



## 2017 Final Legislative Report

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The 2017 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature concluded on May 19 after four-straight legislative work days. The last week of the session was dominated by efforts to enact a new reapportionment plan for both the House and Senate and by the passage of legislation related to midwives, insurance coverage for autism treatments and the licensure and review of certain daycare centers.

The deadline has now passed for Gov. Kay Ivey to act on legislation passed during the last week of the session. Any bills that have not been signed will not become law this year. This Final Legislative Report outlines those new general and local laws impacting county government in one way or another.

Although the Association's top priority – legislation to provide funding for infrastructure improvements – was not approved during this session, you will see that five priorities were enacted from the Alabama County Platform. Unfortunately, the list of new laws does include a couple of statutes that will impact counties in a negative way.

During the course of a legislative session, the Association's efforts to enhance and protect county government are, largely, at the mercy of those legislators who understand and support the positions outlined by county officials and employees. The staff and Board of Directors express gratitude to members of the House and Senate who consistently work with the Association to accomplish its goals and to those county officials and employees who take an active role in the legislative process.

Many of the bills outlined below will be the subject of discussion during the ACCA Annual Convention in August. In other cases, the Association staff will provide details on the implementation procedures in the coming days. County officials or employees with questions are encouraged to contact the ACCA office.

The Association Staff



## ACCA Priorities

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### MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR INMATES

[Act 2017-298](#) by Rep. England and Sen. Ward

Currently, inmates that enter county jails or juvenile detention facilities forfeit their Medicaid eligibility under the law. This ACCA Priority Bill provides that persons who enter county custody as Medicaid participants will have their benefits automatically reinstated when treated for medical or other eligible programs at in-patient facilities. The inmate must be in the Medicaid care facility at least 24 hours before the benefits are restored. Counties wishing to participate in the program will have some reporting requirements and will be responsible for paying the state match, which is approximately 30 percent of the Medicaid rate. Details will be provided on the implementation of this act during the ACCA convention in August. **The act is effective immediately but the benefits will not begin until Jan. 1, 2018.**

*The Association is grateful to Rep. Chris England and Sen. Cam Ward for their leadership and sponsorship of this important new law that can save revenue and provide needed benefits to inmates and juveniles statewide.*

### SIMPLIFIED SELLERS USE TAX

[Act 2017-82](#) by Sen. Pittman and Rep. Scott

This ACCA priority legislation makes several technical changes to the successful Simplified Sellers Use Tax program, including adding provisions that the Alabama Department of Revenue will distribute the proceeds of the tax on a monthly, rather than quarterly, basis and that the Department can disclose the names of those companies participating in the program. The other changes are designed to allow the internet-based companies which volunteer to remit the substitute tax to remain in the program, under very specific circumstances, should their relationship with the state of Alabama be changed. **The act will be effective on July 1, 2017.**

*The Association expresses its gratitude to Sen. Trip Pittman and Rep. Rod Scott, who sponsored this legislation and the original 2013 bill that is expected to provide more than \$10 million to counties during this fiscal year.*



## **TAX SALES AND EXCESS FUNDS**

**Act 2017-130** by Sen. Pittman and Rep. Wood

For the last several years the Association has worked to clarify the procedures for the distribution of proceeds of the so-called “overbid” for those properties that are sold for unpaid taxes. Earlier amendments to the statute have led to litigation regarding open tax years. This ACCA priority bill confirms prior distributions made by county officials and clarifies the specific requirements that are to be followed when distributing the moneys or transferring them to the county general fund. The Association will provide details on this new law to county administrators during the ACCA Annual Convention. **The act is effective on July 3, 2017.**

*The Association is grateful to Sen. Trip Pittman for his leadership in making repeated revisions to this confusing statute and to former Calhoun County Commissioner and Rep. Randy Wood for his sponsorship in the House of Representatives.*

## **BID THRESHOLD FOR REPAIR OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT**

**Act 2017-466** by Rep. Hurst and Sen. Beasley

The Alabama Competitive Bid Law exempts certain expenditures for repair parts and the repair of heavy equipment costing \$15,000 or less. However, the repair of heavy duty equipment often exceeds the \$15,000 threshold limit, requiring the county to go through the competitive bid process. This often results in lost time and delays at the county level. This bill raises the repair exemption threshold from \$15,000 to \$22,500. The new exemption threshold was determined by the rate of inflation applied to the last adjustment to the threshold limit.

This change will make it easier for counties and county engineers in using a more efficient and expedient path for heavy equipment repairs. **The new law was part of the Association's priority legislation for the 2017 session and is effective immediately.**

*Appreciation is expressed to former Talladega County Commissioner and Rep. Steve Hurst for his sponsorship and leadership in the House as well as Sen. Billy Beasley who helped ensure that the legislation passed before the Senate adjourned Sine Die late in the day on May 19.*

## **ALABAMA LOCAL GOVERNMENT TRAINING INSTITUTE**

**Act 2017-440** by Rep. Blackshear and Sen. Waggoner

The membership of the Board of Directors of the Alabama Local Government Training Institute is expanded by this new act. Two county members are added to the board and the minimum number of persons necessary to make a quorum is reduced in this ACCA Priority Legislation. The law also allows the ALGTI Board to award certification to local programs (such as EMA programs) that meet statewide standards. **The act is effective immediately.**

*The Association expresses its appreciation to Rep. Chris Blackshear for his sponsorship in the House and to Sen. Jabo Waggoner for making the passage of this new law a priority during the last work day of the session.*



## GENERAL ACTS OF INTEREST

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### TAXES, EXEMPTIONS and ABATEMENTS

#### SALES TAX EXEMPTION

Act [2017-386](#) by Sen. Smitherman

This law provides a mandatory exemption from the payment of state, county and city sales tax for the Southern Research Institute in Jefferson County. The institute is required to provide reports regarding its purchases, but the exemption does not require local approval in order to be applicable. The Association has consistently opposed the granting of such mandatory local exemptions. The bill was changed during the legislative process to ensure that the Institute is required to “collect” sales taxes on those items which it sells. Although the Association does not oppose the work of the Southern Research Institute, the staff is very concerned that the enactment of this exemption may make it more difficult to defeat similar exemptions in coming years. It is important that counties, and the Association, redouble their opposition to such mandatory exemptions in future legislative sessions. **The act is effective Aug. 1, 2017.**

#### JULY SALES TAX HOLIDAY

Act [2017-120](#) by Sen. Melson

The state’s existing “Back-to-School” sales tax holiday is altered by this new law. Beginning in 2017, the event will take place on the third full weekend of July rather than during August. The change was made because the school year now begins very early in August in some areas and lawmakers wanted to be sure that all citizens could take advantage of the holiday before the start of school. Counties that wish to participate in the program by also exempting local sales tax during this weekend in 2017 must pass a new resolution no later than June 16, 2017. The Association has prepared a sample resolution to assist counties with meeting this fast-approaching deadline. **The act was effective on March 30, 2017.**

#### TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR UNITED WAY AGENCIES

Act [2017-149](#) by Sen. Figures

Prior to the passage of this act, Alabama law provided a very general sales tax exemption for entities participating in the community programs formerly known as “Community Chest.” In most jurisdictions, the “Community Chest” has been replaced by the United Way, but the statutes did not include any qualifications for the exemption. The new law establishes specific definitions for those entities that can qualify for the sales tax exemption as well as review of the agencies’ activities going forward. **The new law will be effective on July 1, 2017.**



## INTEREST ON TAXES DUE TO COUNTIES

[Act 2017-415](#) by Sen. Sanford

Alabama law currently allows self-collecting cities and counties to establish the rate of interest charged on delinquent taxes at one percent per month. This new law restricts the interest that may be charged to the same interest charged in similar cases by the Alabama Department of Revenue. In addition, the law makes changes in the municipal law regarding a business's qualifications for a Delivery License in lieu of a traditional business license. The municipal changes do not impact the state-county business licenses sold at the county level today. **The new law is effective on Aug. 1, 2017.**

## HISTORIC TAX CREDITS

[Act 2017-380](#) by Rep. Gaston

The existing income tax credits for investors restoring historical buildings in the state's urban areas expired in 2016. This new law extends the statute and provides an additional \$20 million in income tax credits for investors in new projects. A portion of the existing law, which was not amended by this new act, allows for counties to grant an exemption from local sales tax for the purchase of materials used in these restoration projects. Any new project funded by this act will qualify for the local sales tax exemption only if approved by the county commission. **This new law was effective on May 19, 2017.**

## EXTENSION OF ALABAMA JOBS ACT

[Act 2017-314](#) by Rep. Baker

The Alabama Jobs Act, another tax abatement program designed to attract new industry, was set to expire on Dec. 31, 2019, but this new act extends it to Dec. 31, 2020. The tax incentives do not impact county revenue. **The act is effective immediately.**

## FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS EXCISE TAX

[Act 2017-165](#) by Rep. K. Johnson

This new law statutorily reverses a rule adopted by the Department of Revenue that would have impacted the amount of Financial Institutions Excise Tax paid by Alabama banks. The rule, which was set to take effect on Jan. 1, 2018, would have reduced the revenue which could be deducted by banks before determining the amount of tax payable to the state of Alabama and cities and counties. The new law does not impact current revenue paid to counties, but does reverse an anticipated increase of about \$2.5 million that would have been paid to counties in 2018. **The act is effective for the tax year beginning on Jan. 1, 2018.**

## SALES TAXES ON PHOTOGRAPHIC SERVICES

[Act 2017-397](#) by Rep. Weaver

The new law provides that, beginning Oct. 1, 2017, neither the state nor local governments can collect sales taxes from photographers for sitting and consultant fees as long as the services are separate from the actual sales price of photographs, which are still subject to sales taxes. This clarification language is the result of litigation and is expected to reduce revenue to counties by a small amount. **The act is effective on Oct. 1, 2017.**



## TIMBER SEVERANCE TAX

[Act 2017-301](#) by Rep. Beech

The proceeds of the state's severance tax on the harvest of timber are distributed to the Special State Forestry Fund and expended by the Alabama Forestry Commission. This new law substantially rewrites the timber severance tax and provides exemptions for several activities, including an exemption for out-of-state processors and for pulpwood chips and residual pulpwood chips. The language is also applied retroactively and will reduce revenue to the fund by almost \$3 million immediately and as much as \$640,000 per year. These changes do not impact revenue allocated to counties. **The act is effective on July 1, 2017.**

## COURTS and LIABILITY

### PROBATE JUDGE LIABILITY

[Act 2017-174](#) by Sen. Albritton

This law addresses liability for probate judges who establish a bond for a conservator or personal representative at an amount that is insufficient to cover the value of a subsequent fraud or other misdeed. In such instances, the probate judge (and therefore the county governing body) will only be liable if the judge's actions are wanton, fraudulent or intentional. **The new law will be effective July 1, 2017.**

### EXTRADITION IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

[Act 2017-64](#) by Sen. Williams

This new law expands the authority of the state of Alabama to grant extradition of a person to other states if he or she has been charged, whether by indictment or by other criminal procedure, of a crime in that state. **The act was effective May 1, 2017.**

### REALLOCATION OF JUDGESHIPS

[Act 2017-14](#) by Sen. Orr

This new law establishes a statewide commission to reallocate judgeships should an existing position become vacant due to the death, retirement, resignation or removal from office of a district or circuit judge. Should the vacancy occur in an area that has a declining case load, the commission is authorized — based on criteria to be established — to relocate the judgeship to another, more active, circuit. Although the possibility of this occurring is very rare, it would impact the county receiving the new judgeship because of the requirement that the county commission provide courtroom and other space for judges. **The act was effective on March 6, 2017.**

### RAISES FOR CIRCUIT CLERK EMPLOYEES

[Act 2017-270](#) by Sen. Smitherman

This new law allows a circuit clerk to utilize funds from his or her Circuit Clerk Judicial Administration Fund to provide merit and promotion raises to full-time employees of the clerk's office. The law does not allow the circuit clerk to access or utilize any county funds for this purpose or to require the county commission to assume the costs of any of these raises. **The new law is effective Oct. 1, 2017.**



## **THERAPY DOGS IN COURTROOMS**

[Act 2017-413](#) by Sen. Holley

Registered therapy dogs are allowed in Alabama courtrooms by this new law for the purpose of assisting with vulnerable witnesses. At the discretion of the trial judge, the dogs would be used for victims or witnesses who face difficulty in providing testimony for any one of a variety of reasons. Counties should be aware of this new law because of the impact it may have on courthouse security issues going forward. **The new law is effective on Aug. 1, 2017.**

## **PAYMENT OF PROBATE FEES**

[Act 2017-293](#) by Rep. Givan

This new law allows for the probate judge to collect required fees, which are to be paid in connection with proceedings before the court, either at the time of the filing of the initial pleading or at the termination of the case. The court may also require the payment of a security deposit in lieu of full payment of the fees when the pleading is filed. The new law does not, however, authorize the judge to waive or fail to collect the fees. **The new act is effective on Aug. 1, 2017.**

## **POWERS OF PROBATE JUDGES**

[Act 2017- 388](#) by Rep. Fridy

In circumstances when the active probate judge is a licensed attorney, this new law grants the probate judge the same power to punish for civil contempt as currently exercised by judges of the circuit courts. The new language has no application in those counties whose probate judge is not a licensed attorney. **The law is effective immediately.**

## **MOVING OF VEHICLES AFTER ACCIDENTS**

[Act 2017-376](#) by Rep. Pettus

This new law authorizes drivers involved in accidents to move their vehicles to the shoulder of the road if there are no apparent injuries and the driver is not impaired. The law applies only to accidents on state or federal roads and provides liability protection only for state employees who respond to such accidents. County employees and county roads are not subject to the new law. **The provisions of this amendatory act are effective immediately.**

