

Legislative update



2010 Session Update

*A comprehensive update from the
Association of County Commissions of Alabama*

Final Report of the 2010 Alabama Regular Session

The 2010 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature ended with little fanfare on April 22, 2010. The last few days of the Session were spent waiting on Conference Committee reports for a few high-profile bills, including legislation to shore up the PACT program and the proposed constitutional amendment to allow monies from the Alabama Trust Fund to be utilized for state and county road and bridge projects. Once those bills were finally passed, both houses adjourned early on the last day and headed home to concentrate on the upcoming primary election.

Counties had a very good year legislatively. As reported below, five bills from the ACCA priority list of legislation have now been signed into law, and there were several other bills pushed by other organizations which will have a positive impact on county government. Better yet, none of the bills identified by ACCA staff as "Danger Bills" passed during the session.

As is always the case, throughout the course of the session the ACCA staff tracked about 600 bills, watching for language that might impact county government in either a positive or negative way. Many bills were amended to remove objections of the counties or to include language in the legislation that would benefit counties. Additionally, the staff, with much help from county officials and employees, fought to prevent dangerous legislation from moving through the process – most notably legislation to remove the deed and mortgage tax and legislation severely limiting the authority of the state 911 board. Many thanks to all of the officials and employees who diligently and repeatedly contacted legislators in person or by phone to promote the position of county government on particular legislation. Your determination and persistence made a huge impact on the successes of this session.

The Governor has now either signed or vetoed all legislation from the 2010 Session. A review of new laws of interest to counties is

set out below. Additionally, a final **Local Bills Report** is attached. For more information on any of these bills, you can go to the ACCA web site at www.acca-online.org or contact the ACCA office.

ACCA BILLS

Government Tags and Registration

Act No. 2010-689

HB62 by Rep. Wood/Sen. Smith

This law amends the current law requiring that state and local governments to pay the actual cost of producing the tag for government vehicles to provide that governmental entities not pay more than the fees charged for standard passenger vehicles. Since the cost of producing the tag now exceeds the fee paid by individuals, this legislation will result in a small decrease in the amount paid by state and local governments for government tags.

This bill takes effect on January 1, 2011.

Release of 9-1-1 Audio Tapes

Act No. 2010-502

HB159 by Rep. Johnson/Sen. Mitchem

This law limits the release of 9-1-1 audio tapes. Under the new act, a person seeking release of a 911 audio tape must generally seek a court order determining that the right of the public to release of the tape outweighs the privacy interest of those involved in the incident resulting in the 911 call. There is an exception for the person making the 911 call or his/her legal representative if the caller is deceased or incapacitated, provided they sign an affidavit that the tape is needed for investigation of a legal matter. Law enforcement personnel investigating the incident are also exempted. The law makes clear that all other records related to a 9-1-1 call will be available for public inspection, and allows for a written transcript of the actual tape upon payment of transcription costs. This law took effect on April 14, 2010.

Litter Enforcement
Act No. 2010-260
SB195 by Sen. Ted Little/Rep. Ward

Alabama has a strong criminal littering statute with stiff penalties for litter violations. However, the enforcement of this law is severely lacking, in part because law enforcement does not have adequate interest and/or resources for issuing citations. This law amends the current criminal littering statute to authorize the county license inspector or solid waste officer to issue citations against violators of the littering law, allowing another avenue of enforcement. The law does not allow the license inspector or solid waste officer to make arrests, but only to issue the tickets.

This law will take effect on June 1, 2010.

Transportation of Bodies for Autopsy
Act No. 2010-542
SB232 by Sen. Denton/Rep. Vance

Alabama law has not, in the past, specifically addressed the process and payment of storage and transportation costs when a body is to be transferred from a county to a forensic sciences laboratory for purposes of an autopsy. This created significant problems for counties last year when the Department of Forensic Sciences announced that it would no longer assume this responsibility. This law establishes a process that ensures that the entity handling the investigation of the death will be responsible for the transportation and storage costs. While this will mean that counties pay the costs when the sheriff's office is responsible for the investigation, it will ensure that other entities, such as a municipality or the Department of Public Safety, assume the cost when the autopsy is conducted at the request of their law enforcement personnel.

The new law takes effect on October 1, 2010.

Board of Adjustment Appeals
Act No. 2010-693
HB146 by Rep. Laird/Sen. Benefield

This law is designed to provide specific procedures for counties to use when seeking reimbursement of costs from the Comptroller's office or other state agency such as the Department of Corrections. Under the provisions of the new law, the Board of Adjustment cannot deny a county's claim for reimbursement of expenses denied by the agency unless it has promulgated written procedures which have been distributed to all counties and has properly applied those procedures in denying the claim. The law also provides that the agency must provide the county with written notice of the denial within 14 days, and the county must file their claim to the Board of Adjustments within one year of the date reimbursement was denied by the state agency. The bill has prospective application only.

This law took effect on April 22, 2010.

