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E Engineers

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R Revenue Officers

S Sheriffs

T Tax Officials

\$ Reimbursement-Eligible

Ala. Code § 11-13-6 requires municipalities to reimburse County Commissions for the cost of local bill advertising under certain circumstances. Additionally, if a local bill becomes law that raises revenue for a public or private local entity other than the County Commission, Ala. Code § 11-13-6 requires the entity to use the first revenues generated to reimburse the County Commission for the advertising costs. This symbol denotes the local bills eligible for advertising reimbursement pursuant to this authority.

****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,

With the 2026 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature concluding on April 9, the deadline has now passed for Gov. Kay Ivey to take action on legislation passed during the final days of the session. As a result, any bills that did not receive her signature will not become law this year.

The ACCA staff is proud to report that thanks to the dedicated advocacy efforts of the Alabama County Family, **a total of seven priority bills were successfully passed during the 2026 Session.**

The Association’s final legislative report provides a comprehensive overview of these priority measures, along with all other new statewide and local laws impacting county government in some capacity. Several of the laws outlined below will be examined in depth during ACCA’s “Recently Enacted Laws” class taking place in early July, offering county leaders a valuable opportunity to better understand the key changes and their practical implications. County leaders can register for the course now by clicking [here](#). In other cases, the Association staff will provide details on implementation procedures in the coming weeks. County officials and 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 2026 Regular Session is organized into the following sections:

- > **Priority Statewide Bills Signed into Law**
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 - Governmental Structure & County Operations
 - Revenue & Budgets
 - Employee Compensation & Benefits
 - Economic Development
 - Election Administration
 - Prisons & County Jails
 - Justice & Public Safety
 - Environment, Land Use & Public Works
- > **Local Bills Signed into Law**

As in prior years, the report includes a navigation key designed to help county leaders quickly identify new laws of interest, based on their affiliate organization membership and broader role in county government. However, everyone is encouraged to review this report in its entirety, as each new law carries some level of impact on county government operations.

The Association staff extends its sincere appreciation to all county officials, employees and affiliate organization members who contributed to this year’s legislative advocacy efforts.

With sincere thanks and appreciation,
Your Association Staff

PRIORITY STATEWIDE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

Clarifying the “Family Exception” to County Subdivision Regulation

[Act 2026-49](#) by Rep. Chris Sells & Sen. Robert Stewart **E**

This act closes a loophole in the “immediate family member” exception under which the sale, deed or transfer of land to an immediate family member has long been exempt from county subdivision regulations. The act clarifies that if the land is subsequently transferred to a person other than an immediate family member within 24 months of the interfamily transfer, the land becomes subject to any applicable county subdivision regulations. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Expediting County Vehicle Repairs

[Act 2026-56](#) by Sen. Linda Coleman-Madison & Rep. Kerry Underwood

This act establishes a streamlined process for procuring repair services and parts for vehicles weighing 12,000 pounds or less when the cost of each incident of repair does not exceed \$15,000. The act requires the County Commission, as an alternative to bidding, to solicit and document price estimates from at least two vendors before awarding the work. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Expanding the Use of P-Cards for County Purchases

[Act 2026-57](#) by Rep. Jim Hill & Sen. Lance Bell

This act expands the authority of County Commissions to adopt policies governing the use of purchasing or procurement cards (P-cards) to allow for the purchase of services in addition to tangible personal property. The act further provides that P-cards may be used by individuals designated by the County Commission, subject to oversight by the chief administrative officer or a designee. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Updating Provisions of the Omnibus Pay Act

[Act 2026-238](#) by Sen. Bobby Singleton & Rep. Paul Lee **P S T**

This act modernizes the Omnibus Pay Act that governs the compensation of County Commissioners, Probate Judges, Sheriffs and Tax Officials by locking in the annual base compensation at the amount paid to the officeholder on May 31, 2026, and ensuring that new officeholders elected or appointed after July 1, 2025, are compensated based on the position itself. The act also clarifies the circumstances under which county officials are entitled to salary increases granted to county employees, requires officials whose salaries are tied to circuit or district judges to calculate compensation using their own service time and prevents exponential raises for county officials with tied salaries. **Effective June 1, 2026.**

Protecting Counties from Liability for Utility Install Errors

[Act 2026-255](#) by Sen. Gerald Allen & Rep. Steve Clouse **E**

This act amends the 811 Underground Damage Prevention Program to provide counties with liability protection when damage occurs to an improperly installed underground facility during the county performance of routine roadway maintenance within the county right-of-way. The act also establishes a new category of “complex or large projects” that require additional coordination among operators, excavators and locators. **Effective January 1, 2027.**

PRIORITY BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

Securing Necessary Reimbursement for Emergency Medical Services Statewide

Act 2026-349 by Sen. Singleton & Rep. Ed Oliver

This act establishes minimum reimbursement rates to be paid by health insurers to emergency medical service (EMS) providers for emergency ground transport and treat in place services, prohibits balance billing to protect privately-insured patients from unexpected ambulance bills, and requires the collection and analysis of EMS service data by the Alabama Department of Public Health prior to the act's scheduled sunset on June 1, 2029. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Prohibiting Municipal Business Licenses for County Property Projects

Act 2026-437 by Sen. Greg Albritton & Rep. Paul Lee 

This act specifies how municipalities may calculate business license fees for certain businesses that perform work within the municipality but do not maintain a physical business location there, such as general contractors, HVAC contractors, electrical contractors, master gas fitters, master plumbers and subcontractors. The act most notably provides that a municipality may not require these businesses to obtain a municipal business license to perform work on a project for a county government when the project is located on county property or on a county-maintained road, bridge, right-of-way or easement. **Effective January 1, 2027.**



OTHER STATEWIDE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE & COUNTY OPERATIONS —

