



GOAT HILL
FINAL REPORT

**2020 REGULAR
SESSION EDITION**

KEY

9 9-1-1 Directors

E Engineers

M Emergency Managers

P Probate Judges

R Revenue Officers

S Sheriffs

T Tax Officials

 Training/Education

 Reimbursement Eligible

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

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INTRODUCTION

County Leaders/Advocates,

A very unconventional 2020 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature came to its statutorily mandated conclusion on May 18 absent the usual political pandemonium and general public involvement, as well as absent even several legislative members. The COVID-19 pandemic and its subsequent state and federal safety guidelines forced legislators into an extensive recess midway through the session and shifted the priorities and capabilities of lawmakers in the final days of their 105-day window for legislative action. With this shift came the advancement of only local bills and legislation related to the state's budgets, essentially deeming all other legislation obsolete for the 2020 Session.

Despite the limitations and eccentricity of this year's session, several county priorities advanced through the legislative process and became law thanks to the hard work and dedication of County Advocates across the state. And although the spread of the virus halted the progress of many other county priorities, the promising legislative status of these priorities prior to COVID-19 gives us confidence for positive progression during the next legislative session.

As for local bills, the deadline has now passed for Gov. Kay Ivey to act on legislation passed in the final days of the session, so any bills that did not receive her signature will not become law this year.

Outlined in this final legislative report are the new general and local laws impacting county government in some form. Some of the bills in this report will be the subject of discussion during upcoming ACCA educational courses and events. In other cases, the Association staff will provide any necessary details on implementation procedures in the coming weeks. **County officials or employees with any questions about the contents of this report are encouraged to contact the ACCA Office at (334) 263-7594.**

The final legislative report of the 2020 Regular Session is divided into the following sections:

- > **County Priorities Signed into Law**
- > **New Additional Laws Impacting Counties**
- > **New Local Laws & Constitutional Amendments**

Following the format of recent years' reports, this report includes a navigation key to help direct county leaders to the bills that might be of interest to them, based on their affiliate organization membership and broader role in county government. However, everyone is encouraged to review this report in its entirety because each new law is likely to have some sort of impact on local government operations.

The Association staff would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all county officials, employees and affiliate organization members — and especially members of the ACCA 2019-2020 Legislative Committee — who participated in and remained committed to this year's legislative advocacy efforts during such a tumultuous time for our state.

With the utmost gratitude and respect,
The Association Staff



COUNTY PRIORITIES SIGNED INTO LAW

Creating a Statewide Emergency Notification System 9 M S

Act 2020-85 by Sen. Bobby Singleton & Rep. Joe Lovvorn

This law allows for the creation of a Statewide Emergency Notification System, available for use by every Alabama county and municipality for warning and updating citizens on disasters. The Notification System will be funded by state dollars through the Alabama Disaster Recovery Fund, overseen by the Alabama Disaster Recovery Program Committee, and its requirements and specifications established by the collaborative efforts of the Alabama Emergency Management Agency and the Recovery Program Committee.

Effective March 31, 2020.

Securing Reimbursement of County COVID-19 Expenses 9 E M P R S T

Act 2020-199 by Sen. Greg Albritton & Rep. Steve Clouse

This act addresses the Coronavirus Relief Fund dollars provided by Congress to the State of Alabama to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. The act appropriates relief funds to the Department of Finance to be used for reimbursement of expenditures to various state agencies, local governments, healthcare institutions, the Department of Corrections and additional public entities. Specifically, this act appropriates up to \$250,000,000 to be used to reimburse county and municipal governments for expenditures directly related to the coronavirus crisis. Effective May 21, 2020.