**OTHER BILLS IMPACTING
OR OF INTEREST TO
COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

Revenue Issues

TVA Payments in Lieu of Taxes
Act No. 2010-135
HB 44 by Rep. McLaughlin

This new law reduces the current TVA payment distribution to dry counties and municipalities not served by T.V.A. and increases those payments to the counties served by TVA. In order to make dry counties and municipalities whole, the law also provides that, beginning with the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, payments in an amount equal to the revenues from TVA shall henceforth be made to dry counties and municipalities from liquor tax revenues. The additional TVA monies paid to TVA counties shall be distributed according to local law.

This law took effect on March 4, 2010.

Gold Buyers Business License
Act No. 2010-732
SB 530 by Sen. Marsh

This law requires dealers of precious items to annually purchase one \$100 state business license and a \$50 business license in each county where business will be conducted. The law also requires these dealers to maintain records on purchases and report weekly to local law enforcement agencies. The new county business license created in this act will provide additional revenues to counties where dealers are located.

The law takes effect on July 1, 2010.

Fortified Wine Sales
Act No. 2010-607
SB 98 by Sen. Bedford

This law removes the distinction in current law for "fortified wine" and amends the definition of "table wine" to include wines that currently are defined as fortified wine. As a result, fortified wine will no longer be taxed as liquor. Instead, a new \$2.42 per liter tax on fortified wine will be levied and the proceeds from the new tax will be distributed to the same recipients as the liquor tax. It is anticipated that the law will be revenue neutral, but will allow the sale of fortified wine in places other than ABC stores.

This law takes effect on July 1, 2010.

Road and Bridge Issues

School Zones on County Roads
Act No. 2010-692
HB 100 by Rep. Canfield

This law provides for reduced speed zones close to schools on county and state roads and doubles the fines for violation of the reduced speed. However, the law does not establish the speed limit for such zones. Counties are responsible for signage on county roads in front of schools and the state is responsible for signage on state roads.

This law takes effect on July 1, 2010.

Road Funding Constitutional Amendment

Act No. 2010-555

SB 121 by Sen. Barron

This act proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the use of up to \$1 billion in funds from the Alabama Trust Fund for road construction purposes. If approved by the voters in a statewide referendum held in conjunction with the general election in November, the amendment would require the Legislature to appropriate \$100,000,000 annually from the Alabama Trust Fund for 10 years unless the allotment would cause the total capital of the Alabama Trust Fund to fall below \$2 billion. \$75,000,000 of the annual appropriation would be distributed to the Department of Transportation for state and local transportation purposes with at least \$5,000,000 annually used in each congressional district in the state and the remainder expended by the Department of Transportation in each of the 67 counties (45% equally in each county and 55% on the basis of population). The remaining \$25,000,000 appropriated annually will be distributed to counties and municipalities for local road and bridge projects. The money will be distributed in the same manner as state gasoline tax proceeds. The proposed amendment includes a provision for reimbursing counties for 10 years for the reduction in annual interest payments resulting from the expenditure of revenue that would have otherwise produced interest income.

As noted above, this constitutional amendment will only become effective if approved by a majority of Alabama voters at a statewide referendum to be held on November 2, 2010.

Utility Relocation Expenses

Act No. 2010-390

HB 305 by Rep. Boothe

Under existing law, the Transportation Director may order the relocation of any utility facility for road construction projects and if

the highway is not part of the national highway system, the utility is required to pay the expense of the relocation unless the utility is new or had a gross income of \$200,000,000 or less for the preceding calendar year. This law increases that amount to \$250,000,000.

This bill will take effect on July 1, 2010.

Emergency Communication/Emergency Management

Bonds for 911 Districts

Act No. 2010-503

HB 188 by Rep. Johnson

This new law provides that each employee or official of a 911 District who receives funds or is involved in the disbursement of funds shall be bonded in an amount not less than the amount of total funds received by the 911 District in the prior fiscal year. The bonds shall be paid for by the district.

This law took effect on April 14, 2010. However, the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts recognizes that it will take the 911 Districts some time to determine who must be bonded and to secure the bonds.

Emergency Medical Services

Act No. 2010-584

HB 346 by Rep. Grantland

This law amends language related to the regulation and provision of emergency medical services to be consistent with national performance standards and guidelines and provides for an advanced level of licensure for emergency medical technicians. The new law also adds members to the State Emergency Medical Control Committee and provides for participation in meetings by designees of members.

This law takes effect on July 1, 2010.

Justice and Public Safety Issues

Drug Courts

Act No. 2010-754

HB 348 by Rep. Scott

This law authorizes each presiding judge of a judicial circuit to establish a drug court, provides for screening, treatment, support services, and drug testing, provides for referrals to programs certified by the Department of Mental Health, and requires the Administrative Office of Courts to assist in planning, implementing, and developing drug courts. There is specific language included that ensures no county is required to participate in or fund the development or operation of drug courts in its jurisdiction. However, as now, counties may assist with such programs as they can and see fit.

This law takes effect on July 1, 2010.