Act 2026-45 by Sen. Wes Kitchens **P R T**

This act adjusts the fees for vessel registration and provides distributions to the State Reservoir Management Grant Fund and the State Water Safety Fund. **Effective January 1, 2027.**

Act 2026-156 by Sen. Josh Carnley **9**

This act continues the operations of the Statewide 911 Board through October 1, 2028, and allows the Senate Confirmations Committee to reject an appointment to the Board without a vote of the full Senate. **Effective June 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-243 by Sen. Will Barfoot **P T**

This act increases the fees associated with volunteer and professional firefighter distinctive license plates and changes the distribution of proceeds. **Effective January 1, 2027.**

Act 2026-319 by Sen. Arthur Orr

This act changes the standard of judicial review applied when agency rulings are challenged under the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-364 by Rep. David Standridge

This act requires state and local entities to use the term “Gulf of America” instead of “Gulf of Mexico” in all newly created resources. The act also directs state and local entities make reasonable efforts to update the terminology on all existing resources, unless doing so would impose an operational or financial burden. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-371 by Rep. Reed Ingram **9**

This act requires the State 911 Board to establish a system for measuring the readiness of emergency communication districts based on board-adopted best practices and data collection, and it authorizes the board, upon referral from the Attorney General, to conduct a performance audit to review and evaluate a district’s readiness and to work directly with the district to address any identified deficiencies. The act further authorizes the board to adopt the rules necessary to implement these provisions. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-378 by Rep. Terri Collins

This proposed constitutional amendment establishes a process for creating a consolidated county school system through the merger of two or more contiguous county boards of education. The amendment requires the State Board of Education to conduct and publish an impact study examining the potential effects of consolidation; provides a process for protesting a proposed consolidation; and authorizes the state board to adopt rules to implement the amendment. **Effective upon approval of a statewide referendum.**

OTHER STATEWIDE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE & COUNTY OPERATIONS —

Act 2026-423 by Rep. Napoleon Bracy **P**

This act authorizes a county, through local legislation, to modify the county's number of constables, the areas of the county represented by constables and the conditions under which a constable office is deemed vacant. The act also requires the Probate Judge to notify the Governor when a vacancy occurs in the office of any constable.

Effective October 1, 2026.

Act 2026-427 by Sen. Garlan Gudger **S**

This act establishes minimum standards of care for dogs kept outdoors, including restrictions on tethering and confinement. The act provides that violations are punishable as a Class C misdemeanor for a first offense, a Class B misdemeanor for a second offense, and a Class A misdemeanor for a third or subsequent offense and requires violators to pay the full costs of boarding and veterinary care. The act further authorizes, but does not require, counties to appoint one or more animal control officers to investigate alleged violations and provides that, upon probable cause, a certified law enforcement officer — including those serving as animal control officers — may remove a dog if its life is in danger or may order the owner to provide appropriate care. The act also provides liability protection for counties, animal control officers and certified law enforcement officers. Effective October 1, 2026.

Act 2026-504 by Sen. Kirk Hatcher

This act amends the law governing alcoholic beverage importers to allow imported alcoholic beverages to be manufactured anywhere outside the state and to modify the administrative license year for importers. The act also authorizes specialty retailers of electronic nicotine delivery systems to obtain a consumable hemp product retailer license without being required to obtain a liquor license. Effective October 1, 2026.

Act 2026-526 by Sen. Vivian Davis Figures **P T**

This act adds additional design requirements for the “Helping Schools” license plate. The act also authorizes an individual who was issued a prior version of the plate between March 1, 2025, and December 31, 2026, to receive a replacement plate at no charge during the registration year beginning January 1, 2027. Effective January 1, 2027.

Act 2026-536 by Sen. Arthur Orr **P S**

This act seeks to protect consumers from title fraud by criminalizing certain actions involving fraudulent sales and leases and expressly authorizes the Alabama Securities Commission to provide training and assistance to counties and their staffs on real estate fraud prevention and consumer education. Among other provisions, the act authorizes Probate Judges to work with the Securities Commission to establish a real property owner notification service, sets forth procedures for nullifying or expunging recorded instruments, and imposes requirements on remote electronic notarial acts. Effective October 1, 2026.

Act 2026-541 by Rep. Leigh Hulsey **P T**

This act authorizes an individual with an invisible disability, or the primary caretaker of an individual with an invisible disability, to apply to the county licensing official for an “Invisible Disability” license plate decal. Effective January 1, 2027.

OTHER STATEWIDE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE & COUNTY OPERATIONS —

Act 2026-555 by Rep. Chris Pringle

This act provides that any individual appointed to a board pursuant to state law by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, House Minority Leader or Senate Minority Leader serves at the pleasure of the appointing authority and may be removed at any time. The act does not authorize the Governor to remove an individual appointed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in an elected office, nor does it apply to the State Port Authority, the State Ethics Commission or higher education governing boards. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-557 by Rep. Curtis Travis **P T**

This act authorizes certain fire chaplains to obtain a firefighter distinctive license plate and makes it a Class C misdemeanor to falsely obtain or falsely certify an individual to obtain such a plate. **Effective January 1, 2027.**

Act 2026-574 by Rep. Rick Rehm

This act, in addition to making similar changes for state and private employment, authorizes counties to adopt ordinances granting hiring and promotion preference to eligible veterans, their spouses, the spouses of active duty service members and the surviving spouses of deceased eligible veterans. **Effective January 1, 2027.**

Act 2026-575 by Sen. Arthur Orr

This act establishes the Alabama Commission on the Evaluation of Services as a department of the Legislature and creates the Legislative Committee on the Evaluation of Services to oversee the Commission. The act also provides that the Commission will conduct evaluations of state agencies and their programs. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-592 by Sen. Arthur Orr

This act requires a public officer, when responding to a request under the Open Records Act for records relating to a public contract for goods or services, to redact account numbers, tax identification numbers, routing numbers, employee identification numbers, sensitive personally identifying information as defined in Section 8-38-2, and other similar information that could be used to initiate a financial transaction. The act also includes additional public records provisions applicable only to local boards of education. **Effective April 16, 2026.**