## **IMMUNITY FOR RESCUING PERSONS FROM VEHICLES**

[Act 2017-241](#) by Rep. Rogers

Alabama law already provides liability protection for those persons attempting to rescue persons from vehicles involved in accidents or other unanticipated activities. This new law extends the protection to those persons who are rescuing a child or incapacitated person from an unattended motor vehicle. The person is required, however, to notify law enforcement or call 911 before entering the vehicle. **The new law is effective on Aug. 1, 2017.**



## PUBLIC WORKS and PUBLIC PROPERTY

### REMOVAL OF MONUMENTS

[Act 2017-354](#) by Sen. Allen

As passed by both chambers on the session's last day, the bill establishes a restrictive procedure for the relocation, removal, alteration, renaming or otherwise disturbing of monuments or memorials on public property. The law also restricts the renaming of buildings, streets, bridges or other structures as well as the removal or alteration of "Architecturally Significant Buildings." The bill will have wide-ranging impact that has yet to be completely recognized throughout the state. The Association will provide more detailed information to counties in the coming weeks. In the meantime, counties are encouraged to contact the Association immediately if they are considering making changes with any monuments, memorials or other items covered by this new law. **The new law is effective immediately.**

### BID BONDS FOR PUBLIC WORKS

[Act 2017-279](#) by Sen. Allen

Under existing law the bid bond for public works contracts is capped at \$50,000. This legislation lowers that cap to \$10,000 for projects other than those undertaken by the Alabama Department of Transportation. For ALDOT, the bid bond maximum remains at \$50,000. **The law, which was effective immediately, is also retroactive to May 2016 and confirms any bid bonds since that date that are in compliance with the new provisions.**

### AGRICULTURAL AUTHORITIES

[Act 2017-246](#) by Sen. Melson

This new law allows for the establishment of a local Agricultural Authority to construct and operate facilities to promote agricultural businesses, operations, commodities, workforce development and economic development. ACCA amendments require county commission approval before an authority can become operative and if an authority wishes to change its bylaws in the future. The law provides for a sales tax exemption for purchases related to the construction of any facilities as well as exemption from ad valorem taxes on property owned by the authority. The value of the exemptions should be considered by the commission before establishing the authority because the exemptions cannot be withheld or changed once the authority is authorized by the commission. **The law was effective May 9, 2017.**

### LOCATION INFORMATION OF WIRELESS DEVICES

[Act 2017-398](#) by Rep. Hanes

This new law requires providers of wireless communication services to provide information on the location of wireless devices in an emergency situation. The request must be made by a law enforcement officer who is on duty and acting in his or her official capacity as part of an emergency or other time-sensitive situation. **The new law is effective on Aug. 1, 2017.**





## NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY INFORMATION BY SCHOOLS

[Act 2017-401](#) by Rep. Baker

As enacted during the session's final week, this new law requires the Alabama Department of Education to implement a statewide, centralized electronic notification system for schools to distribute emergency-related information. The new system is to be operational by Oct. 1, 2017. **The new law will go into effect on August 1, 2017.**

## MEMBERS OF WATER AUTHORITY BOARDS

[Act 2017-432](#) by Rep. Lee

Under previous law, water, sewer and fire protection authorities that expand their service area across county lines must ensure that at least one board member is appointed by the county commission in the additional county to be served. This new law authorizes the county commission in the additional county to waive, at its discretion, the requirement for board representation. **The law is effective immediately.**

## EMS INTERSTATE COMPACT

[Act 2017-372](#) by Rep. Sells

This new law makes Alabama a participant in the Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact. The language of the compact effectuates the provision of services across state lines in time of crisis. The law also provides liability protection for participating personnel under certain conditions. **The act is effective immediately.**

## APPROVAL OF SOLID WASTE APPLICATIONS

[Act 2017-366](#) by Rep. Baker

For many years both counties and industry officials have sought to revise the process for considering applications for new solid waste landfills. A task force created by executive order produced recommendations that led to the passage of HB 328. As a result of Association efforts, significant changes were made during the legislative process to ensure protection of county revenue and from administrative challenges as well as to significantly reduce the issues that usually give rise to litigation following the consideration of these applications. The Association was represented on the task force by Coffee County Engineer Randy Tindell, who was a strong voice for the interests of counties. More details on this new act will be provided to counties in the coming weeks. **The act is effective immediately.**

## TRANSPORTATION

### ELECTRONIC COLLECTION OF TOLLS

[Act 2017-375](#) by Rep. McMillan

This new law authorizes the use of electronic means to collect payments on toll roads and bridges in Alabama. The electronic systems can be used on the existing toll roads and bridges as well as any new projects that may be constructed in Alabama. Similar collection methods are used in many states, including Georgia and Florida. **The new law is effective immediately.**



## REGISTRATION OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES

[Act 2017-395](#) by Rep. Ainsworth

This new law provides for a voluntary registration process for off-road and all-terrain vehicles. The system is completely voluntary and is designed to provide owners a system for more easily recovering stolen vehicles. The registration process is administered by the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency and does not require any involvement by county government. **The act is effective immediately.**

## ENGINEERS LICENSURE BOARD

[Act 2017-384](#) by Rep. Sessions

The State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors is authorized to establish anti-competitive rules that prioritize public health, life, safety, property and welfare. **The act is effective immediately.**

## MISCELLANEOUS

### CLOSED PRIMARIES & ELECTRONIC POLL BOOKS

[Act 2017-340](#) by Sen. Whatley

A surprise amendment added by a House committee caused the Association to oppose this measure during the last week of this year's regular session. The bill was originally designed to close political party primary runoffs to crossover voting by prohibiting primary voters from casting ballots in the runoff of the opposing party. The amendment authorizes the use of electronic poll books — at county expense — in any election beginning with the special U.S. Senate election in August. This language will, likely, result in some counties utilizing the poll books and others being unable to afford the additional expense. The Association has traditionally opposed bills that establish uneven election procedures across county lines. **As passed on the last day of the session and signed into law, the provisions are effective on Aug. 1, 2017.**

### REDISTRICTING

[Act 2017-347](#) and [2017-348](#) by Sen. Dial and Rep. Davis

Together, these two new acts made changes in many House and Senate districts in response to a federal court ruling negating a small number of legislative districts used in the 2014 elections. The new districts were controversial and resulted in filibusters and other delaying tactics that dominated the last one-third of the 2017 regular session. These new districts, which would be used in the 2018 elections, are expected to face legal challenge very soon. **The new laws were effective immediately.**

### OPTIONAL BONUS FOR COUNTY RETIREES

[Act 2017-367](#) by Rep. McMillan

County commissions and other local governments participating in the Retirement Systems of Alabama are authorized by this act to provide a one-time bonus to local retirees during the 2017-18 fiscal year. The bonus, if approved by the employing agency no later than Oct. 1, 2017, will be at least \$300 per retiree or \$2 for each month of service. For a retiree with 25 years of service, the bonus will be \$600. The cost of the bonus, if granted, will be calculated into the employer cost during the 2018-19 fiscal year. **The act is effective immediately.**