Expanding Alabama's Stepping Up Initiative S

Act 2020-168 by Sen. Greg Albritton & Rep. Steve Clouse

This act appropriates \$1,829,250 of the 2020-2021 General Fund budget to the expansion of Alabama's Stepping Up Initiative, a national initiative promoted by the National Association of Counties to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in county jails and a program administered at the state level by the Alabama Department of Mental Health. Counties and regional mental health centers are eligible for funds to implement this program at the local level in an effort to reduce recidivism in county jails for individuals with mental health conditions and to provide them with the resources for appropriate treatment. Counties participating in this program have experienced a reduction of individuals with mental illnesses in their county jail populations. Effective October 1, 2020.

Funding Mental Health Regional Crisis Diversion Centers S

Act 2020-168 by Sen. Greg Albritton & Rep. Steve Clouse

This act appropriates \$18,000,000 of the 2020-2021 General Fund budget to the Alabama Department of Mental Health for establishment of crisis diversion centers in various regions of the state. Due to the closing of state mental health hospitals, county jails have become the default holding facilities for individuals with mental illnesses. The establishment of regional crisis diversion centers is intended to provide individuals with mental illness proper facilities to receive stabilization, evaluation, and psychiatric and mental health services.

Effective October 1, 2020.



COUNTY PRIORITIES SIGNED INTO LAW

Reauthorizing the Alabama 9-1-1 Board & Its Functions 9

Act 2020-67 by Sen. Clyde Chambliss

An Alabama sunset law, this act authorizes the Alabama 9-1-1 Board and its functions to continue until October 1, 2024. Under this law, the State 9-1-1 Board remains subject to evaluation and review by the Alabama Legislature. Continuation of the 9-1-1 Board is required to be considered by state legislators every four years. **Effective March 30, 2020.**



NEW ADDITIONAL LAWS IMPACTING COUNTIES

Allowing Use of Alternative Cover Materials for Landfills **E**

Act 2020-30 by Rep. Alan Baker

This act amends current law to allow materials other than earth to be used in covering landfills. Under this act, any alternative cover material must be approved by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management and be in compliance with federal law and federal Environmental Protection Agency rules or guidance. **Effective June 1, 2020.**

Prohibiting Charging Businesses for Select Auditing Costs

Act 2020-31 by Rep. Paul Lee

This act prohibits private auditing or collecting firms from charging businesses for some audit costs incurred by counties, cities or private companies. Specifically, the act prohibits the recovery of costs related to professional service fees, travel, salary or personnel expenses, and auditing or related expenses. **Effective March 11, 2020.**

Revising the Candidate Deadline for the 2020 General Election **P**

Act 2020-39 by Rep. April Weaver

This act revises the deadline for candidates to qualify for the November 3, 2020, general election to no later than 68 days before the election. Subsequently, the act also requires the Alabama Secretary of State to notify probate judges of the candidate names to be printed on their county's ballots no later than 66 days before the general election. The language in this act specifies that the revised deadlines are to be a one-time occurrence and will only be applicable to the November 3, 2020, election. **Effective March 30, 2020.**

Expanding & Clarifying Missing & Endangered Persons Alerts **9** **S**

Act 2020-40 by Sen. Rodger Smitherman

This act amends the existing Missing and Endangered Persons Alert Act to now include missing or lost individuals who are living with a mental disability, physical disability, Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or autism and who are at risk of bodily harm or death. This amended law also clarifies that the act of reporting a missing individual to the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency can be performed by a local law enforcement agency in order to initiate the process for activating a media alert. **Effective June 1, 2020.**

Promoting Economic Development Through a Local Redevelopment Authority

Act 2020-72 by Rep. Thad McClammy

This act is a general law with local application for Montgomery County. Specifically, this act allows for the incorporations of a local redevelopment authority to promote economic development on land contiguous with an active U.S. Air Force military installation within a specific geographical area. **Effective March 31, 2020.**



NEW ADDITIONAL LAWS IMPACTING COUNTIES

Establishing an Online Filing Process & Procedures for Businesses **R**

Act 2020-73 by Rep. Bill Poole

This act establishes, through the Alabama Secretary of State, a statewide electronic filing process and procedures applicable to business corporations and entities. Under this law, the Secretary of State will begin to collect a \$200 fee and allocate \$100 of the fee to the county in which the registered applicant's office is located. **Effective January 1, 2021.**

Establishing Crimes Related to Synthetic Urine **S**

Act 2020-84 by Sen. Arthur Orr

This act establishes new crimes by prohibiting the manufacture, marketing, sale, distribution, use, and possession of synthetic urine or a urine additive for reasons other than solely educational, medical or scientific research. Violation of this act may result in a Class A or Class B misdemeanor.