Act 2026-602 by Rep. Rex Reynolds **9**

This act makes supplemental appropriations from the Opioid Treatment and Abatement Fund for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, including \$7.5 million to the Alabama Department of Mental Health for co-occurring civil commitment beds and \$4 million for the 988 Crisis Line. **Effective June 1, 2026.**



OTHER STATEWIDE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— REVENUE & BUDGETS —

Act 2026-50 by Sen. Billy Beasley **R** **S**

This act establishes a new permitting scheme for interstate warehouse owners of tobacco products. The act also provides criminal and civil penalties for non-compliance with Alabama's tobacco laws. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-111 by Sen. Chris Elliott **R**

This act provides requirements for operating peer-to-peer car sharing programs and specifies when these programs are subject to rental tax. The act also requires the programs to collect and remit Jefferson County's local automobile rental tax. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-254 by Sen. Steve Livingston

This act excludes the purchase, design and installation of playground equipment from the requirements of Alabama's Public Works Law, providing for such contracts to be procured through other applicable competitive bid laws. **Effective June 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-265 by Rep. Troy Stubbs **P** **T**

This act authorizes local governments to establish a program under which the record owner of qualifying property, with the consent of all secured lienholders, may voluntarily agree to the imposition of assessments and a lien on the property to finance qualifying improvements, which may include measures related to resiliency, flood mitigation, energy conservation and efficiency, and water efficiency or quality. The act provides that upon execution of the appropriate agreements, the participating local government shall assign the assessment and the right to receive payments to the capital provider. The act further provides that the program does not apply to residential property with fewer than five units and grants liability protection to the local government and its officials and employees, acting in their official capacity, for decisions, discretionary actions, or the exercise of rights and responsibilities under this chapter. **Effective June 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-268 by Rep. Kenneth Paschal **T**

This act establishes a process by which certain veterans with 100 percent permanent and total disability may apply, prior to purchasing a house, for a tentative certificate of disability from the county tax assessing official and prohibits a settlement agent or loan closing officer from including ad valorem taxes in the calculation of debt-to-income ratio when such a certificate is provided. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-269 by Rep. Jim Hill **R**

This act authorizes the Alabama Administrative Office of Courts to establish a 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity in connection with continuing education for Justices, Judges, Circuit Clerks and court-supportive personnel. The act also exempts the Alabama Judicial College Education Fund from paying state sales and use taxes and authorizes counties and municipalities to opt in to providing local exemptions pursuant to Section 40-23-4.01, Code of Alabama 1975. **Effective May 1, 2026.**

OTHER STATEWIDE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— REVENUE & BUDGETS —

Act 2026-383 by Sen. Greg Albritton

This act appropriates funds from the State General Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, including \$1,829,250 designated toward the Stepping Up initiative. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-398 by Sen. Dan Roberts **R**

This act provides that on and after October 1, 2027, any mobile food unit holding a valid health inspection certificate issued by the county health department and a valid fire inspection certificate issued by a local fire department authorized by the State Fire Marshal is exempt from any further local government health or fire safety inspections. The act does nothing to prohibit a county from requiring a mobile food unit, as a condition of operating within the jurisdiction, to comply with applicable ordinances or regulations, including acquiring a business license. **Effective July 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-429 & Act 2026-430 by Rep. Rex Reynolds

These acts provide supplemental appropriations from the Rural Health Transformation Program to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2026, and September 30, 2027, including an allocation of up to \$5,085,108 per year for the EMS Treat-in-Place Initiative. **Effective April 10, 2026, for Act 2026-429 and effective October 1, 2026, for Act 2026-430.**

Act 2026-510 by Rep. David Faulkner **R**

This act repeals the existing state, county, and municipal sales and use tax exemption for certain community foundations and establishes a new state sales and use tax exemption for those entities, effective September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2031. The act also authorizes counties and municipalities to exempt these community foundations from county or municipal sales and use taxes in accordance with Section 40-23-4.01, Code of Alabama 1975. **Effective April 15, 2026, with the repeal of the existing tax exemption effective January 1, 2027.**

Act 2026-512 by Rep. Andy Whitt **R S**

This act establishes the following new categories of licenses issued by the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board: a hybrid craft alcoholic beverage complex license, a tasting room extension license, a brewpub license, a small craft distillery license and a small craft winery license. The act further provides that a tasting room extension licensee that sells alcoholic beverages at retail may collect and remit state and local taxes on alcoholic beverages sold at a public event in the same manner as other retail sales. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-548 by Rep. Norman Crow **R**

This act provides that, because pennies are no longer being minted, in person cash transactions must be rounded to the nearest five cents, but the rounding does not change the sales price or the amount of sales tax collected and does not apply to transactions in which payment is made to a governmental entity, including a county. **Effective April 16, 2026.**

OTHER STATEWIDE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— REVENUE & BUDGETS —

Act 2026-576 by Sen. Jabo Waggoner **R**

This act exempts Precision Ocular from state sales and use taxes from October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2031. The act also authorizes counties and municipalities to exempt Precision Ocular from county or municipal sales and use taxes pursuant to Section 40-23-4.01, Code of Alabama 1975. **Effective September 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-587 by Sen. Arthur Orr **R**

This act excludes credit card transaction fees from the calculation of sales and use taxes. **Effective September 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-588 by Sen. Bobby Singleton **P R T**

This act provides a limited exception to existing law by allowing a certificate of title to be issued, upon request of the current owner, for manufactured homes with a model year of 1999 or earlier, for which certificates of title are otherwise not issued. **Effective January 1, 2027.**

Act 2026-598 by Rep. Paul Lee **T**

This act provides that a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces who has been determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to be permanently and totally disabled is not required to annually claim or verify eligibility for their homestead exemption. This act further provides that the release from the annual verification requirement ends upon the veteran's death or the establishment of a new homestead. **Effective October 1, 2026.**