## SUNDAY SALES OF ALCOHOL

[Act 2017-444](#) by Rep. Givan

After the passage of this new law, counties in which alcohol sales have been authorized on Sunday may provide for such sales to begin at 10:00 a.m. The county commission may authorize the earlier time in those areas outside municipal limits, and the city council may make the change inside the corporate limits. The provisions of this act only apply in counties that do not have existing provisions addressing Sunday sales. **This law is effective immediately.**

## Local Acts

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### Autauga County

#### REVENUE COMMISSIONER

[Act 2017-119](#) by Sen. Chambliss

This bill provides for an additional expense allowance and salary for the revenue commissioner. **This act is effective immediately.**

### Baldwin County

#### DAPHNE CORPORATE LIMITS

[Act 2017-163](#) by Rep. Davis

This bill alters, rearranges, and extends the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Daphne in Baldwin County. **This act will go into effect on July 1, 2017.**

#### ELBERTA CORPORATE LIMITS

[Act 2017-90](#) by Rep. McMillan

This bill alters, rearranges, and extends the boundary lines and corporate limits of the Municipality of Elberta in Baldwin County. **This act will go into effect on July 1, 2017.**

#### COUNTY COMMISSION COMPENSATION

[Act 2017-24](#) by Rep. McMillan

This bill provides that the compensation of the members of the commission would be based on the previous four-year average of the median annual household income in Baldwin County. **This act is effective immediately.**

#### PROBATE JUDGE RECORDING FEE

[Act 2017-326](#) by Rep. Steve McMillan

This bill provides that a special recording fee of five dollars (\$5) shall be collected by the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, with respect to each real property instrument and each personal property instrument that may be filed for record in the office of the judge of probate and for the recording of other instruments and documents in the office of the judge of probate in the discretion of the county commission. **This act is effective immediately.**



## **BALDWIN COUNTY COMMUNITY CAPITAL FUND**

[Act 2017-328](#) by Rep. McMillan

This bill amends Section 45-2-244.183, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the distribution of the privilege license tax; to further provide for the Baldwin County Community Capital Fund. **This act is effective immediately.**

## **REVENUE COMMISSIONER**

[Act 2017-330](#) by Rep. McMillan

This bill provides for an additional expense allowance and salary for the Baldwin County Revenue Commissioner. **This act is effective immediately.**

## **GULF SHORES CORPORATE LIMITS**

[Act 2017-445](#) by Rep. McMillan

This bill alters, rearranges, and extends the boundary lines and corporate limits of the municipality of Gulf Shores in Baldwin County, Alabama. **This act is effective immediately.**

## **TAX DISTRIBUTION**

[Act 2017-447](#) by Rep. McMillan

This bill corrects the name of Faulkner State Junior College to its current name of Coastal Alabama Community College and provides that the funds distributed to the college from the proceeds of the tax shall only be used in Baldwin County. **This bill will go into effect on June 1, 2018.**

## **FOLEY CORPORATE LIMITS**

[Act 2017-448](#) by Rep. McMillan

This bill alters, rearranges, and extends the boundary lines and corporate limits of the municipality of Foley in Baldwin County, Alabama. **This act will go into effect on August 1, 2017.**

## **BOARD OF REGISTRARS**

[Act 2017-408](#) by Rep. McMillan

This bill provides for a county salary supplement for the members of the board of registrars. **This act is effective immediately.**

## **SHERIFF SALARY**

[Act 2017-419](#) by Rep. McMillan

This bill provides for an additional expense allowance and salary for the Baldwin County Sheriff. **This act is effective immediately.**

## **EXCISE TAX**

[Act 2017-67](#) by Sen. Pittman

This bill authorizes the county commission to levy an excise tax on the business of selling, distributing, storing, or withdrawing from storage, for any purpose whatsoever, gasoline or motor fuel and substitutes in the county not to exceed three cents (\$.03) per gallon. **This act is effective immediately.**



## Barbour County

### **ALCOHOL SALES**

[Act 2017-436](#) by Sen. Beasley

This bill authorizes the governing body of Eufaula to regulate and permit for the sale of alcoholic beverages during certain hours on Sunday by properly licensed retail licensees serving the general public in the city. **This act is effective immediately.**

### **ALCOHOL SALES**

[Act 2017-462](#) by Sen. Beasley

This bill authorizes the sale of certain alcoholic beverages in the City of Clayton on Sundays under certain conditions. **This act is effective immediately.**

## Blount County

### **SELLING AND DESTROYING UNCLAIMED PROPERTIES AND FIREARMS**

[Act 2017-233](#) by Rep. Standridge

This bill authorizes the sheriff to sell or destroy certain abandoned, stolen, and unclaimed property or firearms at public auction. **This act will go into effect on July 1, 2017.**

### **SOLID WASTE FEES**

[Act 2017-170](#) by Rep. Standridge

This bill provides that a portion of the fees collected from dumping or depositing of solid waste material shall be distributed to the Blount County Commission instead of the State Forestry Commission for distribution to the Blount County Fire and EMS Association. **This act is effective immediately.**

## Butler County

### **COUNTY COMMISSION TERMS**

[Act 2017-410](#) by Rep. Sells

This bill provides staggered terms for members of the county commission. **This act is effective immediately.**

## Calhoun County

### **CITY OF JACKSONVILLE ALCOHOL SALES**

[Act 2017-145](#) by Rep. Brown

This bill authorizes the sale of alcoholic beverages within the city limits each day of the week by retail licensees of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board and to authorize the governing body of the city to regulate the selling of alcoholic beverages to the general public by properly licensed retailers. **This act will go into effect on July 1, 2017.**



## JACKSONVILLE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD

[Act 2017-83](#) by Rep. Brown

This bill amends the Code of Alabama 1975 to make minor changes to the City of Jacksonville Civil Service Board. **This act will go into effect on June 1, 2017.**

## BINGO GAMES

[Act 2017-81](#) by Rep. Nordgren

This bill proposes a local constitutional amendment to specifically prohibit a bingo permittee or licensee from operating any bingo games within 1,000 yards of any residence or in a residential area. **This local constitutional amendment must be approved by local referendum.**

## Cherokee County

### PUBLIC LIBRARY

[Act 2017-458](#) by Rep. Lindsey

This bill authorizes the county commission to establish and maintain a public law library in the county; to increase the law library fee and further provide for operation of the county law library. **This act will go into effect on August 1, 2017.**

### LODGING TAX

[Act 2017-459](#) by Rep. Lindsey

This bill authorizes the Cherokee County Commission to levy a lodging tax; and to provide for the collection of the tax and the distribution of the proceeds from the tax. **This act will go into effect on August 1, 2017.**

## Clay County

### SHERIFF RETIREMENT

[Act 2017-193](#) by Rep. Hurst

This bill proposes a local constitutional amendment prohibiting the Sheriff of Clay County from participating in the supernumerary program of the county and to allow the sheriff to elect to participate in the Employees' Retirement System. **This local constitutional amendment must be approved by local referendum.**

