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

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INTRODUCTION

Members of the Alabama County Family,

The 2022 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature concluded in early April, which means the deadline has now passed for Gov. Kay Ivey to act on legislation passed during the final days of the session.

The ACCA staff is proud to announce that due to the hard work of the Alabama County Family, **a total of 11 priority bills have been passed thus far in the year 2022** – with one passed during the January Special Session and an impressive 10 passed in the Regular Session. But county leaders should make note that, for some of these issues, the work is not yet over. Two priorities have cleared their mandatory legislative hurdle but will now move on to a vote of the public in November. This means **we will soon have to turn our collective attention to educating voters on the importance of our proposed amendments to the Alabama Constitution.**

The Association staff will be in touch in the months ahead regarding constitutional amendment efforts, but in the meantime, county leaders are urged to take a close look at the final legislative report for this year's Regular Session and prepare for any changes to their day-to-day operations.

As always, **the Association's final legislative report outlines all of the new statewide and local laws impacting county government in some form.** 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 implementation procedures in the coming weeks. **County officials or employees with questions about the contents of this report are encouraged to contact the ACCA office at (334) 263-7594.**

The final legislative report of the 2022 Regular Session is divided into the following sections:

- > Statewide Legislation**
 - Priority Bills Signed into Law
 - Priority Bills on the Statewide 2022 Ballot
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This year's report includes a navigation key to help direct county leaders to the bills that might be of particular interest to them, based on their affiliate organization membership and broader role in county government. However, everyone is encouraged to review this report as a whole because, again, each new law has some sort of impact on local government operations.

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

With the utmost gratitude and respect,
Your Association Staff



STATEWIDE LEGISLATION

PRIORITY BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

**PRIORITY BILLS ON THE
2022 STATEWIDE BALLOT**

**OTHER IMPORTANT BILLS
SIGNED INTO LAW**

PRIORITY BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

County Government Investments

[Act 2022-146](#) by Rep. Danny Garrett & Sen. Sam Givhan

This act allows for the maximization of local dollars by updating and expanding the investment authorities of counties and municipalities to allow for non-obligated funds to be invested in better yielding financial securities like commercial paper and banker's acceptances. **Effective March 17, 2022.**

Legal Appearances for Tax Officials

[Act 2022-183](#) by Rep. Kerry Rich & Sen. Donnie Chesteen **T**

This act allows a county tax official to appear in his or her official capacity and defend the State of Alabama in appeals involving the taxable value of real or personal property in the county. **Effective June 1, 2022.**

Beneficiaries of Retirement Benefits

[Act 2022-184](#) by Rep. Corley Ellis & Sen. April Weaver **9 E M P R S T**

This act creates a new beneficiary-related option for individuals participating in the Employees' Retirement System. Under this new option, a retirement-eligible employee may continue working with the assurance that, should he or she die while in active service, the employee's full retirement benefits will be passed along to his or her beneficiary.

Retroactively effective January 1, 2021.

EMA Public Safety Services

[Act 2022-187](#) by Rep. Allen Treadaway & Sen. Shay Shelnett **M**

The act provides emergency management agencies with better access to federal funding opportunities by stating that emergency management functions include "public safety services." **Effective June 1, 2022.**

Mental Illness in County Jails

[Act 2022-202](#) by Rep. Rex Reynolds & Sen. Rodger Smitherman **P S**

This new law provides a law enforcement officer with the ability to request an on-site assessment from a community health officer of an individual who the law enforcement officer believes to be suffering from mental illness. If warranted, and upon the recommendation of the community health officer, the law enforcement officer can immediately transport the individual to a mental health facility instead of a county jail. **Effective July 1, 2022.**

Online Auction of County Tax Liens

[Act 2022-208](#) by Rep. Corley Ellis & Sen. Jack Williams **T**

This act allows public auctions of tax liens for unpaid taxes to be conducted online. The act additionally updates the procedures for conducting a tax lien auction as originally set forth under Act 2018-577. **Effective April 4, 2022.**

Enhancement of Retirement Benefits

[Act 2022-348](#) by Rep. Corley Ellis & Sen. April Weaver **9 E M P R S T**

This act removes the previous deadline for local governments to opt in to providing Tier I benefits to Tier II employees. To now opt in to providing Tier I benefits to Tier II employees, a county will be required to approve and submit a resolution to the Retirement Systems of Alabama. Interested counties will be able to access cost-specific information on this benefit enhancement through the Retirement Systems of Alabama Employer Portal. **Effective April 13, 2022.**

PRIORITY BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

Virtual Communication in Criminal Courts

Act 2022-375 by Sen. Will Barfoot & Rep. Jim Hill 

This law establishes provisions for a criminal court to utilize virtual communication tools for conducting hearings, specifically for first or subsequent appearances, bail, arraignment, or other pre-trial, bench trial, or post trial proceedings, if agreeable by the defendant. *Effective July 1, 2022.*



PRIORITY BILLS ON THE 2022 STATEWIDE BALLOT

Local Broadband Access

Act 2022-117 by Rep. Randall Shedd & Sen. Clay Scofield

This constitutional amendment would grant counties and municipalities the authority to financially partner with internet service providers to expand residents' access to broadband infrastructure.

Set to appear on the statewide ballot for the November 8, 2022, general election.

Local Economic Development Challenges

Act 2022-286 by Rep. Jeff Sorrells & Sen. Jack Williams

This constitutional amendment would clarify that counties and cities with separate constitutional amendments may use those measures, along with the powers afforded through Amendment 772, to provide a "thing of value" when pursuing economic development projects at the local level. Technical changes to Amendment 772 provided by this constitutional amendment include clarification of terms and limitations upon which obligations may be incurred, expansion of the publication of public notice requirements, and ratification of prior actions taken under the authority of Amendment 772 unless currently involved in litigation. Set to appear on the statewide ballot for the November 8, 2022, general election.



