a child 14 years of age or younger is present in the vehicle. A violation may be investigated and charged only as a secondary violation. Each violation is punishable by a fine of up to \$100. Effective August 1, 2023.

Act 2023-134 by Sen. Arthur Orr **P**

This act, called the Colby Act, allows for “supported decision-making agreements” as an alternative to guardianships or conservatorships. Effective August 1, 2023.

Act 2023-164 by Rep. Ron Bolton **S**

This act changes existing law so that the highest-ranking deputy, rather than the Coroner, serves as Acting Sheriff in the event of a vacancy in the Office of Sheriff. Effective August 1, 2023.

Act 2023-169 by Sen. Tim Melson **S**

This act prohibits psychoactive cannabinoids, such as delta-8 and delta-10, from being sold to individuals under the age of 21. Effective August 1, 2023.

Act 2023-174 by Rep. Allen Treadaway **S**

This act prohibits exhibition driving on public or private property without the consent of the owner and provides penalties for violations. ACCA amended the legislation so that arresting municipalities will be responsible for certain jail-related costs imposed by this act. Effective August 1, 2023.

Act 2023-176 by Sen. Will Barfoot **P**

The Alabama Uniform Trust Act allows a trustee to terminate trusts below a certain dollar amount if the trustee concludes that the value of the trust property is insufficient to justify the cost of administration. This act increases that dollar amount to \$100,000 and provides for future adjustments based on the Consumer Price Index. Effective May 12, 2023.

Act 2023-197 by Rep. Chip Brown **S**

This act requires law enforcement agencies to report, by April 1 of each year, to the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency certain statistics regarding sexual assault cases. Effective August 1, 2023.

OTHER STATEWIDE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY —

Act 2023-201 by Sen. Dan Roberts **P**

This act deems certain “unfair service agreements” unenforceable and prohibits them from being recorded in the probate office. Additionally, the act regulates the practice of “wholesaling” real property. ACCA amended this legislation to protect Probate Judges from potential liability and ensure that unfair service agreements would be properly litigated in circuit court, rather than in probate court. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-245 by Rep. Reed Ingram **S**

This act amends the crime of loitering to include loitering or remaining on a public roadway or right-of-way maintained by the state. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-289 by Rep. Cynthia Almond **P**

This act resolves jurisdictional issues involving will contest proceedings that are moved from the probate court to the circuit court. **Retroactively effective April 14, 2022.**

Act 2023-311 by Rep. Phillip Pettus

This act prohibits the State Board of Health from requiring a college degree for licensure as a community paramedic. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-315 by Sen. Sam Givhan

This act creates new circuit and district judgeships and provides for their compensation. The following counties are impacted by this act: Autauga, Baldwin, Chilton, DeKalb, Elmore, Lauderdale, Lee, Madison, Mobile, Shelby and Tuscaloosa. **Effective May 30, 2023.**

Act 2023-318 by Sen. April Weaver **S**

This act authorizes Alabama Department of Corrections officers who are APOST-certified to use a police animal or search and rescue animal to assist any law enforcement agency with public safety. **Effective May 30, 2023.**

Act 2023-332 by Rep. Scott Stadthagen **P**

This act prohibits a “foreign principal” from acquiring title to or acquiring a controlling interest in (1) agricultural and forest property or (2) real property on or within 10 miles of a military installation or critical infrastructure facility. The definition of “foreign principal” is primarily directed to the governments, officials, and political parties of China, Iran, North Korea and Russia.

Effective August 1, 2023, and only applicable prospectively to real property acquired after the aforementioned date.

Act 2023-337 by Sen. Will Barfoot **S**

This act prohibits a court from suspending an individual’s driver license for failure to pay a fine, fee or court cost because of a traffic violation, except in certain limited circumstances. **Effective October 1, 2023.**

OTHER STATEWIDE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY —

Act 2023-354 by Rep. Leigh Hulseley **S**

This act requires the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission to require law enforcement officers to complete one hour of training on interacting with individuals with sensory needs or invisible disabilities every other year. A nonprofit will provide the training at no charge. **Effective January 1, 2024.**

Act 2023-361 by Rep. Randy Wood **S**

This act adds a definition of "peace officer" in the crime of impersonating a peace officer, which is a Class C felony. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-363 by Rep. Ginny Shaver

This act reclassifies boating violations to more closely resemble traffic infractions. ACCA amended this legislation to ensure the county general fund will receive a portion of the docket fees in boating violation cases initiated by county law enforcement. **Effective January 1, 2024.**

Act 2023-368 by Rep. Danny Crawford **P**

This act provides a state-funded increase in compensation to attorneys serving as guardians ad litem in juvenile dependency cases. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-369 by Rep. Shane Stringer **S**

This act creates the crime of "doxing." Doxing occurs when an individual electronically publishes someone's personal identifying information with the intent to harass or harm and doing so leads to actual harassment or harm. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-387 by Rep. Chris Pringle **S**

This act amends the crime of manslaughter, a Class B felony, to include any individual who knowingly distributes a controlled substance to an individual who later dies from the controlled substance. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-397 by Rep. Arnold Mooney **S**