### TOBACCO TAX

[Act 2017-65](#) by Sen. Dial

This bill further provides for the distribution of the tobacco tax levied in the county pursuant to Section 45-14-244 of the Code of Alabama 1975. **This act will go into effect on October 1, 2017.**

## Coffee County

### ABOLISHING CONSTABLES

[Act 2017-255](#) by Rep. Moore

This bill abolishes the office of constable. **This act is effective immediately.**



## Colbert County

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND**

[Act 2017-416](#) by Sen. Melson

This bill provides that a portion of the Shoals Economic Development Fund may be for workforce training and economic development programs at the University of North Alabama. **This act will go into effect on August 1, 2017.**

## Covington County

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

[Act 2017-84](#) by Rep. Jones

This bill requires future members of the county board of education to reside within, and be elected by the qualified electors of the county who reside within, that portion of the county outside of the corporate limits of any city in the county served by a separate city board of education. **This act is effective immediately.**

## Cullman County

### **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON SMITH LAKE**

[Act 2017-350](#) by Sen. Waggoner

This bill provides for an additional type of community development district which would be required to border Smith Lake and to have a marina and restaurant. The restaurant would be subject to additional regulation by the local governing body where located. Upon incorporation and approval of the board, the sale of alcoholic beverages would be authorized in the district. **This act is effective immediately.**

## DeKalb County

### **DEKALB COUNTY SEPTIC TANK BOND FUND**

[Act 2017-243](#) by Rep. Ledbetter and Sen. Livingston

This bill repeals Section 45-25-170, Code of Alabama 1975, which requires the DeKalb County Health Department to establish and maintain the DeKalb County Septic Tank Bond Fund and collect a fee of \$100 before issuing a permit for any septic tank in the county; and to provide that any existing moneys in the fund revert to the DeKalb County Health Department. **This act is effective immediately.**

## Elmore County

### **ALCOHOL SALES**

[Act 2017-271](#) by Rep. Ingram

This bill authorizes the county commission outside of the corporate limits of any municipality and each municipality within its corporate limits to provide by local ordinance for the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sundays. **This act will go into effect on August 1, 2017.**



## Escambia County

### **SALES AND USE TAX**

[Act 2017-272](#) by Rep. Baker

This bill authorizes the county commission to levy an additional sales and use tax; providing for the collection, distribution, and use of the proceeds of the tax; and prescribing penalties and fixing punishment violation of this act. **This act is effective immediately.**

### **BREWTON DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

[Act 2017-455](#) by Rep. Baker

This bill provides for the operation of the Brewton Development Authority and to delete certain provisions limiting operations to the central business district and industrial park. **This act is effective immediately.**

### **DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S FUND**

[Act 2017-449](#) by Rep. South

This bill repeals an expense allowance of \$500 per month from the district attorney's fund to be paid to the presiding circuit court judge; and to provide for a payment of \$500 per month from the district attorney's fund to the Judicial Administration Fund. **This bill will go into effect on July 1, 2017.**

## Etowah County

### **ALCOHOL SALES**

[Act 2017-305](#) by Rep. Nordgren

This bill authorizes separate elections within municipalities and within the unincorporated area of the county to determine whether alcoholic beverages may be sold or distributed on Sunday by properly licensed retail licensees serving the general public. **This act is effective immediately.**

## Franklin County

### **VOTING CENTERS**

[Act 2017-230](#) by Rep. Morrow

This bill authorizes the Franklin County Commission to establish voting centers by combining voters from two or more precincts in order to facilitate or reduce costs for elections. **This act is effective immediately.**

### **CIVIL SERVICE BOARD**

[Act 2017-329](#) by Rep. Morrow

This bill authorizes the city council to set the compensation of the civil service board. **This act will go into effect on August 1, 2017.**





## Geneva County

### USE TAX

[Act 2017-273](#) by Rep. Chesteen

This bill authorizes the county commission to impose a use tax in addition to the sales tax and to allow the proceeds from the sales and use taxes to also be used for operation of the jail. **This act will go into effect on August 1, 2017.**

### JUDGE OF PROBATE

[Act 2017-313](#) by Sen. Smith

This bill proposes a local constitutional amendment authorizing a person to be elected or appointed as judge of probate who is not over the age of 75 at the time of qualifying for election or appointment. **This local constitutional amendment must be approved by referendum that will be held during the December 2017 Special Election.**

## Hale County

### JUDGE OF PROBATE FEES

[Act 2017-142](#) by Sen. Singleton

This bill authorizes an additional fee for certain transactions in the office of the judge of probate. **This act goes into effect on July 1, 2017.**

### CITY OF EPES CORPORATE LIMITS

[Act 2017-212](#) by Sen. Singleton

This bill alters, rearranges, and extends the boundary lines and corporate limits of the municipality of Epes. **This act goes into effect on July 1, 2017.**

### DRAFT OR KEG BEER

[Act 2017-276](#) by Sen. Singleton

This bill authorizes the City Council of Greensboro to provide by local ordinance for the sale of draft or keg beer by properly licensed retail licensees serving the general public. **This act goes into effect on August 1, 2017.**

## Henry County

### REVENUE COMMISSIONER

[Act 2017-44](#) by Rep. Grimsley

This bill provides for an additional expense allowance and salary for the revenue commissioner. **This act is effective immediately.**



## Houston County

### REVENUE COMMISSIONER

[Act 2017-69](#) by Rep. Lee

This bill provides for an additional expense allowance and salary for the revenue commissioner. **This act is effective immediately.**

### WARRANT RECALL FEE

[Act 2017-311](#) by Rep. Lee

This bill provides for a warrant recall fee to allow a municipal magistrate or municipal judge for the City of Taylor to recall, under certain conditions, a failure to appear warrant. **This act is effective immediately.**

## Jackson County

### ALCOHOL SALES

[Act 2017-250](#) and [2017-0144](#) by Rep. Hanes and Sen. Livingston

This bill authorizes the city council of the City of Stevenson to regulate and permit the sale of alcoholic beverages during certain hours on Sunday by properly licensed retail licensees serving the general public in the city. **This act is effective immediately.**

### HYTOP CORPORATE LIMITS

[Act 2017-323](#) and [2017-0169](#) by Rep. R. Whorton and Sen. Livingston

This bill alters, rearranges, and extends the boundary lines and corporate limits of the municipality of Hytop in Jackson County. **This act goes into effect on August 1, 2017.**

### COURT COSTS

[Act 2017-325](#) by Rep. Hanes

This bill provides for an additional court cost in all domestic violence cases in the circuit, district, and municipal courts. **This act is effective immediately.**

## Jefferson County

### POLICE AND FIREMEN'S SUPPLEMENTAL PENSION SYSTEM

[Act 2017-247](#) by Rep. Treadaway

This bill amends Section 45-37A-51.03, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the investment powers of the board of managers; to reduce the percentage of investments required to be in fixed income securities. **This act is effective immediately.**