OTHER IMPORTANT BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE & COUNTY OPERATIONS —

Act 2022-342/Act 2022-356 by Rep. Reed Ingram & Sen. Clyde Chambliss **P T**

These acts authorize a County Commission to contract with a third party to provide materials for print-on-demand validation decals, emblems, and registration receipt forms for license plates, in lieu of being supplied those materials directly from Alabama's Department of Corrections or Department of Revenue. The validation decals, emblems, and registration receipt forms will be subject to review and approval by the Department of Revenue to ensure statewide uniformity. These contracts are subject to the procurement requirements in the county, and the contracts cannot reduce the amount of money distributed to the Department of Corrections by law. **Effective April 13, 2022.**

Act 2022-355 by Sen. Jabo Waggoner

The Office of the Alabama Secretary of State currently maintains a database on its website that details appointed state boards, commissions and task forces. This act updates the required information published on the website to include current descriptions of the duties, legal authority, board terms, and vacancies associated with appointed boards, commissions, and task forces. **Effective June 1, 2022.**

Act 2022-376 by Sen. Tim Melson **R T**

This act authorizes and holds an agriculture authority to be responsible for the purchase, sell, or lease of property, in addition to granting the authority the ability to make investments and enter into long-term contracts. As a tax-exempt entity, any county or municipal sales and use tax proceeds that are collected by an agriculture authority, a joint venture of the authority, or a lessee of the authority and remitted to a local taxing authority shall be rebated by that local taxing authority to the agriculture authority. For agriculture authorities established after May 1, 2022, County Commissions may opt in to accepting responsibility for obligations listed above, as well as having the ability to opt out of the requirement to provide a tax rebate. **Effective April 14, 2022.**

Act 2022-384 by Rep. Russell Bedsole

This act authorizes a Coroner or Deputy Coroner to access Alabama's controlled substances database for information concerning an investigation of the cause and manner of an individual's death. Before being granted access, a Coroner or Deputy Coroner must complete training and successfully pass a minimum standards exam administered by the Alabama Department of Public Health. **Effective July 1, 2022.**

Act 2022-387 by Rep. Ed Oliver **9**

This act requires the Alabama 9-1-1 Board to establish a mandatory certification program to train and certify public safety telecommunicators hired after June 30, 2022. A newly hired employee has 180 days to be enrolled in the certification process but shall be allowed to perform the duties of a public safety telecommunicator without certification until the expiration of a 180-day period. This act also requires a 9-1-1 operator to remain on the call until the operator has connected the person with the appropriate provider of emergency services and designates telecommunicators as first responders. **Effective July 1, 2022.**

OTHER IMPORTANT BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE & COUNTY OPERATIONS —

Act 2022-421 by Sen. Arthur Orr

This act authorizes the governing bodies of counties, municipalities, and entities established or appointed by counties or municipalities to allow members of the governing body who are unable to be physically present for a meeting to participate in the meeting virtually — but only if the member's physical absence is due to illness. Further, the act requires the public body to have a quorum present in the meeting room and requires access for the public to hear the member who is participating virtually. The ACCA staff is in the process of developing a Virtual Meeting Manual to aid counties in implementing and complying with this new law. The Manual, which will include detailed guidance and sample documents, will be distributed to counties in the coming weeks. **Effective July 1, 2022.**



OTHER IMPORTANT BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— REVENUE & BUDGETS —

Act 2022-53 by Rep. Danny Garrett **R** **T**

This act exempts up to \$40,000 worth of business-owned personal property from the State's portion of the ad valorem tax. A county may opt in to providing this exemption from the county portion of the ad valorem tax. To opt in, a county must pass a resolution either at least 90 days prior to October 1, 2023, or at least 90 days prior to October 1 of a subsequent year. **Effective May 1, 2022.**

Act 2022-252 by Rep. Steve Clouse **R**

For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022, this act lowers the minimum business privilege tax from \$100 to \$50 for certain small businesses and eliminates the minimum tax altogether for those small businesses for the taxable year beginning after December 31, 2023. This change in the law reduces revenue to the State but does not impact the business privilege tax funds reserved for and provided to counties. **Effective July 1, 2022.**

Act 2022-291 by Sen. Steve Livingston **R**

Beginning October 1, 2022, this act exempts from sales tax the gross receipts from the sale of "producer value added agricultural products" when the sale is made by the producer, his or her immediate family, or his or her employees. "Producer value added agricultural products" are fruits or other agricultural products that have undergone some degree of further processing by the original producer of the agricultural product. Examples include whole cuts of meat, bound cut flowers, jams, jellies, and boiled or roasted peanuts. This exemption sunsets September 30, 2027.

Effective April 11, 2022.

Act 2022-293 by Rep. Paul Lee **R**

This act extends an existing sales tax exemption for certain aircraft parts to include contracts and projects entered into on or before May 30, 2027. The exemption sunsets May 30, 2030. **Effective April 11, 2022.**

Act 2022-294 by Rep. Lynn Greer

Beginning January 1, 2023, this act exempts from state income tax the first \$6,000 of taxable retirement income for individual taxpayers who are 65 years of age or older. **Effective July 1, 2022.**

Act 2022-295 by Rep. Wes Kitchens **T**

This act exempts from ad valorem taxation all grain bins used exclusively for the purpose of storing, holding, drying, preserving or otherwise preparing a grain for market. **Effective April 11, 2022.**

Act 2022-296 by Rep. Gil Isbell **R**

This act makes it unlawful for a county to charge a farmer, a member or his or her immediate family, or his or her employees engaged in the production of farm products, or farm products to which a producer adds value, any business license or other similar fee for the sale or other disposition of farm products produced by the farmer, a member of his or her immediate family, or his or her employees at any place. **Effective April 11, 2022.**

OTHER IMPORTANT BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— REVENUE & BUDGETS —

Act 2022-346 by Rep. Chris Blackshear **P R T**

This act exempts from taxation – except at the automotive sales tax rate – the sale of travel trailers, campers, and housecars that will be registered or titled outside Alabama and that are exported or removed from Alabama within 72 hours by the purchaser or his or her agent for first use outside Alabama. To qualify for the exemption, the purchaser must provide documentation to the seller that the purchaser is not a resident of Alabama. *Effective July 1, 2022.*

Act 2022-350 by Rep. A.J. McCampbell **R**

This act exempts the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge F. and A.M. of Alabama from paying all state, county, and municipal fees and taxes until September 30, 2027, unless extended by an act of the Legislature. *Effective July 1, 2022.*

Act 2022-352 by Sen. Bobby Singleton **R**

This act allows for earlier confiscation of any unstamped or illegal tobacco products while in transport, in addition to the provision of penalties. The enforcement provisions of this act only pertain to counties with tobacco stamps that are collected and administered by the Alabama Department of Revenue. *Effective January 1, 2023.*