This act amends the licensure requirements for private investigators. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-416 by Sen. Will Barfoot **S**

This act creates higher penalties for criminal activity that benefits, promotes or furthers the interest of a "criminal enterprise." **Effective September 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-459 by Rep. Tim Wadsworth

This act regulates wakeboarding and wakesurfing on Smith Lake, Lake Wedowee, the R.L. Harris Reservoir and Shoals Creek. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

OTHER STATEWIDE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY —

Act 2023-464 by Sen. Vivian Figures **S**

This act makes changes to the crimes of transmitting obscene material to a child, revenge porn and incest. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-466 by Sen. April Weaver **S**

This act amends the crime of child abuse to include willful mistreatment. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-472 by Sen. Chris Elliott **P S**

This act requires Probate Judges and Circuit Judges to report orders (or the modification of orders) of involuntary commitment to the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency, which must then enter the information into the state firearms prohibited person database. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-478 by Sen. Jabo Waggoner **S**

This act creates penalties for distracted driving and repeals the prior “texting and driving” statute. For the first 12 months following the act’s effective date, violators will only receive a written warning. **Effective June 14, 2023.**

Act 2023-479 by Sen. Clyde Chambliss **P S**

This act provides that automobile liability insurance is not required for inoperable or stored motor vehicles. Additionally, the act prohibits the continued operation of a motor vehicle in violation of the registration and insurance requirements. **Effective January 1, 2024.**

Act 2023-481 by Rep. Allen Treadaway **S**

This act prohibits a person from placing an electronic tracking device on another person’s property with the intent to surveil, stalk or harass. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-482 by Rep. Parker Moore **S**

If a law enforcement officer takes a job with a different agency within 24 months of his or her mandatory training, the new employer must reimburse the former employer for certain training costs. This act amends the period to 36 months and adds custom-fitted uniforms as reimbursable expenses. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-486 by Rep. Matt Simpson **S**

This act creates the crime of chemical endangerment of a first responder. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-487 by Rep. Ron Bolton

Under Alabama law, certain persons are prohibited from possessing a firearm. This act adds criminal penalties for violations. Additionally, the act prohibits aliens unlawfully in the United States or aliens admitted under a nonimmigrant visa from possessing a firearm. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

OTHER STATEWIDE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY —

Act 2023-489 by Rep. Ginny Shaver

This act amends the crimes of fleeing or attempting to elude law enforcement. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-493 by Rep. Jim Hill **S**

This act creates the crime of making a terrorist threat. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-494 by Rep. Matt Simpson **S**

This act amends crimes related to domestic violence by adding grandparents, step-grandparents, grandchildren and step-grandchildren as family members that may be victims of domestic violence. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-495 by Rep. Allen Treadaway **S**

This act allows public institutions of higher education that hire campus police officers to also hire reserve police officers. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-498 by Rick Rehm **P**

This act adds the Air Medal to the list of military awards eligible for commemoration on a distinctive permanent license plate. **Effective January 1, 2024.**

Act 2023-508 by Rep. Donna Givens

This act allows parents to anonymously surrender infants who are 45 days old or younger to certain hospitals and fire stations that have “baby safety devices,” commonly referred to as “baby boxes.” ACCA amended this legislation to exclude law enforcement agencies from the locations where infants may be surrendered in this manner. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-509 by Rep. Chris England **S**

This act provides that all municipalities may authorize a law enforcement officer to issue a summons and complaint in lieu of a custodial arrest for certain criminal offenses. **Effective June 14, 2023.**

Act 2023-513 by Rep. Kenneth Paschal **P**

This act adds the U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Space Force to the list of service branches for which a military distinctive license plate is available. **Effective January 1, 2024.**

Act 2023-516 by Rep. Jerry Starnes **P**

This act authorizes the issuance of a distinctive motor vehicle license plate for veterans of Operation Inherent Resolve. **Effective January 1, 2024.**

Act 2023-520 by Rep. Ben Robbins **P**

This act requires certified copies of certain judgments involving land to be filed in the probate office. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

OTHER STATEWIDE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY —

Act 2023-531 by Sen. Clyde Chambliss **S**

This act creates the crimes of retail theft and organized retail theft. *Effective September 1, 2023.*

Act 2023-555 by Rep. Kenneth Paschal **P**

This act makes legislative findings that parents have a fundamental right to direct the education, upbringing, care and control of their children. *Effective September 1, 2023.*



OTHER STATEWIDE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— ENVIRONMENT, LAND USE & PUBLIC WORKS —

Act 2023-74 by Sen. Chris Elliott

This act prohibits counties from adopting or enforcing building code provisions or other rules that require the installation of any “latent feature” in any residential structure. A “latent feature” is any feature that will not be placed in a state of active operation or that will not be utilized by the homeowner. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-166 by Rep. Brett Easterbrook

Under this act, a county that adopts and enforces building codes must enact a procedure allowing for the installation and activation of temporary-permanent electricity or temporary-permanent gas in dwellings. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-175 by Rep. Ben Robbins

This act provides that a particular state armory building is exempt from compliance with state and local building codes for 10 years. ACCA amended the legislation clarifying that the building would be “exempt” from the building codes, rather than “deemed to be in compliance,” protecting counties from potential liability. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-177 by Sen. Sam Givhan **E**