### CLASS 1 MUNICIPALITIES

[Act 2017-251](#) by Rep. Treadaway

This bill makes several important changes to the retirement and relief system for officers and employees of Class 1 municipalities. **This act is effective immediately.**



## RETIRED PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS

[Act 2017-322](#) by Rep. Treadaway

This bill authorizes the City of Birmingham to rehire retired public safety officers under certain conditions; and to provide that rehired officers may continue to receive retirement benefits during periods of reemployment. **This act is effective immediately.**

## CEMETERY BOARDS

[Act 2017-439](#) by Rep. Givan

This bill establishes a cemetery board; to provide for the members and duties of the board; and to provide funding. **This act is effective immediately.**

## WARRANT RECALL FEES

[Act 2017-424](#) by Rep. Treadaway

This bill provide for a warrant recall fee to allow a municipal magistrate or municipal judge for the City of Fultdale to recall, under certain conditions, a failure to appear warrant. **This act is effective immediately.**

## CLASS 1 MUNICIPALITIES

[Act 2017-275](#) by Sen. Waggoner

This bill provides that the State Personnel Board will determine the salary of the members of the city council. **This act is effective immediately.**

## Lamar County

### SALES AND USE TAX

[Act 2017- 339](#) by Rep. South

This bill proposes a local constitutional amendment relating to Lamar County to authorize the Lamar County Commission to levy an additional sales and use tax in the amount of up to one percent of sales and to provide for distribution of the proceeds to the Lamar County General Fund. **This local constitutional amendment must be approved by local referendum that will be held during the December 2017 Special Election.**

### CANINE UNITS

[Act 2017-334](#) by Rep. South

This bill proposes to repeal Amendment 710 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 1, Local Amendments, Lamar County, Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, which authorizes the collection of court costs for the operation and maintenance of a canine unit in the office of the sheriff, and to ratify and confirm any actions taken or payments made pursuant to that amendment. **This local constitutional amendment must be approved by referendum that will be held during the December 2017 Special Election.**



## DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S FUND

[Act 2017-449](#) by Rep. South

This bill repeals Section 45-29-80.01 of the Code of Alabama 1975, which provides an expense allowance of \$500 per month from the district attorney's fund to be paid to the presiding circuit court judge; and to provide for a payment of \$500 per month from the district attorney's fund to the Judicial Administration Fund. **This act will go into effect on July 1, 2017.**

## Lauderdale County

### COUNTY AGRICULTURE AUTHORITY

[Act 2017-420](#) by Rep. Greer

This bill provides that after the establishment of an agriculture authority in the county, the county commission shall annually distribute one million two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) of the proceeds from the in-lieu-of taxes payments to the authority. **This act will go into effect on October 1, 2017.**

### SHOALS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

[Act 2017-361](#) by Rep. Morrow

This bill provide that a portion of the Shoals Economic Development Fund may be used to build a Workforce Training and Development Center. **This act will go into effect on August 1, 2017.**

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

[Act 2017-370](#) by Rep. Morrow

This bill provides that the proceeds in the Community Development Fund, after the establishment of an agriculture authority in the county, shall be distributed so that two-thirds of the proceeds go to the commission and one-third of the proceeds go to the authority. **This act will go into effect on November 1, 2017.**

### ALCOHOL SALES

[Act 2017-425](#) by Rep. Morrow

This bill authorize the sale of alcohol for off-premises consumption on Sundays in the City of Florence; and to authorize the governing body of the City of Florence to regulate and permit the sale of alcohol on Sundays for off-premises consumption by properly licensed retail licensees. **This act will go into effect on August 1, 2017.**

### EXCISE TAXES

[Act 2017-371](#) by Rep. Greer

This bill provide that when the original securities for the Shoals Economic Development Project have been paid in full, the proceeds from the excise taxes shall be paid to the agriculture authority established in Lauderdale County for use as a pledge for a loan approved by the authority. **This act will go into effect on August 1, 2017.**



## SHOALS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

[Act 2017-441](#) by Rep. Morrow

This bill provides that a portion of the Shoals Economic Development Fund may be for workforce training and economic development programs at the University of North Alabama. **This act will go into effect on August 1, 2017.**

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

[Act 2017- 416](#) by Sen. Melson

This bill provides that a portion of the Shoals Economic Development Fund may be for workforce training and economic development programs at the University of North Alabama. **This act will go into effect on August 1, 2017.**

## Limestone County

### ALCOHOL SALES

[Act 2017-310](#) by Rep. Crawford

This bill authorizes the City Council of the City of Athens to regulate and permit the sale of alcoholic beverages during certain hours on Sunday by properly licensed retail licensees serving the general public in the city. **This act is effective immediately.**

## Lowndes County

### SHERIFF SALARY

[Act 2017-172](#) and [2017-0143](#) by Rep. Lawrence and Sen. Sanders

This bill provides for an additional expense allowance and salary for the sheriff. **This act will go into effect on July 1, 2017.**

### BOARD OF EDUCATION SALARY

[Act 2017-68](#) by Sen. Sanders

This bill authorizes an increase in the compensation of the county board of education. **This act is effective immediately.**

## Macon County

### TRANSFER OF DUTIES

[Act 2017-331](#) by Rep. Warren

This bill provides for the transfer of all duties, responsibilities, and liabilities of motor vehicle ad valorem tax assessment and collection from the revenue commissioner to the judge of probate and to provide for the transfer of all duties, responsibilities, and liabilities regarding real estate sales for failure to pay taxes and subsequent redemptions from the judge of probate to the revenue commissioner. **This act is effective immediately.**



## EXPENSE ALLOWANCES

[Act 2017-463](#) by Sen. Beasley

This bill provides for an additional expense allowance and salary for the Macon County Commissioners, the Chair of the Macon County Commission, the Macon County Revenue Commissioner, Judge of Probate, and the Sheriff of Macon County. **This act is effective immediately.**

## Marengo County

### ALCOHOL SALES

[Act 2017-86](#) by Rep. Jackson

This bill authorize the sale of certain alcoholic beverages on Sundays within the corporate limits of the town of Thomaston. **This act is effective immediately.**

## Marion County

### JUDGE OF PROBATE

[Act 2017-234](#) by Rep. Millican

This bill provides for the compensation of the judge of probate on a salary basis; and to provide for the one- stop issuance of motor vehicle license plates by the judge of probate. **This act will go into effect on July 1, 2017.**

## Marshall County

### WASTEWATER SYSTEMS

[Act 2017-457](#) by Rep. Ainsworth

This bill requires that certain privately-owned wastewater systems in the county be subject to oversight by the Alabama Public Service Commission. **This act is effective immediately.**

## Mobile County

### ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS

[Act 2017-87](#) by Rep. Buskey

This bill authorizes Class 2 municipalities to establish five entertainment districts and specifies the licensed premises of a holder of a retail liquor license. **This act is effective immediately.**

### LOW SPEED VEHICLES

[Act 2017-150](#) by Rep. Pringle

This bill would relate to any Class 2 municipality and authorizes the municipality to provide for the operation of low-speed vehicles upon certain streets in the municipality under limited circumstances and conditions. **This act is effective immediately.**