Act 2022-373 by Sen. Tim Melson **R**

The act extends the sales and use tax exemption on gold, silver, platinum, and bullion through July 1, 2028. *Effective April 14, 2022.*

Act 2022-422 by Sen. Rodger Smitherman **T**

This act allows counties to opt in to providing the use of its tax dollars to pay for improvements associated with tax increment districts. *Effective April 14, 2022.*



OTHER IMPORTANT BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION & BENEFITS —

Act 2022-229 by Sen. Greg Albritton

This act allows for a one-time lump-sum longevity bonus to be provided to retirees in the Employees' Retirement System. A county may elect to opt in to this act by resolution on or before August 31, 2022. Any county that opts in is required to bear the costs of the longevity bonus paid to its retirees. **Effective April 4, 2022.**

Act 2022-347 by Rep. Randy Wood **P**

This act removes the requirement that Judicial Retirement Fund employees transfer any Employees' Retirement System or Teachers' Retirement System service to the Judicial Retirement Fund within their first year as a Judicial Retirement Fund employee. **Effective April 13, 2022.**

Act 2022-351 by Rep. Reed Ingram

This act provides for a 30-year retirement for Tier II employees and also establishes a two-percent reduction in an employee's retirement benefit for each year of the difference between the full retirement age of 62 and the retirement age of the employee. This act does not impact the employees in counties that have elected to provide Tier I benefits to all of the county's employees. **Effective April 13, 2022.**

Act 2022-424 by Sen. Andrew Jones

This act largely reinforces the existing requirements of the federal Family and Medical Leave Act by stating that employers must provide 12 weeks of unpaid family leave to employees who qualify under the federal guidelines. The new Alabama law states that family leave is applicable to instances in which a child is born to or adopted by a qualified employee. Counties that provide paid leave to employees for the birth and care of an infant must also provide either equivalent paid leave or two weeks of paid leave for the care of a child placed with an employee in connection with adoption within the first year of the child's placement. **Effective July 1, 2022.**



OTHER IMPORTANT BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT —

Act 2022-50 by Sen. Clyde Chambliss **P**

This act authorizes the establishment of entertainment districts within certain community development districts.
Effective May 1, 2022.

Act 2022-125 by Sen. Clay Scofield

This act allows the Alabama Digital Expansion Division of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs to enter into non-disclosure agreements with broadband providers to protect proprietary information. The act also changes the minimum broadband service threshold to 100 megabits per second downstream and at least 20 megabits per second upstream. Additionally, the act changes the eligibility criteria for the Connect Alabama grant programs, allowing funds to be spent on the extension of last-mile infrastructure in unserved areas, as well as the establishment and administration of a middle-mile and line extension program. Effective March 10, 2022.

Act 2022-138 by Sen. Clay Scofield

This act makes county governments eligible for participation in the broadband accessibility grant program administered by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, and it provides a list of factors to determine which grant applicants will receive priority for funding. Among other factors, the Department will prioritize projects that assist rural medical facilities and commit to improving the adoption rate of broadband services within households in the area. The act also allows the Department to shorten the grant window and extend project completion deadlines.
Effective March 15, 2022.

Act 2022-153 by Sen. Garlan Gudger **R**

This act adjusts the rate of taxation on the sale of alcoholic beverages within a community development district.
Effective June 1, 2022.



OTHER IMPORTANT BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— ELECTION ADMINISTRATION —

Act 2022-131 by Sen. Kirk Hatcher **P**

This act allows a quorum of a board of registrars, upon receiving written consent and approval from the County Commission, to reallocate unused working days due to absence from one registrar to another registrar of that board in order to accomplish the public business of the board. However, the number of working days must be consistent with the annual maximum number of working days specific to the county. *Effective March 10, 2022.*

Act 2022-321 by Rep. Wes Allen **P S**

This act provides that no state or local public official responsible for the conduct of an election, nor his or her employee, may solicit, accept, or use any donation for the purpose of funding election-related expenses or voter education, voter outreach, or voter registration programs. The act makes an exception for accepting space to use temporarily as a polling place, as well as an exception for certain items given during a state public health emergency. *Effective July 1, 2022.*

Act 2022-337 by Rep. Sam Jones **P S**

This act provides that in the event of a tie between two candidates for a county or precinct office, the Probate Judge decides, by lot, the winner in the presence of the candidates. If the Probate Judge is a candidate in the race in which there is a tie or has openly participated in the promotion of candidates in the race in which there is a tie, then the presiding Circuit Court Judge in the county shall break the tie by lot. *Effective April 13, 2022.*

Act 2022-428 by Sen. Arthur Orr **P**

This act prohibits any public official or employee from expending public funds to advocate in favor of or against a statewide or local ballot measure. A public official or employee who violates this act, as determined by the Alabama Department of Examiners of Public Accounts, shall be subject to a demand for repayment. *Effective January 1, 2023.*



OTHER IMPORTANT BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— PRISONS & COUNTY JAILS —

Act 2022-322 by Rep. Phillip Pettus

This act, referred to as the Sergeant Nick Risner Act, makes a prisoner ineligible for correctional incentive time if he or she has been convicted of any crime that caused the death of another person by means of a deadly weapon.

Effective July 1, 2022.

Act 2022-381 by Rep. Jim Hill

This act provides that if the revocation sentence imposed for a defendant is less than the length of time remaining on the original sentence, the remainder of the sentence shall be suspended and the defendant may be placed on probation for a period and upon terms as the court deems best. Effective April 14, 2022.

Act 2022-440 by Rep. Rolanda Hollis

This act prohibits certain jail practices, specifically restraints, examinations, searches and confinement relating to inmates who are in the second or third trimester of pregnancy, who are in labor or delivery, or who are in the immediate postpartum period. Effective July 1, 2022.