OTHER STATEWIDE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION & BENEFITS —

Act 2026-190 by Rep. Frances Holk-Jones

This act prohibits health benefit plans that cover supplemental breast examinations or diagnostic breast examinations from imposing any cost-sharing requirements on enrollees for such services. **Effective January 1, 2027.**

Act 2026-286 by Rep. Kenneth Paschal **S**

This act allows certain retirees, provided they meet minimum years of service in the Retirement Systems of Alabama, to work without suspension of their retirement allowances for up to \$52,000 a year as school resource officers, correctional officers, university police officers, Sheriff's deputies, municipal police officers, law enforcement officers, state policemen or assistant district attorneys. The act also authorizes retirees to work as full-time school bus drivers under certain conditions. **Effective June 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-333 by Sen. Arthur Orr

This act provides that if a member of a Retirement Systems of Alabama plan is convicted of certain public corruption offenses, the member's retirement contributions and interest shall be forfeited and applied toward restitution, with any remaining balance refunded to the member. If otherwise authorized by law, the act permits the use of public funds to defend public officials or public employees under investigation for committing a felony offense arising from or connected to their public service but prohibits the use of such funds once the individual is indicted for that offense. Lastly, the act requires a public official or public employee placed on paid leave during an investigation to repay all compensation received since the commission of the felony offense upon conviction. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-381 by Rep. Allen Treadaway **P S T**

This act establishes the Alabama Law Enforcement Officers' Family Scholarship Program and provides for its funding through appropriations from the Alabama Education Trust Fund, as well as proceeds generated by a blackout license plate to be made available beginning in 2027. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-525 by Sen. Jabo Waggoner

This act authorizes a member of the Teachers' Retirement System or the Employees' Retirement System, under certain circumstances, to purchase up to four years of creditable service for federal nonmilitary employment. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-559 by Rep. Anthony Daniels

This act prohibits insurance companies from discriminating against living organ donors and establishes "living donor leave" as a separate category of paid leave for public employees with at least one year of service with their employer, allowing up to 30 days for organ donation or up to seven days for bone marrow donation. The act requires an employee seeking this leave to submit a written request and a physician's note to their immediate supervisor, obtain the supervisor's recommendation, and receive approval from the appointing authority or executive head, and it prohibits an employer from discriminating against an employee for requesting or taking such leave. The act also provides a state income tax credit for employers that offer paid leave for the purpose of organ donation.

Effective October 1, 2026, with the income tax credit effective January 1, 2027.

OTHER STATEWIDE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION & BENEFITS —

Act 2026-571 by Rep. Kerry Underwood **S**

This act prohibits an individual from participating in both a supernumerary Sheriff program and the Employees' Retirement System based on the same period of service but permits an individual who independently qualifies for both programs to participate in both. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-589 by Sen. Arthur Orr

This act regulates the use of artificial intelligence by health benefit plan providers when making coverage decisions. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-604 by Rep. James Lomax **R**

This act authorizes a taxpayer to claim a state income tax deduction of up to \$1,000 per taxpayer for qualified overtime compensation received during the taxable year for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2028. The act also suspends state sales and use taxes on "food" from May 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026, but does not affect local sales and use taxes. **Effective October 1, 2026, for the state income tax deduction and effective April 16, 2026, for the state sales and use tax suspension on "food."**

Act 2026-608 by Sen. Greg Albritton

This act provides a 2 percent cost of living increase for state employees beginning October 1, 2026; however, the increase does not apply to any local supplement provided to a judge or to any other local employee whose salary is tied to that of a state employee. The act also provides a one time lump sum longevity bonus for certain state retirees and their beneficiaries in the Employees' Retirement System; authorizes County Commissions, by resolution adopted on or before August 31, 2026, to provide a comparable longevity bonus to certain county retirees and their beneficiaries; and provides that the longevity bonus be calculated at \$1 per month for each year of service attained by the retiree. **Effective April 16, 2026.**



OTHER STATEWIDE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT —

Act 2026-167 by Sen. Matt Woods

Designated as the Renewing Coal-Impacted Communities Act, this act charges the Alabama Department of Workforce with administering related economic and workforce development grants and identifies Fayette, Jefferson, Tuscaloosa and Walker counties as eligible coal-impacted communities. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-204 by Rep. Andy Whitt

This act amends the Sweet Home Alabama Tourism Investment Act to modify the definition of “certified tourism destination project;” make adjustments to the supplemental tax rebate; and require the approved company to certify its project costs using an independent certified public accountant. **Effective March 5, 2026.**

Act 2026-522 by Rep. Jamie Kiel

This act provides health care providers with liability protections under state and federal antitrust laws when they collaborate on certain activities under state supervision. **Effective April 15, 2026.**

Act 2026-533 by Sen. Bobby Singleton

This act allows local economic development organizations that co-own a site to apply jointly to the Alabama Department of Commerce as co-applicants under the Growing Alabama program. **Effective June 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-538 by Rep. James Lomax

This act increases the membership of the Alabama Workforce Board from 40 to 45 members and establishes what constitutes a quorum for conducting business. The act also increases the maximum number of members on each of the seven regional workforce boards established by the Alabama Department of Workforce from 20 to 25 members. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-540 by Rep. Terri Collins

This act amends the Entertainment Industry Incentive Act of 2009 by clarifying the eligibility of compensation paid to loan out companies, revising incentive requirements, establishing an additional incentive program for small productions and extending the deadline for evaluation of these incentives. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-547 by Rep. Andy Whitt

This act allows a Major 21st Century Manufacturing Zone to be located within a tax increment district regardless of the district’s size, authorizes the inclusion of a public entity’s land acquisition costs within the Zone as “project costs” that may be reimbursed using ad valorem tax revenue and expands the definition of a “Major 21st Century Manufacturing Zone” to include areas suitable for shipbuilding related facilities. **Effective April 16, 2026.**