This act strikes duplicative language that required homeowners’ associations to file the same documents twice with the Secretary of State’s Office. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-180 by Rep. David Faulkner **E**

This act prioritizes American-made iron in public works projects. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-276 by Rep. Chip Brown

This act prohibits state, county and municipal building codes from prohibiting or otherwise limiting the use of a substitute refrigerant or substitute refrigerant-equipped product that complies with the National Clean Air Act. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-290 by Rep. Alan Baker **E**

This act changes the timeframe for when local review and approval is required for modifying an existing solid waste management facility. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-414 by Sen. Clyde Chambliss **E M**

This act allows for voluntary participation in a dam safety program by filing a written affidavit with a local emergency management agency. The voluntary dam safety program requires cooperation among dam owners, engineers and the local emergency management agency. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-477 by Sen. Clyde Chambliss **E**

This act requires a design professional (including an engineer) who is not covered by professional liability insurance to disclose that fact in writing to a client before entering into an agreement to provide services. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

OTHER STATEWIDE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— ENVIRONMENT, LAND USE & PUBLIC WORKS —

Act 2023-484 by Rep. Parker Moore **E**

This act prohibits centralized mail delivery in certain new residential neighborhoods. However, centralized mail delivery devices may be located on a county right-of-way or easement with approval from the county. ACCA amended this legislation to require county approval. This act also prevents counties from adopting additional requirements regarding centralized mail delivery. **Effective June 14, 2023.**

Act 2023-485 by Rep. Kyle South **E**

This act provides that work involving aboveground storage tanks registered for eligibility under the Alabama Underground and Aboveground Storage Tank Trust Fund does not constitute an environmental response project for environmental covenant purposes. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-536 by Sen. Sam Givhan **P**

This act details how a Probate Judge must record that an electronic map or plat has been vacated. **Effective September 1, 2023.**



OTHER STATEWIDE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— RURAL TRANSPORTATION —

Act 2023-288 by Rep. Steve Clouse **E R**

This act requires that all future levies of motor fuel taxes be used only for the cost of administering the tax; the cost of construction, reconstruction, maintenance, mass transit, and repair of roads, bridges, and rights-of-way; the cost of traffic regulation; and the cost of enforcing traffic and motor vehicle laws. ACCA amended this legislation to mitigate negative effects on counties. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-316 by Sen. Clay Scofield **E**

This act provides for the division of liability for public roads, specifying that liability for road project plans and maintenance rests with the awarding authority, while liability for performance of the road contract, to include latent defects, rests with the road builder. ACCA worked with the Alabama Road Builders Association and other stakeholders to negotiate the mutually agreeable verbiage found in this act. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-524 by Sen. Will Barfoot **E**

This act allows the Alabama Forestry Commission to award grants to County Commissions to maintain, repair, replace and construct public rural bridges. ACCA amended this legislation to ensure county government representation on the grant program's advisory committee, should funds become available to implement this grant program. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-530 by Sen. Greg Albritton **E**

This act excludes certain industrial access roads from the state's public highway and street system and provides for certain roads to be considered industrial access roads. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-534 by Sen. Clyde Chambliss **E**

This act revises the process for electing the chair and vice chair of the Joint Transportation Committee and revises the committee's reporting requirements. ACCA amended this legislation to prevent redundant reporting to the Alabama Department of Revenue. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-537 by Sen. Arthur Orr **E**

This act expands eligibility for loans and other financial assistance from the Alabama Transportation Infrastructure Bank. **Effective September 1, 2023.**



LOCAL BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— AUTAUGA —

Act 2023-71 by Rep. Jerry Starnes

This act gives the County Commission additional powers to regulate alcohol sales in the unincorporated areas of the county. **Effective July 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-553 by Sen. Clyde Chambliss

This act authorizes the Sheriff to conduct fundraising events, including rodeos, and to use the proceeds and profits for any lawful purpose relating to the operation of the Sheriff's Office. The act also ratifies and confirms past actions. **Effective June 15, 2023.**

— BALDWIN —

Act 2023-144 & Act 2023-145 by Sen. Greg Albritton

These acts alter the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Bay Minette. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-305 by Rep. Matt Simpson

This act provides that the member of the Alabama House of Representatives who represents the district where the Blakeley site is situated shall serve on the Historic Blakeley Authority. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-306 by Rep. Matt Simpson

This act establishes the County Mental Health Court Fund. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-404 by Sen. Vivian Figures

This act alters the boundary lines and corporate limits of the municipality of Spanish Fort. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-426 by Sen. Chris Elliott

This act alters the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Orange Beach. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-444 by Rep. Donna Givens

This act provides that water well drillers are subject to licensing and regulation under the general laws of the state, rather than being licensed by the County Water Well Standards Board. **Effective June 12, 2023.**

Act 2023-446 by Rep. Frances Holk-Jones

This act alters the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Foley. **Effective upon approval by a local referendum.**

Act 2023-457 by Rep. Donna Givens

This act alters the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Loxley. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-458 by Rep. Donna Givens