Effective June 1, 2020.



NEW LOCAL LAWS & CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

— AUTAUGA —

Alcohol Sales

Act 2020-150 by Rep. Will Dismukes

This act authorizes the City Council of Prattville in Autauga and Elmore counties to allow the sale of draft beer in growlers for off-premises consumption. **Effective August 1, 2020.**

— BALDWIN —

Annexation Prohibition

Act 2020-98 by Rep. Joe Faust

This proposed local constitutional amendment would define the Barnwell Landmark District and prohibit annexation by local law of any property within the district into any municipality under certain conditions. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

Sheriff Personnel Board

Act 2020-157 by Rep. Matt Simpson

This act further provides for the qualifications of members of the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office Personnel Merit System, amends the election process for members of the board and provides for a process for appeal from decisions of the board. **Effective May 18, 2020.**

Spanish Fort Corporate Limits

Act 2020-158 by Rep. Matt Simpson

This act alters and extends the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Spanish Fort. **Effective August 1, 2020.**

Spanish Fort Corporate Limits

Act 2020-159 by Rep. Matt Simpson

This act alters and extends the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Spanish Fort. **Effective August 1, 2020.**

Planning & Zoning Districts

Act 2020-177 by Sen. Chris Elliott

This act provides for the appointment and jurisdiction of the Boards of Adjustment to hear appeals relating to the administration of planning and zoning in districts of the unincorporated area of the county and provides for appointment procedures of the board. **Effective August 1, 2020.**



NEW LOCAL LAWS & CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

— BIBB —

Probate Judge Jurisdiction

Act 2020-91 by Rep. April Weaver

This proposed local constitutional amendment would allow the Probate Judge to exercise equity jurisdiction concurrent with that of the circuit court if the Probate Judge is a member of the Alabama State Bar.

Effective upon approval of a local referendum.

— BLOUNT —

Hayden Corporate Limits 💰

Act 2020-166 by Rep. David Standridge

This act alters and extends the boundary lines and corporate limits of the municipality of Hayden.

Effective August 1, 2020.

— BUTLER —

County Board of Education Terms

Act 2020-94 by Rep. Chris Sells

This proposed local constitutional amendment would provide that members of the County Board of Education shall serve four-year terms of office. Effective upon approval of a local referendum.

— CALHOUN —

Motor Vehicle Registration Fee 💰

Act 2020-75 by Rep. Barbara Boyd

This act provides for a special issuance fee to be collected by the License Commissioner of the county on each motor vehicle registration renewal and provide for the distribution of the revenue.

Effective March 31, 2020.

— CHAMBERS —

Sheriff Qualifications

Act 2020-143 by Rep. Debbie Wood

This act provides for certain additional qualifications for individuals serving as Sheriff of Chambers County, as well as their continuing education. Effective May 18, 2020.

— CHEROKEE —

Fingerprinting Fees 💰

Act 2020-185 by Rep. Nathaniel Ledbetter

This act authorizes the Sheriff of Cherokee County to charge a fee for fingerprinting certain persons and provides for the distribution of these fees. Effective August 1, 2020.

— CLAY —

Alcohol Sales 💰

Act 2020-125 by Sen. Randy Price

This act allows for the sale of draft or keg beer in the City of Ashland. Effective May 18, 2020.