OTHER STATEWIDE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT —

Act 2026-550 by Rep. Kelvin Lawrence

This act updates various tax abatements and incentives to reflect current NAICS codes and replaces references to the outdated Accelerate Alabama Strategic Economic Development Plan with the current CatALyst economic development plan, affecting Research and Development Corridors, the Tax Incentive Reform Act of 1992, the Alabama Reinvestment and Abatements Act, the Alabama Jobs Act and the Alabama Innovation Act. **Effective June 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-573 by Rep. Leigh Hulsey

This act revises the terms and conditions applicable to data processing centers that receive an abatement on or after January 1, 2027. **Effective June 1, 2026.**



OTHER STATEWIDE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— ELECTION ADMINISTRATION —

Act 2026-210 by Sen. Sam Givhan **P S T**

This act authorizes campaign contributions to be used to pay or reimburse the state or any county or municipality for security expenses to protect the safety of a state or local candidate, elected official, or immediate family member or staff member of a candidate or elected official. The act further defines the types of qualified “security expenses” and also clarifies that neither the state, a county nor a municipality is required to provide security solely on the basis of this act. **Effective March 5, 2026.**

Act 2026-266 by Rep. James Lomax

This act prohibits foreign nationals from contributing to Alabama campaigns, non-candidate elections, state or local political parties, or political action committees, and further prohibits any person, political party, political action committee, or principal campaign committee from soliciting, accepting or receiving a contribution from a foreign national. The act provides that violations of either prohibition constitute a Class C felony. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-433 by Rep. Joe Lovvorn **P S**

This act requires each Probate Judge to order a post election audit following every countywide and statewide general election. The act directs the canvassing board to select at least one precinct and at least one statewide or countywide race for audit, excluding any race subject to a recount, and requires the audit to begin no earlier than 31 days after the election or the expiration of the period for filing an election contest, whichever occurs first, and to be completed within 30 days. The act further provides that all county expenses incurred in conducting the audit are to be fully reimbursed by the Comptroller. **Effective April 13, 2026.**

Act 2026-531 by Sen. Linda Coleman-Madison **P**

This act requires the Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles to establish an online application for individuals seeking restoration of their voting rights. The act provides that, if the Board issues a Certificate of Eligibility to Register to Vote, it must post on its website the Alabama Institutional Serial number of the individual whose voting rights have been restored and the county of residence, if provided in the application. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-543 by Sen. Sam Givhan **P S T**

This act removes the requirement that a candidate who has already filed a current Statement of Economic Interests for a reason other than candidacy provide proof of that filing to the Ethics Commission or file a new or amended statement. The act instead requires an election official to immediately notify a candidate of any lack of compliance, and it further provides that, upon notification, the candidate has an additional five days to submit proof of filing. **Effective April 15, 2026.**

OTHER STATEWIDE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— ELECTION ADMINISTRATION —

Act 2026-570 by Rep. Jamie Kiel **P**

This act caps the fee that the Alabama Secretary of State may charge for an electronic voter list at \$1,000 per list and protects certain voter information from disclosure, including Social Security numbers, driver's license numbers, email addresses, telephone numbers and the voter information of certain protected individuals. The act allows new or updated registrants to elect to make their telephone numbers available for dissemination and further prohibits the use of a voter list or voter information for commercial purposes. **Effective June 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-583 by Sen. Vivian Figures

This act allows political action committees, principal campaign committees, and other persons required to file reports or statements under the Fair Campaign Practices Act to destroy those records after four years have lapsed. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-596 by Sen. Arthur Orr

This act prohibits principal campaign committees, political action committees and political parties from accepting credit card contributions with a billing address outside the United States, except when the contribution is made by a U.S. citizen residing abroad who provides the mailing address used for voter registration purposes. The act also requires the names and addresses of contributors be maintained for purposes of reporting under the Fair Campaign Practices Act and mandates verification values or codes be provided for credit card contributions. **Effective October 1, 2026.**



OTHER STATEWIDE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— PRISONS & COUNTY JAILS —

Act 2026-55 by Rep. Matt Simpson **S**

This act adds the following crimes to the list of capital offenses: rape in the first degree when the victim is younger than 12, sodomy in the first degree when the victim is younger than 12 and sexual torture when the victim is younger than 12. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-403 by Rep. Jim Hill **S**

This act changes the date on which a member's appointment to the Board of Pardons and Paroles begins. The act also provides that a defendant serving a sentence in a community corrections program who is subsequently convicted in another case and sentenced to the Alabama Department of Corrections must be immediately removed from community corrections supervision to serve the prison sentence and that the community corrections sentence is tolled during the period of confinement. **Effective October 1, 2026, for the Board of Pardons and Paroles provisions and effective April 9, 2026, for the community corrections provisions.**

Act 2026-524 by Sen. Sam Givhan **S**

This act provides that when parole revocation is based solely on an arrest for a new offense, the Board of Pardons and Paroles may place the parolee on the next practicable docket if the parolee is found not guilty, the offense is dismissed, or the offense is nolle prossed (dismissed) with prejudice and without conditions. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-542 by Rep. Chip Brown **S**

This act, among other changes affecting the bail and surety bonding industry, expands the membership of the Alabama Professional Bail Bonding Board to most notably include a serving Sheriff, who shall be nominated by the Alabama Sheriffs Association and appointed by the Governor from a list of four nominees. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-569 by Rep. Ontario Tillman **S**

This act provides for the continuance of criminal or civil cases when certain parties are unable to appear due to active duty service with the U.S. National Guard or Armed Forces. The act authorizes the court, if such a continuance is granted in a criminal case, to set bail under certain circumstances. **Effective October 1, 2026.**