Technical Violations of Probation

Act No. 2010-753

SB 325 by Sen. Marsh

This new law is designed to reduce the number of probation violators ordered incarcerated in the county jail or state prison. Under this law, persons who commit technical violations of probation – meaning that the violation is not, in itself, a crime – can only be incarcerated for a 90 day period, and cannot be incarcerated in a county jail unless there are no available spots in Department of Corrections programs or facilities. Judges are encouraged to place technical violators in rehabilitation programs rather than sentencing them to incarceration. This law should help to help reduce numbers in the county jail, since technical violators are currently routinely sentenced to incarceration.

This law took effect on April 21, 2010.

Community Corrections Programs

Act No. 2010-753

SB 570 by Sen. Smitherman

This new law makes minor changes in the existing statute governing community corrections programs.

The law includes language to provide that the definition of a board of directors of an authority applies to nonprofit entities operating community correction programs and allows persons convicted of selling drugs to participate in these programs. The law does not make any changes in the role or authority of county commissions related to community corrections programs. However, it authorizes the county commission to provide liability coverage to authorities and nonprofit entities under the act.

This law took effect on April 22, 2010.

Regulatory Issues
Altering Weight Measuring Devices
Act No. 2010-704
HB 405 by Rep. Fincher

This law makes it a Class A misdemeanor to alter or by any means cause a weight measuring device to give a false reading as to the actual or true weight of any forest products for the purpose of deceiving or defrauding any person, firm, or corporation. This should be beneficial to counties that are weighing trucks carrying forest products.

The law takes effect on July 1, 2010.

Regulation of Livestock
Act No. 2010-550
HB 561 by Rep. Howard

This law provides that the regulation of livestock and animal husbandry is within the sole jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture and Industries. It also specifies that the State Veterinarian would be responsible for the administration and enforcement of any laws and rules relating to control of diseases in livestock.

The law specifically prohibits local governments from adopting laws and rules relating to livestock and animal husbandry on private property but does not affect, repeal, supersede, or override any existing ordinances or preclude or prohibit local governments from enacting

ordinances concerning zoning, business licenses, or the enforcement of public nuisances.

This law takes effect on July 1, 2010.

Accident Response Service Fees
Act No. 2010-698
HB 306 by Rep. Thigpen

This law prohibits law enforcement or any other person or entity from imposing an accident response service fee to an insurance company, the driver or owner of a motor vehicle, or any other person or entity.

This law took effect on April 22, 2010.

Family Farm Preservation Act
Act No. 2010-397
SB 61 by Sen. Benefield

This law provides that a farm operation may not be found to be a public or private nuisance or a violation of county or municipal ordinances or resolutions if the farm is operated in accordance with applicable laws and regulations and does not violate certain designated practices. Under this law, the farmer can recover legal fees if the owner prevails in any legal action to declare a farm operation to be a nuisance.

This law took effect on April 6, 2010.

Weight Limits for Functioning Auxiliary Power
Act No. 2010-543
SB 288 by Sen. Keahey

This law alters the weight limits for any vehicle utilizing an auxiliary power or idle reduction technology unit to allow an additional 400 pounds total in an effort to promote reduction of fuel use and emissions because of engine idling. To be eligible for the exception, the operator of the vehicle must provide written proof or certification of the weight of the auxiliary power unit and demonstrate or certify that the idle reduction technology is fully functional at all times.

This law took effect on April 14, 2010.

Alabama Energy and Residential Code and Board
Act No. 2010-185
SB 315 by Sen. Keahey

This law makes several changes related to state building codes. In particular, the law requires the adoption, revision and implementation of mandatory commercial and residential energy codes and establishes the Alabama Energy and Residential Code Board as the governing authority for same. The bill also expands the Board membership. Counties are not required to adopt these Codes and are not required to amend current codes. However, the adoption of a new Code at the local level must be in compliance with the state code and existing codes can only be amended as long as they do not conflict with federal provisions and do not mandate fire sprinklers.

This law took effect on March 3, 2010.

Defacing Graves and Memorials
Act No. 2010-723
SB 71 by Sen. Mitchell

This law expands the crime of willfully or maliciously injuring, defacing or destroying monuments, gravestone or other memorials, or fences or enclosures around them. The law does not apply to any person holding a permit issued by the Alabama Historical Commission, to anyone operating a cemetery under standard rules and regulations, or to any person otherwise authorized by law to remove or disturb such structures.

This law takes effect on July 1, 2010.

Personnel Issues

Employment Security Enhancement Fund
Act No. 2010-505
HB 279 by Rep. McDaniel

This law extends the employer special assessment upon wages (0.06%) subject to contributions under the state Unemployment

Compensation Program to September 30, 2011. The law also repeals the December 31, 2009 sunset date for 100% fully federally funded extended benefits to allow the Department of Industrial Relations to pay the cost of extended benefits, 100% federally funded, to workers that have exhausted all of their regular and temporary benefits since December 31, 2009 through April 5, 2010 and to continue to pay the extended benefits, 100% federally funded, in the event that Congress enacts legislation providing for additional extended benefits.