This act amends the distribution of the local tobacco tax proceeds so that a portion is used to establish and maintain a sexual assault nurse examiner program. **Effective June 12, 2023.**

LOCAL BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— BARBOUR —

Act 2023-90 by Sen. Linda Coleman-Madison

This act increases the annual salary of the Sheriff by \$29,000 per year beginning June 1, 2023. Additionally, the act provides that the Sheriff shall be entitled to the same uniform increases in compensation, including cost-of-living increases, that are granted equally to all Barbour County employees. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

— BLOUNT —

Act 2023-115 by Rep. David Standridge

This act imposes additional court costs to fund payments to non-clerical employees of the Sheriff's Office, excluding the Sheriff, who perform hazardous duties. **Effective upon approval by a local referendum.**

Act 2023-274 by Rep. David Standridge

This act allows the County Board of Registrars to meet a maximum of 207 working days each fiscal year. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

— BULLOCK —

Act 2023-77 by Sen. Linda Coleman-Madison

This act provides an additional \$12,500 per year expense allowance to the Revenue Commissioner. This act shall be repealed at the end of the current Revenue Commissioner's term. **Effective May 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-89 by Sen. Linda Coleman-Madison

This act increases the annual salary of the Probate Judge by \$12,500 per year. **Effective June 1, 2023.**

— BUTLER —

Act 2023-398 by Rep. Chris Sells

This act provides for the compensation and benefits of the Coroner. **Effective June 1, 2023.**

— CALHOUN —

Act 2023-167 by Rep. Randy Wood

This act requires the County Commission to reimburse the License Commissioner's Office up to \$3,500 per year for losses arising from acceptance of worthless or forged checks or credit cards. **Effective May 11, 2023.**

Act 2023-168 by Rep. Randy Wood

This act authorizes the Sheriff and License Commissioner to obtain and use credit cards for official purposes with the adoption of a written credit card policy. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-448 by Rep. Randy Wood

This act provides for the salary of the Probate Judge. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

— CHAMBERS —

Act 2023-149 by Rep. Debbie Wood

This act provides the Revenue Commissioner with an additional expense allowance beginning June 1, 2023, so that the expense allowance and salary together equals \$84,000 per year. Upon the next term of office, the annual salary will be \$84,000 per year, and the expense allowance will be void. **Effective May 10, 2023.**

LOCAL BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— CHEROKEE —

Act 2023-150 by Rep. Ginny Shaver

This act transfers certain duties of the License Commissioner to the Revenue Commissioner. Additionally, the act provides that the License Commissioner's clerks and assistants shall be paid biweekly, rather than monthly. **Effective July 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-328 by Sen. Andrew Jones

This act authorizes the County Commission to levy and provide for the collection of an additional vehicle license and registration issuance fee, with funds directed to the offices of the Sheriff and District Attorney. **Effective May 30, 2023.**

— CHILTON —

Act 2023-450 by Rep. Van Smith

This act proposes to continue the levy and collection of a special tax in the county for a trade school and for rural and industrial development through December 31, 2044. **Effective upon approval by a local referendum.**

— COFFEE —

Act 2023-351 by Rep. Rhett Marques

This act increases the maximum fees to be paid by applicants accepted into the pretrial diversion program for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, which covers Coffee and Pike counties. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-406 by Sen. Josh Carnley

This act provides for the appointment, compensation, and benefits of a Chief Deputy Coroner and Deputy Coroner. **Effective June 2, 2023.**

— COLBERT —

Act 2023-430 by Rep. Kerry Underwood

This act provides for the compensation, expense allowance and benefits of the Coroner and authorizes the appointment of one or more Deputy Coroners. **Effective June 12, 2023.**

— COOSA —

Act 2023-151 by Rep. Ben Robbins

This act authorizes the County Commission to levy an additional vehicle tag issuance fee of \$15 to fund the operational expenses of a county ambulance service. **Effective upon approval by a local referendum.**

— COVINGTON —

Act 2023-386 by Rep. Matthew Hammett

This act amends the cost of pistol permit fees. The act requires these funds be deposited into the Sheriff's Fund and used exclusively for law enforcement purposes. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

— CRENSHAW —

Act 2023-445 by Rep. Chris Sells

This act alters the boundary lines and corporate limits of the Town of Brantley. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

LOCAL BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— CULLMAN —

Act 2023-121 by Rep. Randall Shedd

This act requires the County Commission to create the County Legislative Delegation Fund, where certain monies from TVA in-lieu-of-taxes payments and beer taxes shall be distributed. The act also abolishes the County Community Development Commission and transfers its remaining funds to the County Legislative Delegation Fund.

Effective May 4, 2023.

Act 2023-255 by Rep. Corey Harbison

This proposed constitutional amendment would levy a 15 percent sales tax on the gross proceeds of all medical cannabis products sold at retail in the county. The amounts collected from the tax would be remitted to the District Attorney for personnel purposes and to the County Legislative Delegation to be used at their discretion on mental health issues. Effective on the first day of the second month after approval by a local referendum.

Act 2023-298 by Rep. Corey Harbison

This act provides that certain lots of the former Garden City school property may be sold without a local referendum. Effective May 30, 2023.

