

Emergency Conditions in Political Subdivisions

SB43 by Sen. Greg Albritton

HB56 by Rep. Nathaniel Ledbetter

Currently, Alabama's county commissions are granted emergency powers during a state of emergency. But emergency responses by county commissions are often slowed – as evidenced during the series of hurricanes to hit Alabama in the fall of 2017 – by the requirement for commission members to gather and vote on any local resolution of action.

This bill would alleviate the emergency response lag for county commissions during instances when the Governor or Legislature has declared a state of emergency. **Under this bill, current emergency powers granted to the county commission would remain intact, but the chair or president of the county commission would be granted the authority to execute resolutions on the commission's behalf.**

Additionally, the Alabama Disaster Recovery Program currently provides financial assistance through the Alabama Disaster Recovery Fund to counties and municipalities after certain disasters. But there are specific instances when financial assistance is necessary to cover the costs of emergency protective measures for individuals and private nonprofit facilities.

This bill would revise some of the recovery program's procedures regarding financial assistance and establish a program to provide financial assistance through the recovery fund for individuals and certain private nonprofit facilities.

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