OTHER IMPORTANT BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY —

Act 2022-34 by Sen. Garlan Gudger **S**

This act amends the crime of unauthorized entry of critical infrastructure – which is a Class A misdemeanor – to include pipelines, mining operations and airports. This act also creates two new crimes for certain conduct committed during the crime of unauthorized entry of critical infrastructure. The first crime pertains to damaging critical infrastructure property, while the second pertains to operating an unmanned aircraft system with an attached weapon. Both new crimes are Class C felonies. **Effective May 1, 2022.**

Act 2022-106 by Sen. Jabo Waggoner

This act declares that emergency medical services are essential public services performed for a public purpose. The act includes an ACCA amendment to ensure that counties are not required to fund emergency medical services. **Effective March 8, 2022.**

Act 2022-123 by Sen. Will Barfoot **P**

This act provides that a minor may not change his or her name in probate court without consent from his or her parents or legal guardians. This act also authorizes a Probate Judge to issue elder abuse protection orders if the judge is a member in good standing with the Alabama State Bar and is designated to do so by a written standing order from the presiding Circuit Court Judge. **Effective June 1, 2022.**

Act 2022-128 by Rep. Steve Clouse

This act requires that emergency medical transport providers cover additional Medicaid enhancement payments for the maintenance and expansion of emergency medical transport services. **Effective March 10, 2022.**

Act 2022-133 by Rep. Shane Stringer **S**

This act allows individuals to carry concealed pistols inside the state of Alabama without a permit. ACCA successfully negotiated a number of critical changes to the legislation, including the prohibition of pistols inside county courthouse annexes and inside the primary offices of elected officials without express permission. Under the act, individuals pulled over in their vehicle by law enforcement are required to disclose, if asked by an officer, whether they are carrying a firearm. The act authorizes law enforcement officers to search criminal history and weapons databases to determine whether an individual is prohibited from possessing a firearm. It also allows an officer to take temporary possession of a firearm in certain situations. Lastly, the act creates the Local Government Pistol Permit Revenue Loss Fund, which, for the next four years following the act's effective date, will appropriate around \$5 million annually to replace lost pistol permit revenue. **Effective January 1, 2023.**

Act 2022-236 by Rep. Rex Reynolds **S**

This act creates procedures by which an investigative officer may intercept wire or electronic communications for a criminal investigation, if authorized by a court of competent jurisdiction. An “investigative officer,” as defined in the act, is a law enforcement officer of the state who has successfully completed a training course approved by the Attorney General on the legal and technical aspects of the interception and use of wire or electronic communications. **Effective February 1, 2023.**

OTHER IMPORTANT BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY —

Act 2022-240 by Rep. Cynthia Almond **P** **S**

This act expands the membership of the Alabama Justice Information Commission by designating a seat to the Alabama Probate Judges Association and a seat to the Alabama Municipal Court Judges Association. **Effective July 1, 2022.**

Act 2022-300 by Rep. Kyle South **P**

This act exempts homeless students, as qualified by a staff member designated to act as the local educational agency liaison for homeless children and youth, from having to pay driver's license issuance fees. **Effective July 1, 2022.**

Act 2022-323 by Sen. Gerald Allen **S**

This act establishes prohibitions on the enforcement of certain presidential executive orders that provide limitations or restrictions on the ownership, use, or possession of firearms and accessories, as well as ammunition. **Effective July 1, 2022.**

Act 2022-340 by Rep. Phillip Pettus **S**

Under this act, any state or local law enforcement officer may move a vehicle, require a vehicle to be moved, or assist in the moving of a vehicle from a roadway under the jurisdiction of the Alabama Department of Transportation if the vehicle is disabled as the result of an accident, creates a traffic hazard, or is obstructing traffic. Any state or local law enforcement officer exercising this authority shall not be liable for damages caused by moving a vehicle under this act. **Effective July 1, 2022.**

Act 2022-363 by Rep. David Standridge **9**

Under this act, an emergency communications district may not release the name of a victim except pursuant to a court order. This act further clarifies that upon request and payment of a reasonable fee, an emergency communications district may release a 9-1-1 transcript to a member of the public with certain identifiable information redacted. Additionally, emergency communications districts must retain a recording of a 9-1-1 call for two years following the date of the call. Upon request of an agency conducting a criminal investigation or any attorney conducting a civil investigation, the emergency communications district shall retain the recording for an additional two years. **Effective July 1, 2022.**

Act 2022-397 by Rep. David Faulkner **S**

This act provides that when service of a garnishment to a defendant is returned, not found, or otherwise accomplished, service of the notice of garnishment may be perfected by posting to the Circuit Court's official website by the Circuit Clerk and mailed to the defendant's last known address. Further, this act establishes that the effective date of service shall be 28 days from the first date of the website posting. **Effective July 1, 2022.**

Act 2022-416 by Sen. April Weaver **S**

This act establishes a new crime of assault in the second degree, a Class C felony, for assaulting pharmacists, home health care workers, Alabama Department of Human Resources employees or social workers. **Effective July 1, 2022.**

OTHER IMPORTANT BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY —

Act 2022-418 by Sen. Bobby Singleton **S**

This act prohibits secret compartments in vehicles and creates a new crime of operating a vehicle with a secret compartment. A violation is a Class A misdemeanor. The act also prohibits concealing a person for an unlawful purpose, a violation of which is a Class B felony. **Effective July 1, 2022.**

Act 2022-420 by Sen. Arthur Orr **S**

This act prohibits law enforcement agencies from using facial recognition technology as the sole basis of establishing probable cause or to make an arrest. Facial recognition technology may only be used in conjunction with other lawfully obtained evidence. **Effective July 1, 2022.**

Act 2022-427 by Sen. Will Barfoot **P**

This act gives probate courts jurisdiction over certain will contests where the probate court has equity jurisdiction. For those probate courts without equity jurisdiction, the act allows for the removal of the will contest or administration of the decedent's estate to circuit court. **Effective April 14, 2022.**

Act 2022-438 by Rep. Shane Stringer **S**

This act amends existing law to define a shotgun as "a weapon designed or redesigned, made or remade, and intended to be fired from the shoulder and designed or redesigned and made or remade to use the energy of the explosive in a fixed shotgun shell to fire through a smooth bore either a number of ball shot or a single projectile for each single pull of the trigger." **Effective January 1, 2023.**

Act 2022-439 by Rep. Juandalynn Givan **S**

This act creates the crime of misrepresenting the police jurisdiction of a municipality as a Class A misdemeanor. A person commits this crime if he or she knowingly misrepresents, by use of a sign, marker, or other marking, the police jurisdiction of a municipality. A public official shall be guilty of this offense if he or she instructs another person to misrepresent the police jurisdiction of a municipality with knowledge of the true boundary of the municipality. **Effective April 14, 2022.**