This law took effect on April 14, 2010.

**Civil Air Patrol Military Leave
Act No. 2010-535
SB 91 by Sen. Bedford**

This law will allow members of the Civil Air Patrol to be granted the same military leave of absence as other service members, i.e., up to 21 days of paid military leave of absence per year when engaged in field and training duties as well as up to an additional 21 days of paid leave if called to duty by the Governor.

This law will take effect on July 1, 2010.

**National Disaster Medical System
Military Leave
Act No. 2010-259
SB 128 by Sen. Orr**

This law will allow members of the National Disaster Medical System to be granted the same military leave of absence as other service members, i.e., up to 21 days of paid military leave of absence per year when engaged in field and training duties as well as up to an additional 21 days of paid leave if called to duty by the Governor.

This law will take effect on July 1, 2010.

Law Enforcement/Firefighters

**Firefighters Annuity Fund
Act No. 2010-726
SB 299 by Sen. Bedford**

This law creates an annuity fund for paid and volunteer firefighters and establishes a board to administer the fund. Membership is voluntary and requires monthly payments of \$20. The law also allows for contributions to be made through the state income tax check-off program. The board will establish benefit amounts.

This new law takes effect on July 1, 2010.

**Volunteer Firefighter/EMS Mileage
Act No. 2010-218
SB 127 by Sen. Orr**

This law provides that a volunteer firefighter or volunteer emergency medical service provider who is subpoenaed for a deposition or court hearing in a civil matter regarding an event or transaction which he or she witnessed or investigated in the course of his or her duties shall be paid by the party requesting the subpoena \$70 per day or \$35 per half-day. He or she shall also receive mileage if he or she lives more than 10 miles from the place where testimony is to be given.

This law will take effect on June 1, 2010.

**Law Enforcement/Firefighters Death
Benefits
Act No. 2010-533
SB 25 by Sen. Brooks**

Currently, claims for the death benefits of peace officers and firefighters must be presented within one year of the death. This law extends the time limit to within two years of the death of the peace officer or firefighter.

This law took effect on April 14, 2010 and has retroactive application to January 1, 2007.

**Officer and Firefighters Death
Benefits
Act No. 2010-438
HB 546 by Rep. Payne**

Dependents of a peace officer or fireman killed in the line of duty are currently entitled to a death benefit in the amount of \$100,000, paid by the state. Current law provides that

the death is deemed to have occurred within the line of duty if within 10 years from an injury received in the line of duty and is proximately caused from the injury. Act No. 2010-438 deletes the requirement that the death be within 10 years of the injury if the death results from the injury.

This law took effect on April 22, 2010.

Tags and Titles

**Distinctive Firefighters Tags
Act No. 2010-582
HB 262 by Rep. Laird**

This law requires the Alabama Forestry Commission to prepare a list of all members of certified volunteer fire departments and for the Firefighters' Personnel Standards and Education Commission to prepare a list of all members of paid or part-paid fire departments. These lists shall be submitted to the county licensing official by December 1 of each year, and shall be used to determine eligibility for the distinctive fire fighters' license tag. This law also allows the widow or widower of a firefighter killed in the line of duty to receive a free distinctive license tag upon request.

This law will take effect on July 1, 2010.

**Armed Forces Distinctive Tags
Act No. 2010-510
HB 335 by Rep. Page**

This law establishes new distinctive license plate categories for active, retired, or honorably discharged members of the United States Air Force, Army, Navy, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marines. The applicant must pay an additional fee of \$3.00 for the distinctive license plates.

This law takes effect on January 1, 2011.

**Retired Firefighter Tag
Act No. 2010-710
HB 549 by Rep. Collier**

This law creates a new distinctive "Retired Professional Firefighter" license plate. The cost of the plate

will be the same as for standard license plates, but the payment of an additional \$3 fee in years in which the actual metal plate is issued will not be required.

This law will take effect on July 1, 2010.

POW/MIA Distinctive Tag
Act No. 2010-611
SB 383 by Sen. Smith

This law creates a new distinctive POW/MIA license plate category for motor vehicles and motorcycles, with a different design than the POW tag available only to persons who were certified as a POW. This applicant will pay an additional fee of \$5.00, which will be paid to the Veterans' Assistance Fund in the State Treasury.

This law takes effect on June 1, 2010.

Vehicle Tag Reinstatement Fees
Act No. 2010-716
HB 686 by Rep. Page

Under existing law, when a vehicle owner's motor vehicle registration has been suspended for failure to comply with the state's mandatory liability insurance law, the owner can pay the reinstatement fee to the Department of Revenue or the local licensing official. This law will allow the circuit clerk or Administrative Office of Courts to collect these reinstatement fees. Counties and local licensing officials currently receive a portion of the fee when paid to the local licensing official, but will not receive any funds from fees paid to AOC. Therefore, it will be in the best interest of the county and the county licensing official to encourage payment at the local licensing office. Current law provides that monies paid to the local licensing official's office must be used for technology, but this law also allows those monies to be used for improvement of equipment and operation of the licensing office. These monies are paid into a special fund and used at the discretion of the local licensing official.