NEW LOCAL LAWS & CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

— COFFEE —

Board of Registrars Work

Act 2020-113 by Rep. Rhett Marques

This act increases the number of working days that the Coffee County Board of Registrars may meet each fiscal year. **Effective August 1, 2020.**

— COLBERT —

Self-Defense in Churches

Act 2020-90 by Rep. Jamie Kiel

This proposed local constitutional amendment provides for the justification for a person to use deadly physical force in self-defense of another person on the premises of a church under certain conditions. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

Septic Systems

Act 2020-186 by Rep. Andrew Sorrell

This act provides that the Colbert County Health Department shall not require a site evaluation test before the repair or replacement of an existing conventional septic system. **Effective May 19, 2020.**

— CRENSHAW —

Ad Valorem Taxes

Act 2020-100 by Rep. Chris Sells

This proposed local constitutional amendment would authorize the Crenshaw County Commission to levy an additional ad valorem tax at a rate not to exceed three mills for distribution to the Crenshaw County Health Care Authority. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

— CULLMAN —

Sales & Use Taxes

Act 2020-144 by Rep. Corey Harbison 

This act provides for the distribution of net revenue from various county sales and use taxes levied in Cullman County. **Effective May 18, 2020.**

Joppa Historical Board

Act 2020-145 by Rep. Randall Shedd

This act makes provisions for the Joppa Historical Board, providing for immunity from civil liability for the members of the board and providing that the board may only transfer the property under certain conditions. **Effective May 18, 2020.**

Battleground School Historical Board

Act 2020-160 by Rep. Scott Stadthagen

This act provides for the creation of the Battleground School Historical Board; provides for immunity from civil liability of the members of the board; provides for the transfer of property to the board by the Cullman County Board of Education; and provides that the board may only transfer the property under certain conditions. **Effective May 18, 2020.**



NEW LOCAL LAWS & CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

— CULLMAN —

County Commission Expansion

Act 2020-161 by Rep. Randall Shedd

This act provides for the election and compensation of two additional associate commissioners of the Cullman County Commission and provides for the operation of county roads on the county unit system. **Effective May 18, 2020.**

Garden City School Property

Act 2020-165 by Rep. Corey Harbison

This act authorizes the Town of Garden City to receive, hold title to and manage the former Garden City school property. **Effective May 18, 2020.**

— DALLAS —

Judicial Vacancies

Act 2020-95 by Rep. Prince Chestnut

This proposed local constitutional amendment would provide that vacancies in the Office of the District Court Judge in Dallas County be filled by the Governor based on nominations made by the Dallas County Judicial Commission. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

— DEKALB —

Rainsville Corporate Limits

Act 2020-129 by Rep. Nathaniel Ledbetter

This act alters and extends the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Rainsville. **Effective May 18, 2020.**

— ELMORE —

Motor Vehicle Licensing Duties

Act 2020-38 by Rep. Reed Ingram

This act transfers the duties and functions of the license division from the Office of the Probate Judge to the Office of the Revenue Commissioner. **Effective July 1, 2020.**

Sheriff Firearm Sales

Act 2020-120 by Sen. Clyde Chambliss

This act allows the Elmore County Sheriff to sell certain abandoned, stolen, or unclaimed firearms and to further provide for the sale or trade in of the firearms to licensed dealers in Alabama. **Effective May 18, 2020.**

Alcohol Sales

Act 2020-150 by Rep. Will Dismukes

This act authorizes the City Council of Prattville in Autauga and Elmore counties to allow the sale of draft beer in growlers for off-premises consumption. **Effective August 1, 2020.**

NEW LOCAL LAWS & CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

— ELMORE —

Lodgings Tax

Act 2020-178 by Sen. Clyde Chambliss

This act authorizes the County Commission to levy a lodgings tax and provides for the distribution of the proceeds from the tax to be used for economic development purposes. **Effective May 19, 2020.**