Act 2023-299 by Rep. Corey Harbison

This act amends existing law so that certain court costs and fees previously earmarked for the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program will now be earmarked for the School Resource Officer program in Cullman city and county schools. Effective May 30, 2023.

Act 2023-428 by Sen. Garlan Gudger

This act amends the composition of the County Tourism Bureau. The act also amends the rate of a lodgings tax in the county and the distribution of its proceeds. Effective June 12, 2023.

— DALE —

Act 2023-32 by Rep. Steve Clouse

This proposed constitutional amendment would allow certain mayors in the county to participate in the Employees' Retirement System of Alabama and to purchase prior service credit. Effective upon approval by a local referendum.

— ELMORE —

Act 2023-87 by Rep. Troy Stubbs

This act levies a lodgings tax in the county and provides for the distribution of its proceeds. Effective May 2, 2023.

Act 2023-95 by Rep. Reed Ingram

This act provides that after the expiration of the current term of the County Superintendent of Education, the County Board of Education will appoint the Superintendent pursuant to the general law. The act also strikes the deadline by which the Board of Education must set the Superintendent's compensation. Effective April 26, 2023.

LOCAL BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— ESCAMBIA —

Act 2023-111 by Rep. Alan Baker

This act authorizes the County Commission to provide a supplemental salary to the Sheriff for the performance of additional duties relating to the operation of the county pound. **Effective May 4, 2023.**

Act 2023-412 by Sen. Greg Albritton

This act alters the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Atmore. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

— ETOWAH —

Act 2023-550 by Rep. Mack Butler

This act grants the director and employees of the Etowah County Punishment and Corrections Authority the power to arrest in certain circumstances. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

— GENEVA —

Act 2023-236 by Sen. Donnie Chesteen

This proposed constitutional amendment would allow certain mayors in the county to participate in the Employees' Retirement System of Alabama and to purchase prior service credit. **Effective upon approval by a local referendum.**

Act 2023-281 by Rep. Jeff Sorrells

This act authorizes the Samson City Council, by ordinance, to authorize, regulate and permit the sale of draft or keg beer by retail licensees of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board in the city. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

— HALE —

Act 2023-219 by Sen. Bobby Singleton

This act abolishes the offices of Tax Assessor and Tax Collector and consolidates the acts, duties and functions of each office into the Office of the Revenue Commissioner. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-349 by Sen. Bobby Singleton

This act establishes additional qualifications for the Sheriff and requires completion of continuing education on an annual basis. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-392 by Sen. Bobby Singleton

This act authorizes the Sheriff to establish certain procedures to make purchases using a credit or debit card. **Effective June 1, 2023.**

— HENRY —

Act 2023-395 by Rep. Rick Rehm

This act provides an additional expense allowance of \$200 per month to members of the County Board of Education. When the next term of office of a board member commences after August 1, 2023, this expense allowance shall roll into salary for all members of the board. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-431 by Rep. Rick Rehm

This act authorizes the County Commission to levy a lodgings tax in the county and provides for the distribution of proceeds from the tax. **Effective upon approval by a local referendum.**

LOCAL BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— HOUSTON —

Act 2023-63 by Rep. Rick Rehm

This act authorizes the Probate Judge to appoint temporary judges of probate and establishes procedures for the appointments. Compensation for the temporary judges shall be paid from the discretionary fund of the Probate Judge. **Effective April 27, 2023.**

Act 2023-64 by Rep. Rick Rehm

This act establishes the compensation of chief inspectors, deputy inspectors, and poll workers and provides that additional compensation shall be paid from the county general fund. **Effective April 27, 2023.**

Act 2023-263 by Rep. Rick Rehm

This act authorizes any municipality in the county to contract for police services with the Sheriff. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

— JACKSON —

Act 2023-41 by Sen. Steve Livingston

This act alters the boundary lines and corporate limits of the municipality of Skyline. **Effective July 1, 2023.**

— JEFFERSON —

Act 2023-23 by Sen. Jabo Waggoner

This act authorizes the Vestavia Hills City Council to increase a special ad valorem tax rate for public school purposes to a maximum rate of 35.4 mills. **Effective April 14, 2023.**

Act 2023-146 by Rep. Juandalynn Givan

This act provides a one-time payment of \$200,000 to the County Cemetery Board from the pistol permit fees collected by the county. The act requires the payment be made by June 9, 2023. **Effective May 10, 2023.**

Act 2023-171 by Rep. Juandalynn Givan

This act prohibits motor vehicle speed exhibitions on public roads in the county. The act also allows the County Commission to impose civil penalties for violations. Additionally, the act provides procedures for enforcing, adjudicating and appealing violations. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-297 by Rep. Allen Treadaway

This act amends the penalty for a violation of the county zoning regulations to become a Class B misdemeanor. **Effective May 30, 2023.**

Act 2023-303 by Rep. Rolanda Hollis

This act renames the Red Mountain Greenway and Recreational Area Commission as the Jefferson County Greenways Commission. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-401 by Sen. Gerald Allen

This act alters the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Lake View in Tuscaloosa and Jefferson counties. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

LOCAL BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— JEFFERSON —

Act 2023-424 by Sen. Jabo Waggoner

This act adds two members to the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center Authority's board of directors.