OTHER STATEWIDE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY —

Act 2026-17 by Sen. Lance Bell **S**

This act specifies the circumstances under which a law enforcement officer or private citizen may, without a warrant, arrest a person charged with a crime in another state. The act also provides the circumstances under which an out-of-state law enforcement officer may, while engaged in “fresh pursuit” as defined in the act of an individual believed to have committed a felony in that state, arrest an individual in Alabama. **Effective January 30, 2026.**

Act 2026-64 by Sen. David Sessions **S**

This act raises the criminal penalties for deadly motor vehicle crashes that involve driving under the influence or hit-and-runs. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-186 by Rep. Tashina Morris

This act requires the Alabama Department of Public Health to count an individual’s education, training and experience obtained through certain military service toward the qualifications for Emergency Medical Services Personnel licensure, provided the individual also successfully passes the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians examination. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-220 by Sen. Lance Bell **S**

This act relates to the operation of commercial vehicles in Alabama and requires holders of commercial driver licenses (CDL) issued by a foreign country to possess a valid U.S. work authorization and demonstrate English language proficiency. The act further creates the crimes of presenting a false foreign CDL, operating a commercial motor vehicle without proper documentation, and operating a commercial motor vehicle without sufficient English language proficiency, and it establishes impoundment procedures for commercial vehicles involved in a violation. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-226 by Sen. Rodger Smitherman **P**

This act allows will contests and estate administration to be removed from probate court without assigning special equity. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-263 by Rep. Allen Treadaway **S**

This act allows a person in possession of a towed motor vehicle to report the vehicle immediately upon towing to the Alabama Department of Revenue’s Unclaimed/Abandoned Vehicle Portal. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-282 by Rep. Ontario Tillman **P S T**

This act authorizes the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency to issue digital driver’s licenses and nondriver identification cards and permits the agency to charge an additional issuance fee of up to \$15, to be deposited into the Public Safety Fund in the State Treasury. The act further directs judges, law enforcement officers, and state and local governmental entities to recognize these digital documents in the same manner as physical driver’s licenses or nondriver identification cards. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

OTHER STATEWIDE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY —

Act 2026-287 by Sen. Keith Kelley **P** **T**

This act prohibits individuals convicted of certain crimes from benefiting from the victim's death through wills, joint tenancy in property, life insurance, or any other acquisition of property or interest. The act requires courts to record the convictions of felonious and intentional killing, elder abuse or neglect, and financial exploitation of an elderly person in the probate office of each county where the victim owns or owned property. The act also provides liability protection for counties, county officials and agents acting on their behalf. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-297 by Sen. Gerald Allen **M**

This act authorizes the Director of the Alabama Emergency Management Agency to purchase items that are reasonably necessary to promote the agency's assigned functions, including materials to educate the public on emergency preparedness. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-306 by Rep. Neil Rafferty **S**

This act prohibits the operation of unmanned aircraft systems within or above 400 feet of a ticketed entertainment event, subject to certain exceptions. The act provides that first violations are punishable by a fine of up to \$500, and second or subsequent violations are punishable by a Class A misdemeanor. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-316 by Rep. Napoleon Bracy **S**

This act makes it a Class C misdemeanor for an individual lawfully released from custody, with or without bail, to violate any condition of court-ordered electronic monitoring. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-367 by Rep. James Lomax **S**

This act amends the offenses of making a terrorist threat in the first and second degrees, increases the associated criminal penalties, and requires restitution of up to \$10,000 upon a finding of guilt, including restitution to any local government that responded to the incident. The act also requires school principals to notify law enforcement of terrorist threats and establishes disciplinary standards for such incidents in public schools. **Effective July 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-368 by Rep. David Faulkner **M**

This act requires camp operators, beginning in 2027, to obtain an emergency preparedness license from the Alabama Emergency Management Agency. The act further requires an operator's emergency plan include procedures for notifying the local emergency management organization and requires the state agency to furnish an approved copy of the plan to the local organization. The act also establishes a Youth Camp Safety Advisory Council, on which the Alabama Association of Emergency Managers shall have a representative.

Effective January 1, 2027, with the Youth Camp Safety Advisory Council effective April 8, 2026.

Act 2026-370 by Rep. Tracy Estes **S**

This act amends the offense of assault in the second degree to include situations in which a person, other than a student or school employee, intentionally causes physical injury to any individual while intending to injure a child who is in an educational environment. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

OTHER STATEWIDE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY —

Act 2026-374 by Sen. Lance Bell **S**

This act requires law enforcement agencies to collect certain information for the state's biometric identification repository and establishes the Alabama Background Check Service and the Alabama Rap Back Program. The act further authorizes the Alabama Justice Information Commission and the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency to adopt the rules necessary to implement these provisions. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-375 by Sen. Vivian Figures **S**

This act amends or creates several criminal offenses, including kidnapping, indecent exposure, transmitting obscene material to a child, traveling to meet a child for an unlawful sex act, directing a child to engage in sexual intercourse, sodomy, or sexual contact, inpatient custodial sexual misconduct, and unlawfully penalizing an employee solely for reporting suspected child abuse or neglect. The act also adds voyeurism to the list of offenses classified as sex crimes and requires mandatory reporters to submit a written report within 72 hours after making an oral report of suspected child abuse or neglect to law enforcement or the Department of Human Resources. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-382 by Sen. Lance Bell **S**

This act expands the circumstances under which the crime of eluding or attempting to elude a law enforcement officer is subject to enhanced criminal penalties and establishes mandatory minimum periods of confinement for repeat offenses. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-401 by Rep. Chris Sells **S**

This act amends the offense of reckless endangerment to include circumstances in which a person recklessly engages in conduct that creates a substantial risk of serious physical injury to multiple individuals. The act provides that when the substantial risk of serious physical injury affects multiple individuals, the offense is classified as a Class C felony rather than a Class A misdemeanor. This act further provides that if a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument is used in the commission of the offense, the criminal penalty is elevated to a Class B felony. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-475 by Sen. Josh Carnley **E S**