OTHER IMPORTANT BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— ENVIRONMENT, LAND USE & PUBLIC WORKS —

Act 2022-35 by Sen. Gerald Allen

This act extends the repayment period for certain loans made for constructing wastewater treatment facilities to match that of the Federal Clean Water Act, provided the extended repayment period does not exceed the expected design life of the project. **Effective February 22, 2022.**

Act 2022-40 by Sen. Greg Albritton

This act allows for underground gas storage facilities and authorizes the State Oil and Gas Board to regulate their operation and abandonment. **Effective May 1, 2022.**

Act 2022-338 by Rep. Alan Baker

Under this act, County Commission re-approval of solid waste management site applications is not required simply because of technical changes to applications submitted to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management. **Effective July 1, 2022.**

Act 2022-354 by Sen. Steve Livingston

The act provides that motor fuel retailers cannot be restricted from lawful operations based on the type of fuel sold at the retailer. **Effective July 1, 2022.**

Act 2022-378 by Sen. Andrew Jones

This act provides that nonprofit corporations that provide water service to the public may be audited by the Alabama Department of Examiners of Public Accounts. The act does not apply to any public water supply system, waterworks plant, or water distribution system owned or operated by a county. **Effective April 14, 2022.**





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— AUTAUGA —

Act 2022-287 by Sen. Clyde Chambliss

This proposed constitutional amendment would provide for the levy and collection of a special public school district ad valorem tax of 15 mills in a special school tax district composed of the Central and Daniel Pratt school zones in the county. The proposed constitutional amendment would also provide for the use of the proceeds for public school purposes inside the special school tax district where levied. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

— BALDWIN —

Act 2022-103 by Sen. Chris Elliott

This act provides that federal funds from the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act shall only be expended within the coastal political subdivisions of the state. **Effective March 8, 2022.**

Act 2022-172 by Rep. Harry Shiver

This act authorizes a service of process fee to be charged by the Sheriff for service of documents in district, circuit, family and juvenile courts. The fees collected are to be used for law enforcement purposes. **Effective June 1, 2022.**

Act 2022-173 by Rep. Harry Shiver

The act increases the salary of the Coroner and allows the Coroner to participate in the same health and retirement benefits as other county employees. **Effective January 16, 2023.**

Act 2022-174 by Rep. Harry Shiver

This act provides the Sheriff with an additional expense allowance, which is to be rolled into the Sheriff's salary upon the next term of office. **Effective March 28, 2022.**

Act 2022-175 by Rep. Harry Shiver

The act abolishes the Barbers' Commission and provides that barbering be regulated by the Alabama Board of Barbering and Cosmetology. **Effective March 28, 2022.**

Act 2022-243 by Rep. Harry Shiver

This act provides that as the terms of the members of the Baldwin County Board of Education expire, subsequent board members shall be elected by only the qualified electors of the county who reside outside of the corporate limits of any municipality in the county that has its own separate city school system. The act does not affect the unexpired term of any member serving on the Baldwin County Board of Education on July 1, 2022. If a new city school system is established within the county, the Baldwin County Board of Education shall redraw single-member election districts to account for the creation of the new city school system. **Effective July 1, 2022.**

Act 2022-280 by Rep. Harry Shiver

This act alters the boundary lines of the City of Bay Minette. **Effective July 1, 2022.**

Act 2022-283 by Rep. Matt Simpson

This act alters the boundary lines of the City of Spanish Fort. **Effective July 1, 2022.**

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— BALDWIN —

Act 2022-414 by Sen. Greg Albritton

This act establishes the South Baldwin Regional Workforce Development Authority and sets the compensation, meetings, and powers and duties of the board of directors. **Effective April 14, 2022.**

— BLOUNT —

Act 2022-171 by Rep. Wes Kitchens

This act provides that the Chair of the County Commission shall no longer be the Probate Judge of the county but instead is to be elected countywide beginning in 2024. The act also sets the compensation for the Chair of the County Commission. **Effective March 28, 2022.**

Act 2022-194 by Rep. David Standridge

This act establishes the qualifications and increases the compensation for the Sheriff. **Effective March 31, 2022.**

Act 2022-253 by Rep. Randall Shedd

This act authorizes the Sheriff to conduct fundraising events and use the proceeds and profits from the events for any lawful purpose relating to the operation of the Sheriff's Office. **Effective April 6, 2022.**

— BULLOCK —

Act 2022-266 by Sen. Billy Beasley

This act provides for the Sheriff to receive an additional \$12,000 expense allowance, which shall be treated as compensation for retirement contributions. Beginning with the next term of office, the expense allowance will become void and the Sheriff's salary will increase by \$12,000. **Effective April 7, 2022.**

Act 2022-267 by Sen. Billy Beasley

This act authorizes the Probate Judge to establish and implement procedures for the renewal of motor vehicle registrations by mail or online. The Probate Judge may charge an additional mail fee to offset the costs of the implementation and administration of this act. The mail fee on each transaction may not exceed \$4 for a renewal decal or \$7 for a new license plate. The fees shall be collected and deposited into the Probate Judge's fund.

Effective April 7, 2022.

Act 2022-268 by Sen. Billy Beasley

Under this act, the Probate Judge shall charge a \$10 special recording fee for each document or instrument recorded in the Probate Judge's Office. **Effective July 1, 2022.**

— BUTLER —

Act 2022-150 by Rep. Chris Sells

This proposed constitutional amendment prohibits a municipality within the county from establishing a separate school system without the prior approval of a majority of the qualified electors of the county voting at a referendum election.

Effective upon approval of a local referendum.