This law will take effect on January 1, 2011.

Salvage Titles
Act No. 2010-748
HB 168 by Rep. Martin

This law makes several changes to the current statutes on salvage vehicles and titles. In particular, the law provides certain exceptions from the requirement that the owner of a salvage vehicle be a licensed rebuilder in order to apply for an inspection, specifies the salvage vehicle disclosure and the title branding requirements for junk vehicles, eliminates provisions requiring the Department of Revenue to approve nationally recognized indexes and databases for salvage vehicle valuations, authorizes an individual owner to apply for an inspection in certain cases where supporting paperwork is incomplete or unavailable, further regulates the acquisition of motor vehicles by scrap metal processors, and increases penalties.

This law takes effect on July 1, 2010.

Title Record Search Fees
Act No. 2010-579
HB 179 by Rep. Thigpen

This law makes several changes to current law on motor vehicle titling and records. In particular, the new law clarifies the definitions of new vehicle and used vehicle and reduces the motor vehicle title records fee from \$15 to \$5 when the records are provided electronically or when a printout of an electronic record is provided. The law also establishes a registration record fee of \$5, provides for the privacy of certain records, authorizes the Department of Revenue to set fees for records obtained through the national motor vehicle information system, permits the department to exempt vehicles from titling when no longer cost effective to title the vehicles, removes the requirement to physically inspect utility trailers and motor vehicles in some instances, standardizes the bond amount for titles, and permits the department to prescribe alternative methods for lien releases when the lienholder is no longer in business. This law takes effect on October 1, 2010.

Miscellaneous

Water, Sewer, and Fire Protection Authorities
Act No. 2010-280
HB 180 by Rep. Thigpen

This law increases the compensation for members and the chairs of county and municipal water, sewer, and fire protection authorities and boards of directors of municipal corporations providing water and sewer services. For county boards, the compensation for board members increases from \$200 to \$400 per meeting, and for the chair, the increase is from \$300 to \$600 per meeting.

This law took effect on April 13, 2010.

Solicitor's Fee
Act No. 2010-438
HB 485 by Rep. Hill

This law establishes a solicitor's fee to be imposed in juvenile, traffic, criminal, and quasi-criminal cases statewide in addition to other court costs. The fee shall be equal to the Fair Trial Tax Fund fee, which is currently \$21 in state courts and \$16 in municipal courts. Three dollars of the fee shall be distributed to and used for the operation of the circuit clerk's office and the remainder shall be deposited into the Solicitor's Fund or District Attorney's Fund in the county where the case is heard or to the fund. The fee may be expended by the district attorney for any and all expenses incurred and for any legitimate law enforcement purpose.

This law will take effect on July 1, 2010.

Computerized Voter Registration Lists
Act No. 2010-537
SB 108 by Sen. Ross

This law requires the Secretary of State to transmit a free electronic copy of the computerized voter list to each political party with ballot access after certification of a state election or completion of the election vote history update. The list must be provided within two weeks of the date of a written request by the chair

of the political party. The Secretary of State shall also furnish an electronic copy of the list for a specific district or office in which a special election has been called by the Governor to each political party that has ballot access within two weeks of the date of a written request for such list by the chair of the political party. The list shall be maintained so that it is technologically secure.

This law will take effect on July 1, 2010.

Alabama Trails Commission
Act No. 2010-585
HB 376 by Rep. Ward

This law establishes a 12 member Alabama Trails Commission within ADECA which will be responsible for the development, interconnection and use of trails in the state. The law also creates a 17 member board to advise the Commission. There will be a representative of local government on the Commission appointed jointly by the Association of County Commissions of Alabama and the Alabama League of Municipalities, which representation will alternate every two years between counties and municipalities.

This law took effect on April 13, 2010.

Local Bills Enacted 2010
Regular Session

AUTAUGA COUNTY

ACT NO. 2010-744 (HB819)

ACT NO. 2010-681 (SB592)W

Work release program and board established.

BALDWIN COUNTY

ACT NO. 2010-566 (HB417)

Personnel appeals board, election procedures, evaluation of contract employees.

ACT NO. 2010-719 (HB739)

Amendments to law on board of adjustment and planning and zoning commission.

ACT NO. 2010-593 (HB770)

Spanish Fort, corp. limits altered.

ACT NO. 2010-606 (HB789)

Stockton Landmark District, boundaries defined, annexation by local law prohibited, const. amend.

ACT NO. 2010-722 (HB790)

Relating to changes to setback requirements in subdivisions approval.

ACT NO. 2010-737 (HB799)

Foley, corp. limits altered, temporary tax exemption on certain property under certain conditions.

ACT NO. 2010-608 (SB581)

Proposed constitutional amendment related to county-owned solid waste landfills and Baldwin County Solid Waste Management Authority.