— ESCAMBIA —

Sheriff Qualifications

Act 2020-162 by Rep. Alan Baker

This act provides for the qualifications of the Sheriff of Escambia County and requires completion of continuing education. **Effective May 18, 2020.**

Sheriff Fundraising

Act 2020-163 by Rep. Alan Baker

This act authorizes the Sheriff of Escambia County to conduct fundraising events with proceeds and profits from events to be used for any lawful purpose relating to the operation of the Office of the Sheriff. **Effective May 18, 2020.**

Economic Development

Act 2020-188 by Rep. Alan Baker

This act provides for the setup and structure of the Escambia County Industrial Development Authority and provides that the portion of net proceeds from the state oil and gas tax appropriated annually to the authority by Escambia County could be carried over by the authority if not expended during the fiscal year. **Effective May 19, 2020.**

Booking Fee

Act 2020-189 by Rep. Alan Baker

This act provides for a booking fee to be imposed on each person booked into the Escambia County Detention Center and subsequently convicted of a crime and provides for the collection of the booking fee and the distribution of the revenues derived from the booking fee. **Effective August 1, 2020.**

Protective Custody

Act 2020-196 by Rep. Alan Baker

This act authorizes law enforcement officers from a designated law enforcement agency to take into protective custody under certain conditions an individual believed to have a mental health illness; provides for transportation of the individual to a hospital or other facility for evaluation and treatment; and provides for law enforcement officers protection from civil liability. **Effective August 1, 2020.**

NEW LOCAL LAWS & CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

— FAYETTE —

Ad Valorem Taxes

Act 2020-89 by Rep. Kyle South

This proposed local constitutional amendment would levy an additional ad valorem tax of three mills to be distributed to volunteer fire departments in the county. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

— GENEVA —

Retiring Officers

Act 2020-136 by Rep. Jeff Sorrells

This act provides that the Sheriff of Geneva County may provide a retiring officer with his or her badge and pistol. **Effective May 18, 2020.**

Rehabilitation Board

Act 2020-137 by Rep. Jeff Sorrells

This act provides for the rehabilitation of certain individuals convicted of any type of crime and sentenced to a term of confinement in the Geneva County jail and provides for a rehabilitation board to supervise and administer the rehabilitation processes of this act. **Effective August 1, 2020.**

Property Sales

Act 2020-138 by Rep. Jeff Sorrells

This act authorizes the Sheriff of Geneva County to sell certain abandoned, stolen and unclaimed property; authorizes the disposition of proceeds from the sale; and authorizes the selling or destroying of certain abandoned, stolen or unclaimed firearms. **Effective August 1, 2020.**

County Personnel System

Act 2020-139 by Rep. Jeff Sorrells

This proposed local constitutional amendment would allow for a new county personnel system. **Effective May 18, 2020.**

— GREENE —

Coroner Compensation

Act 2020-74 by Rep. A.J. McCampbell

This act authorizes the Greene County Commission to provide for the compensation and expense allowances of the Coroner, including expenses for the operation of the Office of the Coroner. **Effective March 31, 2020.**

— HOUSTON —

Emergency Medical Services Tag Fee

Act 2020-191 by Rep. Paul Lee

This act provides for a transaction fee on certain tag transactions in Houston County and the distribution of the proceeds to be put toward emergency medical services. **Effective August 1, 2020.**



NEW LOCAL LAWS & CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

— JACKSON —

Court Costs 💰

Act 2020-119 by Sen. Steve Livingston

This act provides for additional court costs and for the distribution of those court costs to be allocated to the Jackson County Judicial Employee Fund established by the Circuit Clerk. **Effective May 18, 2020.**

Law Library Funding 💰

Act 2020-175 by Sen. Steve Livingston

This act provides for the establishment, administration, and financing of the county law library and provides for the assessment of a law library fee in all cases in the circuit and district courts of Jackson County. **Effective August 1, 2020.**