Effective June 12, 2023.

Act 2023-425 by Sen. Linda Coleman-Madison

This act amends existing law regarding zoning regulations in the county. Effective June 12, 2023.

Act 2023-427 by Sen. Jabo Waggoner & Rep. David Faulkner

This act adds an additional member to the board of directors for the Greater Birmingham Convention and Visitor's Bureau. Effective September 1, 2023.

Act 2023-468 by Sen. Dan Roberts

This act exempts certain health care professionals from state licensure, registration and certification requirements while they are rendering services at the 2025 World Police and Fire Games.

Effective June 14, 2023, and to be repealed December 31, 2025.

— LAMAR —

Act 2023-62 by Rep. Tracy Estes

This act authorizes the Probate Judge to charge an additional mail fee to offset the costs for the renewal of motor vehicle registrations by mail or online. The mail fee on each transaction may not exceed \$5. The fees shall be deposited into a special fund in the county treasury and used at the discretion of the Probate Judge for the operation of the office.

Effective July 1, 2023.

Act 2023-65 by Rep. Tracy Estes

This act amends existing law to allow the salary of the County Superintendent of Education to be set by the County Board of Education and amends the travel reimbursement to be the same per diem and mileage as provided to state employees. Effective April 27, 2023.

Act 2023-238 by Rep. Tracy Estes

This act provides a \$200 per month expense allowance to the Coroner beginning May 23, 2023, which is in addition to any other compensation, salary or expense allowance. Beginning with the next term of office, this expense allowance will be void, and the Coroner will instead receive a total salary of \$375 per month. This salary will be in lieu of any other salary or expense allowance but shall be in addition to the mileage allowance provided by local law.

Effective May 23, 2023.

Act 2023-399 by Rep. Tracy Estes

This act authorizes the County Commission to levy fees for service of process and fingerprinting by the Sheriff's Office. Additionally, this act provides that the County Commission may set, each fiscal year, how much the Sheriff charges municipalities for the feeding of municipal inmates in the county jail. Effective September 1, 2023.

LOCAL BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— LAUDERDALE —

Act 2023-76 by Sen. Tim Melson

This act authorizes the License Commissioner, with the approval of the County Commission, to increase the amount of the mail fee to cover the costs of handling and mailing business license renewals. **Effective May 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-88 by Sen. Tim Melson

Effective beginning the next term of office, this act authorizes the County Commission to increase the compensation of the Commission Chair, provided the salary does not exceed \$50,000 per year. **Effective May 2, 2023.**

Act 2023-232 by Sen. Tim Melson

This act gives additional powers to the agriculture authority established in the county. **Effective May 23, 2023.**

Act 2023-254 by Sen. Tim Melson

This act requires 70 percent of the County Commission's TVA in-lieu-of-taxes payments be distributed to the agricultural authority established in the county, despite any general or local law to the contrary.
Effective upon approval of a majority vote of the local legislative delegation.

Act 2023-282 by Rep. Kerry Underwood

This act authorizes the City of Florence to create and maintain tourism improvement districts within its corporate limits and establishes the procedures for doing so. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-411 by Sen. Tim Melson

This act provides an additional expense allowance for the members of the County Board of Education and for the allowance to roll into salary upon the next term of office. The act also provides for the selection and compensation of the Board's President. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

— LAWRENCE —

Act 2023-456 by Rep. Ernie Yarbrough

This act authorizes each member of the County Board of Registrars to meet a maximum of 200 working days each fiscal year. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

— LEE —

Act 2023-223 by Rep. Joe Lovvorn

This act establishes the composition of a tourism bureau, to be called Auburn-Opelika Tourism. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

— LIMESTONE —

Act 2023-172 by Rep. Danny Crawford

This act creates new fees payable to the Sheriff's Office for services including processing, fingerprinting, local background checks and booking. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-275 by Rep. Danny Crawford

This act authorizes each member of the County Board of Registrars to meet not more than five days each week. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

LOCAL BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— MACON —

Act 2023-319 by Sen. Billy Beasley

This act authorizes the County Economic Development Authority to incorporate or reincorporate as an authority under a particular general law. **Effective May 30, 2023.**

— MADISON —

Act 2023-253 by Sen. Sam Givhan

This act allows Class 3 municipalities (Huntsville and Montgomery) to create and maintain self-help business improvement districts. Once established, special assessments may be levied to fund supplemental services in the self-help business improvement district. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-314 by Sen. Sam Givhan

This act abolishes the County Board of Barber Examiners and provides that the practice of barbering in the county will instead be regulated by the Alabama Board of Cosmetology and Barbering. **Effective May 30, 2023.**

— MARENGO —

Act 2023-220 by Rep. A.J. McCampbell

This act abolishes the office of Constable. **Effective at the end of the Constable's current term of office.**

Act 2023-549 by Rep. A.J. McCampbell

This act repeals a local law regarding the compensation of Sheriff's Department employees. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

— MARION —

Act 2023-110 by Rep. Tracy Estes

This act amends the distribution of local tobacco tax proceeds to further provide for the County Firefighters Association. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-552 by Rep. Tracy Estes