BARBOUR COUNTY

ACT NO. 2010-532 (HB796)

County commission authorized to increase pistol permit fee, for vehicles for sheriff's office.

BLOUNT COUNTY

ACT NO. 2010-439 (HB379)

ACT NO. 2010-226 (SB339)

ACT NO. 2010-552 (SB423)

Constitutional amendment proposing that municipality located entirely outside of Blount County prohibited from imposing municipal ordinance or regulation in its police jurisdiction located in Blount County.

ACT NO. 2010-567 (HB418)

Office of constable abolished.

ACT NO. 2010-575 (HB723)

Hayden corp. limits altered.

BULLOCK COUNTY

ACT NO. 2010-529 (HB772)

Jail vending machines authorized and funds distributed to sheriff.

BUTLER COUNTY

ACT NO. 2010-270 (HB564)

Pistol permit fee increased.

CALHOUN COUNTY

ACT NO. 2010-574 (HB694)

Oxford civil service board amended.

ACT NO. 2010-521 (HB725)

County commission authorized to reimburse revenue commissioner for monetary losses for good faith errors and worthless checks.

ACT NO. 2010-605 (HB763)

Proposed constitutional amendment related to municipal business licenses and residential rentals.

ACT NO. 2010-602 (SB557)

Piedmont corporate limits altered.

CHAMBERS COUNTY

ACT NO. 2010-265 (HB164)

Referendum on sale of draft or keg beer or malt beverages for on-premises consumption.

ACT NO. 2010-526 (HB762)

Amendment to local sales and use tax related to police jurisdiction of municipality located outside the county.

ACT NO. 2010-442 (HB791)

Constitutional amendment to continue ad valorem tax for public library purposes.

ACT NO. 2010-400 (SB332)

Tobacco tax, portion distribution to Valley Haven School, water districts for installing feeder lines, and scholarships, District Community Service Office abolished.

CHEROKEE COUNTY

ACT NO. 2010-745 (HB821)

TVA payments in-lieu-of-taxes distributions.

CHOCTAW COUNTY

ACT NO. 2010-683 (SB583)

Pistol permits, fee increased.

CLAY COUNTY

ACT NO. 2010-197 (HB425)

Coroner expense allowance increased.

ACT NO. 2010-570 (HB628)

Service of process fees for in-state and out-of-state increased.

ACT NO. 2010-401 (SB348)

Tobacco tax, additional levied, portion to water districts for installing feeder lines, District Community Service Office abolished.

COFFEE COUNTY

ACT NO. 2010-110 (HB191)

ACT NO. 2010-130 (SB184)

Referendum on fire protection and emergency medical services fee levied on certain dwellings and commercial

buildings with distribution to Enterprise and Elba, eligible volunteer fire departments and emergency medical service squads, and Volunteer Firefighters Association.

COLBERT COUNTY

ACT NO. 2010-743 (HB818)

Court costs in domestic violence cases distributed for domestic violence programs.

COOSA COUNTY

ACT NO. 2010-742 (HB816)

Pistol permits fee amount set, distribution for law enforcement purposes.

CULLMAN COUNTY

ACT NO. 2010-199 (HB521)

Proposed constitutional amendment to allow sheriff and revenue commissioner to participate in Employees' Retirement System in lieu of supernumerary program.

ACT NO. 2010-216 (HB535)

Additional court costs in domestic violence cases distributed for domestic violence shelter.

ACT NO. 2010-255 (SB15)

Proposed constitutional amendment to prohibit occupational tax.

DALE COUNTY

ACT NO. 2010-109 (HB176)

Referendum proposing county commission chair elected countywide and probate judge no longer serving as chair.

DALLAS COUNTY

ACT NO. 2010-741 (HB815)

Automated traffic infraction device for red light enforcement authorized.

DEKALB COUNTY

ACT NO. 2010-275 (SB64)

Board of registrars meeting days increased.

ACT NO. 2010-227 (SB425)

Proposing constitutional amendment requiring county commission to call a special election for any vacancy occurring in a county office under certain conditions.

ACT NO. 2010-223 (SB443)

Fort Payne, corporate limits altered.

ACT NO. 2010-728 (SB450)

Jackson Co. and DeKalb Co. Industrial Development Authority established to promote property near Northeast Alabama Community College.

ELMORE COUNTY

ACT NO. 2010-522 (HB740)

ACT NO. 2010-730 (SB504)

Service of process and authority for sheriff to contract for service of process.

ACT NO. 2010-736 (HB797)

Board of registrars meeting days increased.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

ACT NO. 2010-269 (HB516)

Additional court costs for law library and Judicial Administration Fund.

ACT NO. 2010-592 (HB735)

Manufacturing equipment and manufactured homes exempt from privilege or license tax, consumer's use tax and sellers' use tax levied, collection, prior actions of county commission ratified and confirmed, retroactive effect.

ACT NO. 2010-578 (HB737)

Brewton pretrial diversion program established.