— JEFFERSON —

Retired Officer Rehires

Act 2020-131 by Rep. Allen Treadaway

This act increases the allowed percentages of retired police officers and retired firefighters that may be rehired by the City of Birmingham. **Effective May 18, 2020.**

Warrant Recall Fee 💰

Act 2020-180 by Rep. Allen Treadaway

This act authorizes municipal judges and magistrates for municipal courts of the City of Gardendale to issue a warrant recall fee for failure to appear for a municipal ordinance or traffic violation, with fees deposited into the City of Gardendale Corrections Fund. **Effective May 19, 2020.**

— LAMAR —

Alcohol Sales 💰

Act 2020-132 by Rep. Kyle South

This act authorizes the sale of draft or keg beer in the City of Sulligent. **Effective May 18, 2020.**

Property Sales & Disposal

Act 2020-134 by Rep. Kyle South

This act provides for the sale or disposal of tangible personal property, equipment and other items under the control of the County Commission. **Effective May 18, 2020.**

— LAUDERDALE —

Superintendent of Education Election

Act 2020-155 by Rep. Lynn Greer

This act provides for the election of the Lauderdale County Superintendent of Education by the qualified electors of the county residing outside of the corporate limits of the City of Florence. **Effective January 1, 2021.**

NEW LOCAL LAWS & CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

— LAWRENCE —

Document Processing Fee

Act 2020-181 by Rep. Proncey Robertson

This act increases the processing fee in Lawrence County for locally originated documents, establishes a fee for out-of-state documents and reaffirms the disposition of funds. **Effective August 1, 2020.**

— LEE —

Sheriff Qualifications

Act 2020-126 by Sen. Tom Whatley

This act provides and specifies the qualifications of the person elected or appointed as sheriff in Lee County and the amount of continuing education required annually. **Effective May 18, 2020.**

Opelika Corporate Limits

Act 2020-179 by Sen. Tom Whatley

This act alters the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Opelika. **Effective August 1, 2020.**

— LIMESTONE —

Self-Defense in Churches

Act 2020-92 by Rep. Danny Crawford

This proposed local constitutional amendment provides for the justification for a person to use deadly physical force in self-defense of another person on the premises of a church under certain conditions. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

— MACON —

Sales & Use Taxes

Act 2020-195 by Rep. Pebblin Warren

This act authorizes the Macon County Commission to levy an additional sales and use tax for ambulance service. **Effective May 19, 2020.**

— MADISON —

Library Board Appointments

Act 2020-133 by Rep. Anthony Daniels

This act provides for the appointment of additional board members to the library board of the City of Huntsville. **Effective August 1, 2020.**

Building Permit Fee

Act 2020-184 by Rep. Andy Whitt

This act authorizes the levy of an additional residential building permit fee relating to Madison County and municipalities located wholly or partially within the county and the disbursement of that fee. **Effective May 19, 2020.**

NEW LOCAL LAWS & CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

— MARENGO —

Demopolis Corporate Limits

Act 2020-135 by Rep. A.J. McCampbell

This act allows the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Demopolis to be altered, rearranged and extended. **Effective August 1, 2020.**

Probate Judge Jurisdiction

Act 2020-173 by Sen. Bobby Singleton

This proposed local constitutional amendment would allow the Probate Judge to exercise equity jurisdiction concurrent with that of the circuit court if the Probate Judge is a member of the Alabama State Bar.

Effective upon approval of a local referendum.

— MARION —

Brilliant Corporate Limits

Act 2020-124 by Sen. Larry Stutts

This act alters the boundary lines and corporate limits of the Town of Brilliant. **Effective August 1, 2020.**

Alcohol Sales

Act 2020-153 by Rep. Tracy Estes

This act provides for the sale of draft or keg beer in the City of Winfield. **Effective May 18, 2020.**

Voting Centers

Act 2020-171 by Rep. Tracy Estes

This act authorizes the Marion County Commission to establish voting centers throughout the county.

Effective May 18, 2020.