This act establishes additional qualifications for the Marion County Sheriff and requires completion of continuing education on an annual basis. **Effective June 15, 2023.**

— MARSHALL —

Act 2023-222 by Rep. Wes Kitchens

This act alters the boundary lines and corporate limits of the Town of Grant. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-329 by Sen. Clay Scofield

This act creates a \$25 service of process fee on each document served (or attempted to be served) by the Sheriff or a Deputy Sheriff. The fee may be waived for substantial hardship. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-433 by Rep. Brock Colvin

This act allows the County Engineer to reside in the county or an adjacent county. **Effective June 12, 2023.**

LOCAL BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— MONTGOMERY —

Act 2023-253 by Sen. Sam Givhan

This act allows Class 3 municipalities (Montgomery and Huntsville) to create and maintain self-help business improvement districts. Once established, special assessments may be levied to fund supplemental services in the self-help business improvement district. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-295 by Rep. Reed Ingram

This act provides an additional \$20,000 per year expense allowance to any Sheriff of the county who has served two consecutive full terms. Upon the next term of office and thereafter, any Sheriff who has served two or more consecutive full terms as Sheriff shall receive an annual salary of \$175,000, paid from the county general fund.

Effective August 1, 2023.

Act 2023-296 by Rep. Tashina Morris

Effective upon the next term of office, this act authorizes the salary of each member of the County Commission to be increased a single time up to \$12,000, upon an affirmative vote of the County Commission. **Effective May 30, 2023.**

— MORGAN —

Act 2023-273 by Rep. Parker Moore

This act authorizes the Sheriff to establish certain procedures to make purchases using a credit or debit card.

Effective May 25, 2023.

Act 2023-385 by Rep. Parker Moore

This act amends existing law regarding the Sheriff selling abandoned or stolen personal property recovered by the Sheriff's Office. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-394 by Rep. Terri Collins

This act provides for the distribution of the county's TVA in-lieu-of-taxes proceeds. **Effective May 30, 2023.**

— PICKENS —

Act 2023-114 by Rep. Ron Bolton

This act provides the Revenue Commissioner with an additional expense allowance of \$8,000 per year beginning June 1, 2023, and for the allowance to be rolled into the Revenue Commissioner's salary upon the next term of office.

Effective May 4, 2023.

Act 2023-283 by Rep. Ron Bolton

Beginning October 1, 2023, this act provides an additional expense allowance to the Probate Judge if he or she is licensed to practice law in this state and is authorized to exercise equity jurisdiction. Beginning the next term of office, if the Probate Judge is licensed to practice law in this state and is authorized to exercise equity jurisdiction, the expense allowance will be void and the Probate Judge shall receive annual compensation equal to 72 percent of the annual starting salary of a circuit judge. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-294 by Rep. Ron Bolton

In addition to all other court costs, this act imposes a \$25 service of process fee, per document, for service or attempted service by the Sheriff. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

LOCAL BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— PIKE —

Act 2023-173 by Rep. Marcus Paramore & Sen. Josh Carnley

This act establishes a new voting center to serve the voters of the newly revised Precinct 18, District 4, and newly established Precinct 35, District 6. **Effective May 12, 2023.**

Act 2023-351 by Rep. Rhett Marques

This act increases the maximum fees to be paid by applicants accepted into the pretrial diversion program for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, which covers Coffee and Pike counties. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

— RANDOLPH —

Act 2023-147 by Rep. Bob Fincher

This act authorizes the County Commission to establish voting centers and validates prior actions taken by the County Commission to establish voting centers. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-165 by Rep. Bob Fincher

This act amends existing law regarding the Coroner's salary. **Retroactively effective January 16, 2023.**

— ST. CLAIR —

Act 2023-68 by Rep. Jim Hill

This act requires the County Commission to reimburse the offices of the Probate Judge, Revenue Commissioner and Sheriff up to \$2,500 for losses that arise from the acceptance of worthless or forged checks. The act also provides for the voiding of licenses issued and other transactions based on worthless or forged checks. **Effective April 27, 2023.**

Act 2023-69 by Rep. Jim Hill

This act establishes additional qualifications for the Sheriff and requires completion of continuing education on an annual basis. **Effective July 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-82 by Rep. Jim Hill

This act establishes an additional \$2 fee for the issuance of license tags. The funds shall be deposited into the Sheriff's Law Enforcement Fund to be used for law enforcement purposes. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-113 by Rep. Jim Hill

This act authorizes the Revenue Commissioner to establish procedures for electronic filing of business personal property taxes. The act also requires the Revenue Commissioner to conduct training sessions and otherwise assist taxpayers with the procedures for electronic filing. **Effective May 4, 2023.**

Act 2023-120 by Rep. Jim Hill

This act provides an additional expense allowance to the Revenue Commissioner beginning June 1, 2023, and for the allowance to be rolled into the Revenue Commissioner's salary upon the next term of office. Beginning the next term of office, the Revenue Commissioner's annual salary shall be equal to the Probate Judge's. **Effective May 4, 2023.**

Act 2023-280 by Rep. Jim Hill

This act adds two at-large members to the County Mental Health Advisory Board. **Effective May 30, 2023.**

LOCAL BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— SHELBY —

Act 2023-31 by Rep. Arnold Mooney

This proposed constitutional amendment would allow County Commissioners to participate in the Employees' Retirement System of Alabama and for current Commissioners to purchase prior service credit.