This act creates a pilot program for automated photographic speed enforcement systems in active work zones on state, U.S. and interstate highways, to be jointly administered by the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency and the Alabama Department of Transportation. The act provides for the issuance of automated speeding citations carrying a \$250 civil penalty, establishes an appeals process for violations, and provides that civil penalties collected under the program will be distributed evenly between the aforementioned state agencies for implementation and work zone safety purposes. **Effective April 14, 2026, and scheduled to sunset September 30, 2028.**

Act 2026-487 by Rep. Russell Bedsole **S**

This act extends the deadline for filing a claim with the Alabama Crime Victims Compensation Commission from one year to two years after the injury or death. The act also allows a claimant to file a claim beyond the deadline in certain circumstances upon a showing of good cause. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

OTHER STATEWIDE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY —

Act 2026-488 by Rep. David Faulkner **P S**

This act makes various changes affecting guardianships, conservatorships, and other protective proceedings commencing on or after January 1, 2027. The act's changes include allowing removal to circuit court, requiring guardians ad litem to complete a training program approved by the Alabama Probate Judges Association and the Alabama Law Institute, and providing for temporary or emergency guardians and conservators. The act further provides that a Sheriff may not be appointed as a temporary or emergency guardian or conservator without the Sheriff's consent.

Effective January 1, 2027.

Act 2026-493 by Rep. David Faulkner **S**

This act adds a legal presumption that self defense or defense of others was not justified if the defendant concealed, altered, destroyed or disposed of the weapon used in the alleged offense. The act provides an exception if the defendant voluntarily surrendered the unaltered weapon to law enforcement after reaching safety and without undue delay following the alleged offense. Effective October 1, 2026.

Act 2026-498 by Sen. Tim Melson **P S T**

This act prohibits an individual from parking in a space designated for persons with disabilities unless the individual is the lawful holder of a disability access license plate or placard or is transporting a passenger who is a lawful holder. The act also provides that a removable windshield placard issued to an individual with a disability expires one week after the individual's death and requires the executor of the individual's estate to notify the local licensing official of the death at the time of probate proceedings or within 90 days, whichever occurs first. Beginning January 1, 2027, the act further requires the Alabama Department of Revenue to implement an electronic scanning system for disability placards.

Effective October 1, 2026.

Act 2026-515 by Rep. David Faulkner **S**

This act amends the crime of arson in the first degree to include situations in which a fire or explosion is set in connection with or to facilitate a theft resulting in damages of \$25,000 or more, and it imposes a mandatory term of imprisonment for arson in the first degree. Effective October 1, 2026.

Act 2026-530 by Sen. Merika Coleman **S**

This act amends the crime of sexual torture to include penetration of the penile opening. Effective October 1, 2026.

Act 2026-535 by Sen. Arthur Orr **S**

This act makes a second or subsequent conviction of stalking in the second degree a Class C felony.

Effective October 1, 2026.

Act 2026-558 by Rep. Mack Butler **S**

This act increases the criminal penalty for shooting a firearm into an occupied school bus or an occupied school building from a Class B felony to a Class A felony. Effective October 1, 2026.

OTHER STATEWIDE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY —

Act 2026-607 by Sen. Steve Livingston

This act reconstitutes the Alabama Resilience Council as an appointed advisory body within the executive branch and provides for the appointment of its voting and nonvoting members. The act also establishes the Office of Risk and Resilience within the Alabama Department of Insurance and authorizes the Commissioner to designate a Chief Resilience Officer. **Effective October 1, 2026.**



OTHER STATEWIDE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— ENVIRONMENT, LAND USE & PUBLIC WORKS —

Act 2026-396 by Sen. Clyde Chambliss **E**

This act exempts certain services from the general contracting law, such as those related to routine or regular maintenance, repair, or removal of certain existing systems involving security, lighting, plumbing, air conditioning and electrical infrastructure. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-402 by Rep. Chris Sells **E M S**

This act makes several changes relating to the Alabama Forestry Commission. Notably, the act requires individuals to obtain a burn permit from the Forestry Commission before conducting a prescribed burn and makes failure to obtain such a permit punishable by a Class B misdemeanor. The act also authorizes the State Forester to declare a wildfire alert when conditions present a heightened level of danger from fire or smoke. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-482 by Sen. Clyde Chambliss **E M**

This act places the Alabama Emergency Management Agency in charge of administering the voluntary Alabama Dam Safety Program and requires local emergency management agencies to transfer any related records and information to the state agency no later than January 1, 2027. The act also allows a local emergency management agency to retain copies of the information to facilitate appropriate action in the event of an emergency. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-505 by Sen. Gerald Allen

This act expands the prohibition on smoking in public places by amending the definition of “smoking” to include the use of an electronic nicotine delivery system. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-506 by Sen. Wes Kitchens **E**

This act provides an exemption from solid waste fees for any household whose sole source of income is veteran benefits, with such income at or below the current federal poverty level. The act provides that if a household’s income exceeds the federal poverty level, the exemption shall not apply unless the County Commission or municipality has adopted a resolution granting an exemption for such households. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-562 by Rep. Rex Reynolds **M**

This act authorizes the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs to contract with statewide resiliency organizations to provide weatherization assistance to eligible individuals using Neighbors Helping Neighbors funding and broadens the eligibility requirements for the program. The act also removes prior authorization for county governments to provide this assistance. **Effective June 1, 2026.**



LOCAL BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— AUTAUGA —

Act 2026-362 by Rep. Van Smith

This act levies a 0.5 percent sales and use tax and a 3 percent rental tax, with the proceeds to be deposited into the County General Fund. **Effective September 1, 2026.**

— BALDWIN —

Act 2026-102 by Rep. Matt Simpson

This act alters, rearranges, and extends the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Daphne. **Effective February 24, 2026.**