## PROPERTY SALES AND LEASES

[Act 2017-303](#) by Rep. Pringle

This bill abolishes the requirement that certain sales of property and leases by the board be approved by the judge of probate. **This act is effective immediately.**

## IN REM FORECLOSURE

[Act 2017-304](#) by Rep. Drummond

This bill would establish a procedure for a Class 2 municipality to conduct a judicial in rem foreclosure of non-owner occupied property that does not comply with local building codes. **This act is effective immediately.**

## REGIONAL FOOD REGULATIONS

[Act 2017-385](#) by Rep. Wilcox

This bill prohibits the Mobile County Health Department from regulating any intermittent food service establishment that prepares food in association with a regional celebration or tradition if the food service establishment does not prepare, sell, or distribute food on a regular basis or in its regular line of business. **This act is effective immediately.**

## OFFICE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE 13TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

[Act 2017-211](#) by Sen. Glover

This bill repeals an act relating to the appointment, compensation, and funding of employees in the Office of District Attorney of the 13th Judicial Circuit. **This act is effective immediately.**

## Montgomery County

### RENTAL TAXES

[Act 2017-465](#) by Rep. Knight

This bill authorizes the Montgomery County Commission to levy and collect a rental tax against the lessees or renters of tangible personal property. **This act is effective immediately.**

### PROCESS FEES

[Act 2017-438](#) by Sen. Brewbaker

This bill amends Section 2 of [Act 2015-264](#), 2015 Regular Session, imposing an additional service of process fee for the service of documents in the civil and criminal divisions of the circuit and district courts; to clarify that the fee shall be collected on each document requiring personal service of process by the Sheriff of Montgomery County for matters pending or to be commenced in a court in Montgomery County or in a court outside of Montgomery County. **This act goes into effect on August 1, 2017.**



## Pickens County

### PROCESS FEES

[Act 2017-253](#) by Rep. Harper

This bill provides for an additional service of process fee for personal service of process by the sheriff for actions instituted outside of this state and to provide for distribution of the revenue. **This act is effective immediately.**

### DISTRICT ATTORNEY EXPENSE FUND

[Act 2017-449](#) by Rep. South

This bill repeals Section 45-29-80.01 of the Code of Alabama 1975, which provides an expense allowance of \$500 per month from the district attorney's fund to be paid to the presiding circuit court judge; and to provide for a payment of \$500 per month from the district attorney's fund to the Judicial Administration Fund. **This act will go into effect on July 1, 2017.**

## Pike County

### SALES AND USE TAX

[Act 2017-332](#) by Rep. Booth

This bill authorizes the county commission to levy an additional sales and use tax; providing for the collection, distribution, and use of the proceeds of the tax; and prescribing penalties and fixing punishment for violation of this act. **This act is effective immediately.**

### COURT COSTS

[Act 2017-333](#) by Rep. Booth

This bill provides for the assessment of additional court costs in certain civil, criminal, or quasi-criminal proceedings in municipal, district, and circuit courts of Pike County; to provide that the costs, upon collection, shall be distributed to a special fund, designated as the "Jail Fund," in the county treasury to be expended by the county for maintaining, repairing, and operating the county jail or jail complex. **This bill will go into effect on August 1, 2017.**

## Randolph County

### INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

[Act 2017-43](#) Rep. Fincher

This bill provides for the establishment of the Randolph County Industrial Development Council. **This act is effective immediately.**





## SALES TAX

[Act 2017-254](#) by Rep. Fincher

This bill amends Sections 3 and 8 of Act 2016-288 of the 2016 Regular Session, relating to the additional sales tax for construction of a new county jail, and to provide that the proceeds shall also be used for the operation and maintenance of the county jail and to remove the provision that any excess proceeds from the sales tax would be used for road and bridge projects. **This act is effective immediately.**

## TOBACCO TAX

[Act 2017-312](#) by Rep. Fincher

This bill provides for the further collection and distribution of a tax on tobacco products. **This act is effective immediately.**

## Russell County

### LODGING TAX

[Act 2017-443](#) by Rep. Blackshear

This bill provides for the distribution of the net proceeds from the lodging tax into the General Fund Account of the county commission. **This act is effective immediately.**

### ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS

[Act 2017-446](#) by Rep. Blackshear

This bill authorizes the City Council of Phenix City to establish no more than two entertainment districts within the corporate limits of the municipality with no fewer than three licensees holding a restaurant retail liquor license, an on-premises alcoholic beverage license, or other retail liquor license; to provide for the licensees who receive an entertainment district designation; and to provide for consumption of alcoholic beverages anywhere within the entertainment district under certain conditions. **This act is effective immediately.**

### LEGISLATIVE AGENCIES AND OFFICES

[Act 2017-214](#) by Sen. Dial

This bill creates the Legislative Services Agency and reconstitute the Legislative Reference Service, Legislative Fiscal Office, and Alabama Law Institute as divisions of the Legislative Services Agency, would provide for additional authority for the Legislative Council with regard to legislative operations; would add additional provisions relating to the provision of services by legislative staff, make related and conforming changes, and repeal conflicting and obsolete provisions. **Section 5 of this act is effective immediately. The remainder of this act shall become effective on October 1, 2017, at which time Section 3 of this act is repealed.**



## SHERIFF QUALIFICATIONS AND EDUCATION

[Act 2017-461](#) by Sen. Whatley

This bill provides certain additional qualifications for persons serving as sheriff; and to provide for continuing education for a sheriff. **This act is effective immediately.**

## RUSSELL COUNTY SHERIFF SERVICE OF PROCESS FUND

[Act 2017-437](#) by Sen. Whatley

This bill creates the Russell County Sheriff Service of Process Fund; to further provide for service of process in the county; to provide that the sheriff may contract with or enter into agreement with a private, public, or governmental entity for the purpose of service of process; to set the fee for civil documents with certain exceptions; and to provide for the disposition of funds. **This act will go into effect on August 1, 2017.**

## SHERIFF SALARY

[Act 2017-434](#) by Sen. Whatley

This bill provides for the annual salary of the sheriff. **This act will go into effect on August 1, 2017.**

## Shelby County

### EDUCATION ELECTIONS

[Act 2017-151](#) by Sen. McClendon

This bill would propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to require that the members of the Shelby County Board of Education and the Shelby County Superintendent of Education be elected by the qualified electors of the county who reside outside of the corporate limits of any city located within the county that has a separate city board of education. **This local constitutional amendment must be approved by referendum.**

## St. Clair County

### PERSONNEL BOARD

[Act 2017-88](#) by Rep. Hill

This bill repeals Act 1729 of the 1971 Regular Session (Acts 1971, p. 2894), Act 739 of the 1978 Regular Session (Acts 1978, p. 1078), Act 831 of the 1978 Regular Session (Acts 1978, p. 1233), Act 79-243 of the 1979 Regular Session (Acts 1979, p. 370), and Act 81-72 of the 1981 Regular Session (Acts 1981, p. 94), all relating to the personnel board for the employees of the county. **This bill goes into effect on June 1, 2017.**