ETOWAH COUNTY

ACT NO. 2010-39 (HB239)

Proposed constitutional amendment authorizing legislature to regulate court costs.

ACT NO. 2010-383 (HB340)

ACT NO. 2010-111 (SB60)

Proposed constitutional amendment authorizing elected officials to participate in Employees' Retirement System in lieu of supernumerary program.

ACT NO. 2010-612 (HB341)

ACT NO. 2010-131 (SB230)

Sales and use tax, portion of proceeds distributed to capital projects, use for salary of certified personnel of school systems and Gadsden State Community College authorized during proration.

ACT NO. 2010-571 (HB650)

ACT NO. 2010-547 (SB488)

Proposed constitutional amendment increasing solicitor's fee equal to fee for Fair Trial Tax Fund.

ACT NO. 2010-573 (HB684)

Monies received by county commission from U. S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to be paid into Sheriff's Law Enforcement Fund, retroactive effect.

ACT NO. 2010-225 (SB336)

Proposed constitutional amendment allowing legislative delegation to establish and reapportion districts for school board, except in Attalla and Gadsden.

FAYETTE COUNTY

ACT NO. 2010-386 (HB606)

Proposed constitutional amendment authorizing legislature to provide court costs, drug enforcement fee by local law for court and drug enforcement fund.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

ACT NO. 2010-229 (HB553)

Proposed constitutional amendment to authorize additional court costs in domestic violence cases repealed.

ACT NO. 2010-531 (HB787)

Additional court costs in domestic violence cases for domestic violence programs.

ACT NO. 2010-280 (SB95)

Proposed constitutional amendment authorizing legislature to create a personnel appeals board or personnel merit system for employees of sheriff's office.

ACT NO. 2010-391 (SB376)

Subject to passage of constitutional amendment, establishes personnel appeals board to hear appeals of actions concerning sheriff's employees.

ACT NO. 2010-392 (SB427)

District attorney authorized to employ investigators with power of arrest.

ACT NO. 2010-733 (SB550)

Additional court costs for new judicial building and jail.

GENEVA COUNTY

ACT NO. 2010-546 (SB485)

Fire districts established.

HENRY COUNTY

ACT NO. 2010-739 (HB803)

Henry Co. and Houston Co. pretrial diversion program and fees.

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JACKSON COUNTY

ACT NO. 2010-273 (HB664)

Stevenson corporate limits altered.

ACT NO. 2010-395 (SB509)

ACT NO. 2010-228 (SB426)

Proposed constitutional amendment requiring county commission to call a special election for any vacancy occurring in a county office.

ACT NO. 2010-728 (SB450)

Jackson Co. and DeKalb Co., Industrial Development Authority established to promote property near Northeast Alabama Community College.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

ACT NO. 2010-515 (HB499)

Providing that only one adult or juvenile sex offender may reside in a residence, only one adult may reside in an apartment complex under certain conditions, civil penalties, exceptions.

ACT NO. 2010-519 (HB613)

Debt issued by county and certain swap agreements requires competitive bidding, notice, public records, requirements.

ACT NO. 2010-721 (HB757)

Birmingham mayor and city council election at same election.

LAMAR COUNTY

ACT NO. 2010-230 (HB589)

Proposed constitutional amendment authorizing legislature to provide court costs and drug enforcement fee for clerk of the court and drug enforcement fund.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY

ACT NO. 2010-572 (HB657)

Salary supplement for retired or semi-retired circuit judges.

ACT NO. 2010-596 (HB726)

Bed and breakfast establishments included in lodgings tax, county tourism board established.

ACT NO. 2010-577 (HB727)

Referendum proposing county commission chair elected countywide and judge of probate not serve as chair.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

ACT NO. 2010-569 (HB609)

Additional court cost for county jail and renovation of courthouse.

ACT NO. 2010-134 (SB13)

Proposed constitutional amendment prohibiting occupational tax.

ACT NO. 2010-394 (SB467)

Additional court cost levied on all drug cases for enforcement of drug laws.

LIMESTONE COUNTY

ACT NO. 2010-281 (HB554)

Sheriff's compensation.

ACT NO. 2010-128 (SB99)

Proposed constitutional amendment prohibiting occupational tax.

ACT NO. 2010-393 (SB459)

Sales and use tax to refinance bonds authorized.

ACT NO. 2010-549 (SB575)

Additional TVA in-lieu-of-taxes payments distributed.

LOWNDES COUNTY

ACT NO. 2010-740 (HB807)

ACT NO. 2010-682 (SB586)

County commission contingent fund, appropriation and expenditures authorized.

MACON COUNTY

ACT NO. 2010-516 (HB518)

Franklin corporate limits altered, boundary description corrected and clarified, retroactive effect.

ACT NO. 2010-231 (HB552)

Proposed constitutional amendment providing that certain court costs not pledged for county jail authorized for roads and bridges.

ACT NO. 2010-524 (HB759)

Economic Development Authority, Tuskegee University to appoint voting member.