Effective upon approval by a local referendum.

Act 2023-66 by Rep. Corley Ellis

This act authorizes the Columbiana City Council to create up to two entertainment districts and to regulate the operation of those districts. Effective April 27, 2023.

Act 2023-72 by Rep. Corley Ellis

This act authorizes the Calera City Council to create up to two entertainment districts and to regulate the operation of those districts. Effective April 27, 2023.

Act 2023-80 by Rep. Corley Ellis

This act provides that the compensation of the Chief Deputy, the operations manager, and any majors appointed by the Sheriff shall be set in accordance with the pay and compensation plan established by the County Commission at the grade and step approved by the Sheriff. Effective May 1, 2023.

Act 2023-81 by Rep. Corley Ellis

This act establishes additional qualifications for the Sheriff and requires completion of continuing education on an annual basis. Effective May 1, 2023.

Act 2023-284 by Rep. Corley Ellis

This act makes several changes related to service of process in the county, including an additional \$50 process fee on each document requiring personal service by the Sheriff's Office. Effective August 1, 2023.

Act 2023-285 by Rep. Leigh Hulseley

This act authorizes the Helena City Council to provide for the establishment of not more than two entertainment districts in the city. Effective May 30, 2023.

Act 2023-402 by Sen. April Weaver

This act provides that juvenile probation officers in the county shall be state employees and subject to the procedures of the state courts' personnel system. Effective October 1, 2024.

Act 2023-449 by Rep. Corley Ellis

This act authorizes each member of the County Board of Registrars to meet a maximum of 220 working days each fiscal year. Effective September 1, 2023.

— SUMTER —

Act 2023-551 by Rep. A.J. McCampbell

This act abolishes the office of Constable. Effective at the end of the Constable's current term of office.

LOCAL BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— TALLADEGA —

Act 2023-304 by Rep. Randy Wood

This act requires the Revenue Commissioner to charge and collect an additional \$2 fee on each motor vehicle registration, transfer, or renewal and deliver the proceeds of the fee each month to the Sheriff. **Effective May 30, 2023.**

Act 2023-331 by Rep. Barbara Boyd

This act abolishes the office of Constable. **Effective at the end of the Constable's current term of office.**

Act 2023-360 by Rep. Randy Wood

This act authorizes the Sheriff to operate and manage a commissary to sell various items to inmates. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-393 by Rep. Steve Hurst

This act changes the distribution of tax revenues in the County Special Tax Fund. **Effective May 30, 2023.**

Act 2023-443 by Rep. Steve Hurst

This act further provides for the employment and duties of the County Engineer. **Effective June 12, 2023.**

— TALLAPOOSA —

Act 2023-67 by Rep. Ed Oliver

This act provides the Sheriff with an additional expense allowance of \$1,700 per month beginning May 1, 2023, and for it to be rolled into the Sheriff's salary upon the next term of office. **Effective April 27, 2023.**

Act 2023-307 by Rep. Ed Oliver

This act authorizes the County Commission to levy a lodgings tax in the unincorporated areas of the county. **Effective May 30, 2023.**

Act 2023-308 by Rep. Ed Oliver

This act alters, rearranges, and extends the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Dadeville. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-447 by Rep. Ed Oliver

This act establishes the Lake Martin-Tallapoosa County Tourism and Visitors Bureau, provides for its board of directors, and authorizes the board to receive and expend funds for the promotion of tourism. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

LOCAL BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— TUSCALOOSA —

Act 2023-148 by Rep. Cynthia Almond

This act authorizes the Tuscaloosa City Council to allow its police and firefighter employees to participate in the Employees' Retirement System. Also, the act transfers the assets and liabilities of the existing Tuscaloosa Police and Firefighters Retirement Plan to the Employees' Retirement System. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-163 by Rep. Cynthia Almond

This act amends existing law so that application fees from the City of Tuscaloosa's pretrial diversion program are also distributed to fund crime prevention programs and the Tuscaloosa Police Department's Behavioral Health Unit. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-221 by Rep. Ron Bolton

This act authorizes a municipal judge or a municipal magistrate for the City of Northport to assess a warrant recall fee of up to \$100. These fees shall be deposited into the City of Northport Corrections Fund. **Effective August 1, 2023.**

Act 2023-401 by Sen. Gerald Allen

This act alters the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Lake View in Tuscaloosa and Jefferson counties. **Effective September 1, 2023.**

— WALKER —

Act 2023-70 by Rep. Matt Woods

This act allows the County Commission to establish voting centers by combining voters from two or more precincts to facilitate or reduce costs for elections and to provide as necessary for these voting centers. **Effective July 1, 2023.**

— WINSTON —

Act 2023-432 by Rep. Tim Wadsworth

This act would allow the Sheriff to conduct fundraising events, including rodeos and fishing tournaments, and use the profits for any lawful purpose relating to the operation of the Sheriff's Office or for distribution to charitable organizations. **Effective upon approval by a local referendum.**