Act 2022-188 by Rep. Chris Sells

This proposed constitutional amendment allows a municipality within the county to designate streets or public roads for use by golf carts. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

LOCAL BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— CHAMBERS —

[Act 2022-66](#) by Rep. Debbie Wood 

This act authorizes the County Commission to extend for another 20 years an ad valorem tax in the amount of six mills for education and county roads. **Effective March 1, 2022.**

— CHEROKEE —

[Act 2022-132](#) by Sen. Andrew Jones

This act authorizes a service of process fee to be charged by the Sheriff for service of documents in district, circuit, family and juvenile courts. The fees collected are to be used for law enforcement purposes. **Effective June 1, 2022.**

— CHILTON —

[Act 2022-404](#) by Rep. Van Smith 

Under this act, the governing body of the City of Thorsby may authorize the sale and distribution of draft and keg beer by retail licensees of the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board in any size containers for on-premises and off-premises consumption. **Effective April 14, 2022.**

— CHOCTAW —

[Act 2022-244](#) by Rep. Brett Easterbrook

This act authorizes the County Commission to levy an additional annual issuance fee of \$1 for each motor vehicle. The proceeds collected from the fee shall be deposited into the county general fund to be distributed to the County Rescue Squad for its operational costs. The act is subject to an advisory referendum, to be held in conjunction with the November 2022 General Election. The Probate Judge shall certify the results of the election to the County Commission. **Effective April 5, 2022.**

— CLARKE —

[Act 2022-176](#) by Rep. Brett Easterbrook 

This act allows the City of Jackson to authorize the sale of draft or keg beer by those licensed by the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board in any size containers whether on premises or off premises. **Effective March 28, 2022.**

— CLAY —

[Act 2022-157](#) by Sen. Randy Price 

This act allows the City of Lineville to authorize the sale of draft or keg beer by those licensed by the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board in any size containers whether on premises or off premises. **Effective March 24, 2022.**

— CONECHU —

[Act 2022-190](#) by Rep. Chris Sells

This act establishes that the Chair of the County Commission shall be selected by a majority vote of the County Commission. The act also provides for an expense allowance of \$750, to expire at the end of the current term, for the County Commission Chair. **Effective March 31, 2022.**

LOCAL BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— CULLMAN —

Act 2022-36 by Rep. Randall Shedd

This proposed constitutional amendment provides that the term of office of the Revenue Commissioner will commence on December 1 following the general election in 2026 and every six years thereafter. It also provides that the term of office of the incumbent Revenue Commissioner will expire on November 30, 2026.

Effective upon approval of a local referendum.

Act 2022-186 by Rep. Scott Stadthagen

This act allows the Battleground School Historical Board to sell or transfer the Battleground School property upon approval of a majority of the board. Effective March 30, 2022.

Act 2022-281 by Rep. Randall Shedd

This act provides that for the term of office that begins after the 2022 General Election, the Coroner shall receive an annual salary of \$35,000. Additionally, the salary of the Coroner shall be increased by any uniform increases in compensation granted equally to all county employees by the County Commission. The Coroner may also participate in the county health insurance plan provided to county employees under the same terms as county employees.

Effective January 16, 2023.

— DALLAS —

Act 2022-262 by Rep. Prince Chestnut

This constitutional amendment allows mayors within the county to participate in the Employees' Retirement System of Alabama. Effective upon approval of a local referendum.

— ELMORE —

Act 2022-49 by Sen. Clyde Chambliss

This act revises the distribution of certain sales and use tax proceeds and authorizes the County Commission to remit certain lodging tax proceeds to the City of Prattville. Effective March 1, 2022.

— ESCAMBIA —

Act 2022-96 by Rep. Alan Baker

This act authorizes the Sheriff to charge up to a \$50 fee for fingerprinting individuals for passport identification, employment purposes or any other personal reason. The fees collected shall be used for law enforcement purposes.

Effective March 8, 2022.

LOCAL BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— ETOWAH —

Act 2022-105 by Sen. Andrew Jones

This act abolishes the office of Constable upon the end of the current term of office or upon a vacancy. Effective March 8, 2022.

Act 2022-112 by Sen. Andrew Jones

This act authorizes the county board of registrars to meet up to five days each week for the purpose of carrying out their official duties. Effective June 1, 2022.

Act 2022-400/Act 2022-412 by Rep. Gil Isbell & Sen. Andrew Jones

These acts provide for changes to the County Mega Sports Complex Authority in regard to the distribution of taxes and other funds received by the authority, the membership of the authority, and the implementation of routine audits for the authority. Effective October 1, 2022.

— FRANKLIN —

Act 2022-185 by Rep. Jamie Kiel

This proposed constitutional amendment allows mayors within the county to participate in the Employees' Retirement System of Alabama. Effective upon approval of a local referendum.

Act 2022-192 by Rep. Jamie Kiel

This act requires the Sheriff to sell – at least every 12 months – abandoned, stolen, and unclaimed property that was recovered by the Sheriff's Department and that has remained unclaimed by the rightful owner for more than year. The act also provides for auctions of the property and disposition of the proceeds from the sale of the property. Effective March 31, 2021.

— GENEVA —

Act 2022-269 by Sen. Donnie Chesteen

This act permits the City of Geneva, by ordinance, to authorize the sale of draft or keg beer by retail licensees of the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. Effective July 1, 2022.

— HENRY —

Act 2022-102 by Sen. Billy Beasley

This act authorizes a law enforcement officer from a designated law enforcement agency within the county to take an individual believed to be suffering from mental illness into protective custody under certain conditions. Effective June 1, 2022.

— HOUSTON —

Act 2022-94 by Rep. Paul Lee

This act provides the Sheriff with an additional expense allowance, which will roll into the Sheriff's salary upon the next term of office. Effective April 1, 2022.

Act 2022-169 by Rep. Paul Lee

This act increases the salary of the Probate Judge to match the salary of a District Judge. Effective April 1, 2022.

LOCAL BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— JACKSON —

Act 2022-47 by Sen. Steve Livingston

This act provides the Sheriff with an additional expense allowance, which will roll into the Sheriff's salary upon the next term of office. **Effective February 24, 2022.**

— JEFFERSON —

Act 2022-81 by Rep. Danny Garrett

This act provides for a referendum to increase the ad valorem tax rate for schools in the special school tax district within the jurisdiction of the Trussville City Board of Education. **Effective March 7, 2022.**

Act 2022-82 by Rep. Allen Treadaway

This act provides for a referendum to increase the ad valorem tax rate for schools in the school tax district within the jurisdiction of the City of Gardendale and the Jefferson County Board of Education. **Effective March 7, 2022.**

Act 2022-83 by Rep. Merika Coleman

This act provides for a referendum to increase the ad valorem tax rate for schools in the special school tax district within the jurisdiction of the Midfield Board of Education. **Effective March 7, 2022.**

Act 2022-134 by Sen. Rodger Smitherman

This act authorizes the governing body of Class 1 municipalities to establish up to 15 entertainment districts within its corporate limits under certain conditions. **Effective June 1, 2022.**