MADISON COUNTY

ACT NO. 2010-108 (HB107)

Additional TVA in-lieu-of-taxes payments distributed to county legislative delegation office.

ACT NO. 2010-37 (HB110)

Proposed constitutional amendment prohibiting occupational tax.

ACT NO. 2010-382 (HB147)

Proposed constitutional amendment allowing county commission by resolution to establish procedure for dangerous dogs in unincorporated areas of county.

ACT NO. 2010-551 (SB442)

Public School and College Authority authorized to sell and issue bonds for new school construction and renovation of existing school facilities in school systems directly impacted by 2005 Base Realignment and Closure with local school districts required to provide dollar for dollar match.

MARENGO COUNTY

ACT NO. 2010-385 (HB555)

Proposed constitutional amendment authorizing legislature to provide additional court costs by general or local law with prior local laws ratified.

MARSHALL COUNTY

ACT NO. 2010-688 (HB56)

Additional circuit judge conditioned on funding for compensation and benefits by county commission.

MOBILE COUNTY

ACT NO. 2010-266 (HB172)

County license commissioner, appointment of certain employees, compensation.

ACT NO. 2010-267 (HB190)

Mobile library board, number of members the same as number of members of city council.

ACT NO. 2010-268 (HB255)

County officers, credit card payments, fee required to cover costs.

ACT NO. 2010-396 (HB458)

Mobile tax sale properties acquired from State Land Commissioner, procedure to quiet title.

ACT NO. 2010-589 (HB705)

Citronelle oil and gas revenue, portion distributed to volunteer fire department, certain funds in escrow authorized to be distributed.

ACT NO. 2010-591 (HB734)

Solicitor's fee authorized in all criminal cases where court costs are assessed.

MONROE COUNTY**ACT NO. 2010-195 (HB389)****ACT NO. 2010-136 (HB391)**

Monroeville corporate limits altered.

ACT NO. 2010-196 (HB390)

County commission authorized to levy a sales and use tax, with revenue from tax for property annexed to Monroeville after June 1, 2010, to be retained by county.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY**ACT NO. 2010-214 (HB401)**

City council authorized to establish entertainment districts.

ACT NO. 2010-708 (HB493)

Montgomery Co. work release program and community corrections program funding, additional amount assessed on offender's gross earnings.

ACT NO. 2010-440 (HB495)

Proposed constitutional amendment authorizing revenue commissioner to participate in Employees' Retirement System in lieu of supernumerary program.

MORGAN COUNTY**ACT NO. 2010-718 (HB736)**

Bingo further defined, bingo permit holders authorized to advertise bingo sessions with municipal governing body approval.

ACT NO. 2010-112 (SB122)

Proposed constitutional amendment prohibiting occupational tax.

ACT NO. 2010-113 (SB131)

Referendum regarding election of Hartselle board of education, terms, qualifications, compensation.

ACT NO. 2010-132 (SB249)

Source water protection areas provided for public water supply systems, storage and distribution facilities for hazardous material within certain distance of source water prohibited.

ACT NO. 2010-601 (SB551)

TVA payments in-lieu-of-taxes distributed to Hartselle, Decatur, and Morgan County Boards of Education for the fiscal years 2010 and 2011.

PICKENS COUNTY**ACT NO. 2010-590**

Drug enforcement fee in certain cases authorized.

ACT NO. 2010-591

Solicitor's fee authorized in all criminal cases where court costs are assessed.

PIKE COUNTY**ACT NO. 2010-274**

County commission authorized to set salary and expense allowance for coroner.

RANDOLPH COUNTY**ACT NO. 2010-384**

Proposed constitutional amendment allowing county capital improvement fund money to be used for economic development.

ACT NO. 2010-402

Tobacco tax collection and distribution, District Community Service Office abolished.

SHELBY COUNTY**ACT NO. 2010-594 (HB781)**

Additional subpoena fee in civil and criminal cases in circuit and district court.

ACT NO. 2010-530 (HB782)

Probate court additional recording fees for legislative delegation office.

TALLADEGA COUNTY**ACT NO. 2010-527 (HB767)**

County commission authorized to provide supplemental compensation for board of equalization.

ACT NO. 2010-528 (HB768)**ACT NO. 2010-279 (SB350)**

Board of registrars meeting days increased.

ACT NO. 2010-271 (HB565)

Referendum proposing to authorize Sunday alcoholic beverage sales.

ACT NO. 2010-711 (HB566)

Automated traffic infraction device use for red light enforcement authorized.

WASHINGTON COUNTY**ACT NO. 2010-684 (SB582)**

County commission expense allowance converted to salary.

WILCOX COUNTY**ACT NO. 2010-738 (HB801)**

County commission contingent fund, appropriation and expenditures authorized.

WINSTON COUNTY**ACT NO. 2010-518 (HB610)**

Referendum authorizing motor vehicle, boat, and business licenses issuance by mail or electronic means with mail fee.