## SHERIFF SALARY

[Act 2017-89](#) by Rep. Hill

This bill provides for the base salary for the sheriff to be increased \$15,000 after the effective date of this act. **This act is effective immediately.**



## BOARD OF EDUCATION BOUNDARY LINES

[Act 2017-306](#) by Rep. Hill

This bill amends Section 1 of Act 84-452, 1984 Regular Session (Acts 1984, p. 1060), as amended by Act 900), and Act 2001-958, 2001 Third Special Session (Acts 2001, p. 826), relating to the St. Clair County Board of Education, to provide further for the boundaries of the five districts from which the district members of the board are elected. **This act goes into effect on August 1, 2017.**

## MOODY CORPORATE LIMITS

[Act 2017-307](#) by Rep. Hill

This bill alters, rearranges, and extends the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Moody in St. Clair County. **This act will go into effect on August 1, 2017.**

## DAVIS LAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

[Act 2017-265](#) by Sen. McClendon

This bill authorizes the establishment of the Davis Lake Volunteer Fire Department as a fire district for the purpose of preventing fires and for fire protection. **This act is effective immediately.**

## SPRINGVILLE CORPORATE LIMITS

[Act 2017-341](#) by Sen. McClendon

This bill alters, rearranges, and extends the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Springville in St. Clair County. **This act is effective immediately.**

## Sumter County

### HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL FEES

[Act 2017-85](#) by Rep. McCampbell

This bill amends Section 4 of Act 83-480, 1983 Regular Session, (Acts 1983, p. 672), as last amended by Act 2016-230 of the 2016 Regular Session, which distributes the proceeds of fees levied on operators of hazardous waste disposal sites in the county; to provide further for the distributions of the proceeds of the fees and to reduce the distribution to the Sumter County Commission. **This act went into effect on April 1, 2017.**

### SALES AND USE TAXES

[Act 2017-274](#) by Rep. McCampbell

This bill levies additional sales and use taxes to be used for the construction, maintenance, and operation of hospital facilities in Sumter County, including the purchase of a certificate of need. **This act is effective immediately.**



## Talladega County

### **SHERIFF QUALIFICATIONS AND EDUCATION**

[Act 2017-244](#) by Rep. Wood

This bill provides certain additional qualifications for persons serving as sheriff; and to provide for continuing education for a sheriff. **This act is effective immediately.**

### **ALCOHOL SALES**

[Act 2017-232](#) by Rep. Johnson

This bill authorizes the sale of certain alcoholic beverages in the City of Lincoln on Sundays under certain conditions. **This act is effective immediately.**

### **BOOKING FEES**

[Act 2017-248](#) by Rep. Johnson

This bill provides for a booking fee to be imposed on each person booked into the Talladega County Jail and subsequently convicted of a crime to provide for the collection of the booking fee; and to provide for the distribution of the revenues derived from the booking fee. **This act will go into effect on August 1, 2017.**

### **SHERIFF CREDIT AND DEBIT CARDS**

[Act 2017-249](#) by Rep. Hurst

This bill authorizes the sheriff to establish procedures to make limited purchases utilizing a credit or debit card, provided compliance with required accountability and audit measures and other procedures are followed. **This act is effective immediately.**

### **PISTOL PERMIT FEES**

[Act 2017- 418](#) by Rep. Hurst

This bill reduce the fee for the issuance of a pistol permit for a person under age 65. **This act will go into effect on August 1, 2017.**

### **MUMFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY**

[Act 2017-252](#) by Rep. Hurst

This bill provides for the distribution of the proceeds of the sales and use tax to the public library located in the City of Mumford. **This act is effective immediately.**

## Tallapoosa County

### **VOLUNTEER FIRE PROTECTION**

[Act 2017-327](#) and [Act 2017-268](#) by Rep. Tuggle and by Sen. Whatley

This bill provides for the support of volunteer fire protection services and emergency medical services within Union Volunteer Fire and Rescue District. **This act is effective upon the approval of a local referendum.**



## SHERIFF QUALIFICATIONS AND EDUCATION

[Act 2017-426](#) by Rep. Tuggle

This bill provides certain additional qualifications for persons serving as sheriff; and to provide for continuing education for a sheriff. **This act is effective immediately.**

## CONSTABLE OFFICE

[Act 2017-453](#) by Rep. Warren

This bill abolishes the office of constable. **This act is effective immediately.**

## Tuscaloosa County

### CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM

[Act 2017-166](#) by Rep. Harper

This bill establishes a civil service system for the city; to include the positions of City Administrator/Clerk and City Manager/Clerk in exempt service; and to provide that members of the personnel board must be residents of the county. **This act is effective immediately.**

## Walker County

### ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON SMITH LAKE

[Act 2017-350](#) by Sen. Waggoner

This bill provides for an additional type of community development district which would be required to border Smith Lake and to have a marina and restaurant. The restaurant would be subject to additional regulation by the local governing body where located. Upon incorporation and approval of the board, the sale of alcoholic beverages would be authorized in the district. **This act is effective immediately.**

### SALES AND USE TAX

[Act 2017-256](#) by Rep. Rowe

This bill authorize the county commission to levy an additional sales and use tax in the county. **This act is effective upon the approval of a local referendum.**

### SELLING AND DESTROYING UNCLAIMED PROPERTY AND FIREARMS

[Act 2017-464](#) by Sen. Reed

This bill authorizes the sheriff to sell certain abandoned, stolen, confiscated, lost, and unclaimed property at public auction; authorizing the sheriff to sell or destroy certain abandoned, stolen, or unclaimed firearms; and providing for the auction and for the disposition of proceeds. **This act will go into effect on August 1, 2017.**



## Washington County

### **BUSINESS LICENSE FEES**

[Act 2017-91](#) by Rep. Beech

This bill authorizes the county commission to establish a mail renewal fee in the probate office for the issuance and mailing of business licenses renewed by mail and to provide for a convenience fee per transaction made on the Internet or by other electronic means in the probate office on the payment for the renewal of a motor vehicle license plate registration. **This act will go into effect on June 1, 2017.**

### **TAG PURCHASES**

[Act 2017-167](#) by Rep. Beech

This bill provides one-stop tag purchases in the office of the judge of probate; to provide for the deposit of mail order fees in the probate judge's fund. **This act is effective immediately.**

### **GASOLINE TAX**

[Act 2017-302](#) by Rep. Beech

This bill authorizes the county commission to levy an excise tax on the selling, distributing, storing, or withdrawing from storage gasoline and diesel fuel in the county. **This act is effective immediately.**

## Winston County

### **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON SMITH LAKE**

[Act 2017-350](#) by Sen. Waggoner

This bill provides for an additional type of community development district which would be required to border Smith Lake and to have a marina and restaurant. The restaurant would be subject to additional regulation by the local governing body where located. Upon incorporation and approval of the board, the sale of alcoholic beverages would be authorized in the district. **This act is effective immediately.**