Lodging Tax

Act 2020-198 by Rep. Tracy Estes

This act provides for the levy and collection of a seven-percent lodging tax in Marion County and the distribution of the proceeds from the tax. **Effective May 19, 2020.**

— MARSHALL —

Coroner Compensation

Act 2020-122 by Sen. Clay Scofield

This act authorizes the Marshall County Commission to appropriate and expend funds for the operation of the Office of the Coroner. **Effective August 1, 2020.**

Ad Valorem Taxes

Act 2020-183 by Rep. Wes Kitchens

This act authorizes the City Council of the City of Guntersville to increase the rate of the city's special school ad valorem tax by an additional amount up to nine mills on each dollar of assessed value exclusively for capital outlay or debt service for public schools. **Effective August 1, 2020.**



NEW LOCAL LAWS & CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

— MONTGOMERY —

Sheriff Qualifications

Act 2020-146 by Rep. Reed Ingram

This act provides for the qualifications for the Sheriff of Montgomery County and requires completion of continuing education. **Effective May 18, 2020.**

Ad Valorem Taxes

Act 2020-197 by Rep. Kirk Hatcher

This act authorizes the Montgomery County Commission to increase the rate of the county's special ad valorem tax on each dollar of assessed value of property within the Montgomery School Tax District. **Effective May 19, 2020.**

— MORGAN —

Economic Development

Act 2020-123 by Sen. Arthur Orr

This act provides for the distribution of certain payments made in lieu of taxes by the Tennessee Valley Authority and further provides that the jurisdiction of the Morgan County Industrial Park and Economic Cooperative District includes the acquisition of land and interests for economic development purposes. **Effective May 18, 2020.**

Board of Education

Act 2020-156 by Rep. Parker Moore

This proposed local constitutional amendment would further provide for the terms of office of the Decatur City Board of Education and for the compensation of the members of the board. **Effective May 18, 2020.**

— PICKENS —

Superintendent of Education Election

Act 2020-35 by Rep. Rodney Sullivan

This proposed local constitutional amendment would provide that the County Superintendent of Education continue to be elected. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

— RANDOLPH —

Alcohol Sales

Act 2020-149 by Rep. Bob Fincher

This act authorizes the sale of draft or keg beer in Randolph County under certain conditions. **Effective May 18, 2020.**



NEW LOCAL LAWS & CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

— RUSSELL —

Revenue Commissioner Allowance

Act 2020-127 by Sen. Billy Beasley

This act provides for an additional expense allowance and salary for the Revenue Commissioner. Effective August 1, 2020.

Probate Judge Salary

Act 2020-128 by Sen. Billy Beasley

This act provides for the salary for the Probate Judge. Effective May 18, 2020.

— ST. CLAIR —

Fire Protection Service Fee 💰

Act 2020-174 by Sen. Jim McClendon

This act provides for the levy and collection of fire protection fees for the operations of the Davis Lake Volunteer Fire Department district. Effective May 19, 2020.

Expense Allowances

Act 2020-182 by Rep. Jim Hill

This act provides for an additional expense allowance for the Coroner, the County Commissioners, the Chair of the County Commission and the Revenue Commissioner of St. Clair County. Effective August 1, 2020.

Mental Health Advisory Board 💰

Act 2020-190 by Rep. Jim Hill

This act provides for an additional fee on matters filed or recorded in the Probate Office of St. Clair County and the distribution of the fees. This act also provides for the creation of the St. Clair County Mental Health Advisory Board and provides for its duties and authority. Effective August 1, 2020.

— SHELBY —

Mutual Aid Utility Services

Act 2020-93 by Rep. Corley Ellis

This proposed local constitutional amendment would authorize Shelby County and any cities and utilities in the county to enter into contracts to provide mutual aid to each other to restore utility service in the event of natural disasters or other emergencies. Effective upon approval of a local referendum.