Act 2022-242 by Rep. Rod Scott

This act specifies that if a Jefferson County General Retirement System member receiving his or her pensions benefit is re-employed by the county two or more years after severing employment, his or her pension benefit shall not be reduced. If a member receiving his or her pension benefit is re-employed by the county less than two years after severing employment, the pension benefit shall be reduced by the amount paid or payable to the member by the county on account of or by reason of the re-employment. **Effective April 5, 2022.**

Act 2022-288 by Rep. Rich Wingo

This proposed constitutional amendment brings certain privately-owned sewer systems that use public rights-of-way of public roads in the city limits of Lake View under the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission, beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2027. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

Act 2022-411 by Sen. Linda Coleman-Madison

This act provides an additional salary for the mayor for his or her service as superintendent of a municipal utility system or systems. **Effective April 14, 2022.**

Act 2022-429 by Sen. Rodger Smitherman

This act provides for the appointment of an additional deputy district attorney for the Bessemer Division of the Tenth Judicial Circuit Court, upon approval by the County Commission. **Effective July 1, 2022.**

LOCAL BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— JEFFERSON —

Act 2022-432 by Rep. Neil Rafferty

A general law, this act provides for food or beverage truck licenses in Class 1 municipalities that will allow a food or beverage truck to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption in open containers within an area designated by the municipal governing body within an established entertainment district. The act requires food or beverage truck licensees to collect and remit all state and local sales and use taxes and all excise and privilege taxes due on the sale of alcoholic beverages. **Effective July 1, 2022.**

— LAWRENCE —

Act 2022-282 by Rep. Proncey Robertson

This act repeals the statute that permitted the County Commission to set an additional expense allowance for the Sheriff. **Effective July 1, 2022.**

— LEE —

Act 2022-413 by Sen. Tom Whatley

This act sets the annual salary for the Sheriff. **Effective on the expiration of the term of the incumbent Sheriff in January 2023.**

— LIMESTONE —

Act 2022-67 by Rep. Andy Whitt

This act authorizes communication districts in the county to contract and otherwise cooperate with an emergency communication district or public safety agency in a neighboring state. **Effective March 1, 2022.**

Act 2022-406 by Rep. Parker Moore

This act defines and lists the criteria for a community development district and authorizes the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages, including draft or keg beer, by licensees of the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board inside community development districts. **Effective April 14, 2022.**

— LOWNDES —

Act 2022-191 by Rep. Kelvin Lawrence

The act provides for an increased expense allowance for the Coroner, as well as a future cost-of-living adjustment for the expense allowance, and up to \$1,000 in reimbursement for supplies. **Effective June 1, 2022.**

— MACON —

Act 2022-365 by Rep. Pebblin Warren

This act extends the County Commission's authority to levy a sales and use tax for ambulance services through July 1, 2024. It also validates, ratifies, and confirms any actions of the County Commission in the levy and collection of this sales and use tax retroactive to January 31, 2022. **Effective April 14, 2022.**

LOCAL BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— MADISON —

Act 2022-403 by Rep. Andy Whitt

This act creates a countywide personnel board and provides for the board's composition, powers, duties and expenses. **Effective April 14, 2022.**

Act 2022-405 by Rep. Andy Whitt

This act states that the Coroner shall receive an annual salary of \$50,000 beginning at the next term of office in January 2023. Under the act, the Coroner may participate in the county health insurance plan and shall be entitled to receive uniform increases in compensation in the same amount as uniform increases in compensation granted equally to county employees by the County Commission. Additionally, the Coroner may be reimbursed for up to \$15,000 in actual and verified expenses incurred for the operation of the office and other expenses in the performance of his or her official duties. **Effective July 1, 2022.**

— MARION —

Act 2022-364 by Rep. Tracy Estes

This act authorizes the Revenue Commissioner to set and collect up to a \$5 mail fee from any person renewing a motor vehicle registration by mail or over the Internet to offset the costs of the renewal, including the costs of mailing the motor vehicle license decals or license plates to the person renewing the registration. These fees shall be deposited into the Revenue Commissioner's Fund and used for the operation of the Revenue Commissioner's Office. **Effective April 14, 2022.**

— MARSHALL —

Act 2022-101 by Sen. Clay Scofield

This act authorizes the Sheriff to establish procedures to make limited purchases using a credit or debit card, provided that these procedures comply with required accountability and audit measures. **Effective March 8, 2022.**

Act 2022-121 by Sen. Clay Scofield

This act authorizes the Albertville City Council to create entertainment districts and to regulate the operation of those districts. **Effective March 10, 2022.**

Act 2022-260 by Rep. Wes Kitchens

This act provides that the Sheriff shall be entitled to receive the same uniform increases in compensation, such as cost-of-living increases, granted to other county-elected officers in the county. During the current term of office, the uniform increases shall be paid to the Sheriff as expense allowances. Upon the next term of office, any uniform increases paid to the Sheriff as an expense allowance shall be converted to salary. **Effective April 6, 2022.**

Act 2022-366 by Rep. Wes Kitchens

This act eliminates the requirement that appointments to the county personnel board be made within 30 days. Also under this act, the appointed members of the board are eligible for reappointment, and the elected member of the board is eligible for re-election for no more than two full terms. Further, the act strikes the requirement that the board convene within 15 days of initial appointment. The act also increases the expense allowance of the board members from \$100 to \$200 per month. **Effective July 1, 2022.**

Act 2022-385 by Rep. Wes Kitchens

This act changes the boundary lines and corporate limits of the Town of Cherokee Ridge. **Effective July 1, 2022.**

LOCAL BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— MOBILE —

Act 2022-95 by Rep. Barbara Drummond

This act abolishes the office of the Treasurer upon the expiration of the Treasurer's term of office or upon the occurrence of a vacancy for any reason. The act also requires the County Commission to audit the accounts of the Treasurer. **Effective March 8, 2022.**

Act 2022-103 by Sen. Chris Elliott

This act provides that federal funds from the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act shall only be expended within the coastal political subdivisions of the state. **Effective March 8, 2022.**

Act 2022-118 by Sen. Vivian Figures

This proposed constitutional amendment establishes the judicial nominating commission and the composition, duties and powers of the commission. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

— MONTGOMERY —

Act 2022-149 by Rep. Kenyatté Hassell

This act authorizes the Alabama State Port Authority to build intermodal and multi-modal transfer facilities, expands the locations at which the Alabama State Port Authority may control property, and amends the definition of "docks facilities" to include facilities not along navigable waterways. **Effective June 1, 2022.**