NEW LOCAL LAWS & CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

— SUMTER —

Sheriff Processing Fee 💰

Act 2020-193 by Rep. A.J. McCampbell

This act provides for a service of process fee for personal service of process by the Sheriff of Sumter County and provides for the use of the proceeds. **Effective August 1, 2020.**

Pistol Permit Fees 💰

Act 2020-194 by Rep. A.J. McCampbell

This act provides for the issuance fee, as well as the further increase of the fee and distribution of the fee, for pistol permits issued by the Sheriff of Sumter County. **Effective August 1, 2020.**

— TALLADEGA —

Oak Grove Corporate Limits 💰

Act 2020-11 by Rep. Ron Johnson

This act alters, rearranges, and extends the boundary lines and corporate limits of the Town of Oak Grove. **Effective June 1, 2020.**

Oak Grove Corporate Limits 💰

Act 2020-12 by Rep. Ron Johnson

This act alters, rearranges, and extends the boundary lines and corporate limits of the Town of Oak Grove. **Effective June 1, 2020.**

Self-Defense in Churches

Act 2020-16 by Rep. Ron Johnson

This proposed local constitutional amendment would provide for the justification for a person to use deadly physical force in self-defense of another person on the premises of a church under certain conditions. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

Sylacauga Corporate Limits 💰

Act 2020-148 by Rep. Ron Johnson

This act alters, rearranges, and extends the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Sylacauga. **Effective August 1, 2020.**

Septage Application Limitations

Act 2020-172 by Rep. Johnson

This proposed local constitutional amendment would provide that septage may not be applied on land as fertilizer, soil amendment or otherwise in Talladega County. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

NEW LOCAL LAWS & CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

— TALLAPOOSA —

Road Maintenance District

Act 2020-97 by Sen. Clyde Chambliss

This proposed local constitutional amendment would provide for the establishment of a road maintenance district as a public corporation and authorize the district to assess and collect road maintenance charges for the maintenance of certain roads in the district. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

Alexander City Corporate Limits

Act 2020-118 by Sen. Tom Whatley

This act alters, rearranges, and extends the boundary lines and corporate limits of Alexander City. **Effective May 18, 2020.**

— TUSCALOOSA —

Police & Fire Pension Board

Act 2020-151 by Rep. Bill Poole

This act provides for a retirement system for police officers and firefighters in the City of Tuscaloosa, member and city contributions, and the setup of its board and officers. **Effective August 1, 2020.**

Sales & Use Taxes

Act 2020-187 by Rep. Kyle South

This act clarifies and provides further for the levy and authorization of county sales and use taxes with respect to the selling, storing, using or otherwise consuming of machines used in the mining, quarrying, compounding, processing and manufacturing of coal. **Effective May 19, 2020.**

— WALKER —

Civil Service Board

Act 2020-76 by Rep. Connie Rowe

This act increases the number of members on the City of Jasper Civil Service Board from three to five and provides that no two members of the board shall be from the same city council district of the City of Jasper. **Effective March 31, 2020.**

Probate Judge Jurisdiction

Act 2020-96 by Rep. Tim Wadsworth

This proposed local constitutional amendment would allow the Probate Judge to exercise equity jurisdiction concurrent with that of the circuit court if the Probate Judge is a member of the Alabama State Bar. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

Employees' Retirement System

Act 2020-99 by Sen. Greg Reed

This proposed local constitutional amendment would provide that elected or appointed officials, including the Sheriff, may participate in the Employees' Retirement System in lieu of participating in a supernumerary program or system. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

NEW LOCAL LAWS & CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

— WASHINGTON —

County Road & Bridge Funds

Act 2020-164 by Rep. Brett Easterbrook

This act provides for the division of county road and bridge funds and jurisdiction of Washington County roads with one division pertaining to unpaved roads and the other division pertaining to county-paved roads and bridges over county roads. The act also provides for the duties and responsibilities of the County Engineer. **Effective August 1, 2020.**