Act 2022-251 by Rep. Kenyatté Hassell

This act authorizes the Sheriff to conduct fundraising events and to use the proceeds and profits from the events for any lawful purpose relating to the operation of the Sheriff's Office. **Effective April 6, 2022.**

Act 2022-257 by Sen. Kirk Hatcher

This constitutional amendment allows mayors within the county to participate in the Employees' Retirement System of Alabama and to purchase service credit. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

Act 2022-258 by Rep. Reed Ingram

This act increases the salary of the members of the County Commission by \$16,000 per year upon the next term of office and repeals the two existing unvouchered expense allowances that are equal to that same amount. **Effective April 6, 2022.**

Act 2022-370 by Sen. Kirk Hatcher

This act establishes a countywide personnel system. The act provides that certain city employees are in exempt service of the city. The act also provides that individuals appointed by the mayor to exempt service may return to competitive or classified service upon removal by the mayor, under certain circumstances. **Effective July 1, 2022.**

— MORGAN —

Act 2022-78 by Sen. Arthur Orr

This proposed constitutional amendment provides for the distribution of the county's share of the proceeds of the simplified sellers use tax and provides for retroactive application. **Retroactively effective October 1, 2019, upon approval of a local referendum.**

LOCAL BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— PICKENS —

Act 2022-41 by Rep. Rodney Sullivan

This proposed constitutional amendment authorizes the proceeds of an existing ad valorem tax distributed to volunteer fire departments for fire protection purposes to also be used by volunteer fire departments for emergency medical services. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

Act 2022-247 by Rep. Rodney Sullivan

This act provides the Probate Judge with an expense allowance to be paid in equal monthly installments. At the beginning of the next term of office, the Probate Judge shall receive an annual salary of \$80,000 a year.

Effective April 5, 2022.

— PIKE —

Act 2022-38 by Rep. Wes Allen

This act authorizes the County Commission to levy an additional sales and use tax for costs of the county jail and judicial complex. **Effective February 23, 2022.**

— RUSSELL —

Act 2022-170 by Rep. Chris Blackshear

This act authorizes the use of the Inmate Welfare Fund for any legitimate law enforcement purpose.

Effective March 28, 2022.

Act 2022-278 by Rep. Chris Blackshear

This act provides that members of the County Commission shall receive an annual salary of \$28,000 per year starting on May 1, 2022. Beginning on that same date, the Chair of the County Commission shall receive an annual salary of \$35,000 per year. These salaries are to be provided in lieu of any other salary, expense allowance or compensation previously provided by law. The County Commission, by a recorded roll call majority vote, may grant to each member of the Commission, except for the Chair, an additional expense allowance payable in equal monthly installments. The total annual compensation of any member of the County Commission may not exceed the total annual compensation of the Chair. **Effective April 7, 2022.**

— ST. CLAIR —

Act 2022-48 by Sen. Jim McClendon

This act provides for a fire protection service fee for the Davis Lake Volunteer Fire Department and for the exact amount of the fee to be separately stated by the Revenue Commissioner on the ad valorem tax bill of the taxpayer.

Effective February 24, 2022.

Act 2022-193 by Rep. Jim Hill

This act authorizes a service of process fee to be charged by the Sheriff for service of documents in district, circuit, family and juvenile courts. The fees collected are to be used for law enforcement purposes. **Effective June 1, 2022.**

Act 2022-245 by Rep. Jim Hill

This act authorizes the County Commission, in coordination with the Probate Judge, to appoint additional members to the county's board of registrars. The act requires any additional registrars be paid in the same way as existing county registrars. **Effective July 1, 2022.**

LOCAL BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— SHELBY —

Act 2022-18 by Rep. Russell Bedsole

This proposed constitutional amendment allows municipalities and the County Commission to authorize and regulate the operation of low-speed vehicles on certain public roads. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

Act 2022-51 by Rep. Corley Ellis

This act provides that the personnel board for county law enforcement officers may receive up to \$275,000 a year from a tax on the sale of beer, malt or brewed beverages. **Effective May 1, 2022.**

Act 2022-52 by Rep. Corley Ellis

This act further provides for the unclassified service in the office of the Property Tax Commissioner. **Effective May 1, 2022.**

— TALLADEGA —

Act 2022-362 by Rep. Steve Hurst

This act changes the boundary lines and corporate limits of the municipality of Munford. **Effective July 1, 2022.**

— TUSCALOOSA —

Act 2022-246 by Rep. Cynthia Almond

This act provides for a \$157,500 annual salary for the Probate Judge. **Effective April 5, 2022.**

Act 2022-288 by Rep. Rich Wingo

This proposed constitutional amendment brings certain privately-owned sewer systems that use public rights-of-way on public roads inside the city limits of Lake View under the jurisdiction of the Alabama Public Service Commission, beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2027. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

Act 2022-407 by Rep. Cynthia Almond

This act authorizes the City of Tuscaloosa, upon resolution of the city council, to implement the scheduling of four 10-hour shifts per week rather than five 8-hour shifts per week for certain positions in the city's police department. **Effective April 14, 2022.**

— WASHINGTON —

Act 2022-263 by Rep. Brett Easterbrook

This proposed constitutional amendment makes the county a wet county. The constitutional amendment also permits the County Commission to levy taxes, including license taxes, on the sale of alcoholic beverages inside the county and requires the proceeds be deposited into the county general fund. **Effective upon the approval of a local referendum.**

LOCAL BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— WILCOX —

Act 2022-279 by Rep. Kelvin Lawrence

This act provides that the Probate Judge shall perform all duties related to the assessment and collection of taxes on motor vehicles, motor vehicle titles, and non-motorized vehicles in the county that the tax assessor and tax collector were previously required by law to perform. Before taking on these duties, the Probate Judge shall execute, file and record an additional bond as detailed in this act. The County Commission must furnish suitable quarters or additional space, as it deems necessary, for the efficient performance of the Probate Judge's new duties. The County Commission also must transfer forms, books, records and supplies from the offices of the Revenue Commissioner to the Probate Judge as necessary for this transition. The County Commission shall provide clerks to the Probate Judge as necessary. The Probate Judge shall charge and collect the same fee that is described in the general law for a like service, and those fees shall be paid into the county's general fund. This act also details procedures for the one-stop tag program.

Effective April 7, 2022.