Act 2026-109 by Rep. Jennifer Fidler

This act alters, rearranges, and extends the boundary lines and corporate limits of the Town of Magnolia Springs. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

— BARBOUR —

Act 2026-239 by Sen. Billy Beasley

This act provides the Coroner with a mileage reimbursement rate equal to the Internal Revenue Service's business use rate that shall be paid from the County General Fund. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

— BLOUNT —

Act 2026-30 by Rep. David Standridge

This proposed local constitutional amendment authorizes the Probate Judge to exercise equity jurisdiction concurrent with the circuit court in cases originally filed in the probate court if the Probate Judge is licensed to practice law in the State of Alabama. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

Act 2026-140 by Rep. David Standridge

This proposed local constitutional amendment allows qualified individuals age 65 or older to claim a new senior property tax exemption if certain conditions are met. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

Act 2026-199 by Rep. David Standridge

This act authorizes the County Commission to raise the rate of the existing local lodgings tax by 1 percent and to levy an additional lodgings tax in an amount not to exceed \$3 per room per night. The act provides for the proceeds of both levies to be used for tourism promotion, county beautification, park and recreation project support, and covered bridge maintenance. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

— CHAMBERS —

Act 2026-348 by Sen. Randy Price

This act alters, rearranges, and extends the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Valley. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

LOCAL BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— CHILTON —

Act 2026-227 by Rep. Van Smith

This proposed local constitutional amendment allows qualified individuals age 65 or older to claim a new senior property tax exemption if certain conditions are met. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

Act 2026-489 by Rep. Van Smith

This act authorizes the Jemison City Council, by resolution, to allow the sale or distribution of draft beer by Alabama ABC Board retail licensees within the city. **Effective April 14, 2026.**

— CHOCTAW —

Act 2026-546 by Rep. Brett Easterbrook

This act allows the County Commission, after holding a public hearing and adopting a resolution containing specified information, to levy an ad valorem tax of up to 5 mills for five tax years. The act requires the tax be approved by referendum and used exclusively for county road and bridge improvements. **Effective April 16, 2026.**

— CLARKE —

Act 2026-191 by Rep. Thomas Jackson

This proposed local constitutional amendment allows qualified individuals age 65 or older to claim a new senior property tax exemption if certain conditions are met. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

— CLEBURNE —

Act 2026-154 by Rep. Chad Robertson

This act establishes the County Economic Development Authority and its governance. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-415 by Rep. Chad Robertson

This act provides for the electronic filing of business personal property tax returns and authorizes the Revenue Commissioner to establish procedures for such filings. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

— COLBERT —

Act 2026-28 by Rep. Jamie Kiel

This proposed local constitutional amendment allows qualified individuals age 65 or older to claim a new senior property tax exemption if certain conditions are met. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

— COOSA —

Act 2026-245 by Rep. Ben Robbins

This act sets the compensation of the Probate Judge, Sheriff and Revenue Commissioner. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

— COVINGTON —

Act 2026-3 by Rep. Matthew Hammett

This proposed local constitutional amendment authorizes the Probate Judge to exercise equity jurisdiction concurrent with the circuit court in cases originally filed in the probate court if the Probate Judge is licensed to practice law in the State of Alabama. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

LOCAL BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— COVINGTON —

Act 2026-219 by Rep. Matthew Hammett

This proposed local constitutional amendment allows qualified individuals age 65 or older to claim a new senior property tax exemption if certain conditions are met. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

Act 2026-322 by Rep. Matthew Hammett

This proposed local constitutional amendment authorizes the Sheriff to sell abandoned, stolen, and unclaimed personal property and firearms using certain procedures and directs the proceeds to be deposited into the Sheriff's Fund and used exclusively for law enforcement purposes at the Sheriff's discretion. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

— CRENSHAW —

Act 2026-302 by Sen. Will Barfoot

This act establishes a procedure for certain law enforcement officers to take an individual into protective custody if the officer has reasonable cause to believe the individual is mentally ill and is an immediate danger to himself/herself or others. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

— CULLMAN —

Act 2026-2 by Sen. Garlan Gudger

This act repeals Act 2025-294 regarding annexation of a specific community development district in the county. **Effective January 22, 2026.**

Act 2026-141 by Rep. Heath Allbright

This proposed local constitutional amendment allows qualified individuals age 65 or older to claim a new senior property tax exemption if certain conditions are met. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

Act 2026-296 by Rep. Heath Allbright

This act eliminates the requirement for the County Commission to hold at least one meeting per month after 6 p.m. and authorizes the Commission to schedule and hold meetings in accordance with general law. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

— ELMORE —

Act 2026-151 by Rep. Reed Ingram

This act sets the issuance fee for a county pistol permit at \$20. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-213 by Rep. Troy Stubbs

This act provides for the expense allowance and salary of the members of the Tallassee City Board of Education. **Effective June 1, 2026.**

— ESCAMBIA —

Act 2026-23 by Rep. Alan Baker

This act authorizes the County Commission, prior to December 1, 2026, to levy an additional motor vehicle license and registration issuance fee of up to \$5 for distribution to the Sheriff's Law Enforcement Fund for law enforcement purposes. If levied, this additional fee would be imposed for the motor vehicle license and registration year beginning January 1, 2027. **Effective June 1, 2026.**

LOCAL BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— ESCAMBIA —

Act 2026-24 by Rep. Alan Baker

This act authorizes the Sheriff to establish procedures for using a credit or debit card to make purchases. Nothing in the act authorizes the Sheriff to expend funds in excess of those otherwise validly appropriated by law or to establish a debt of the County Commission. **Effective June 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-62 by Rep. Alan Baker

This proposed local constitutional amendment allows the district court to hold court in the county courthouse for cases arising under the ordinances of any municipality in the county in which there is no municipal court.

Effective upon approval of a local referendum.

Act 2026-184 by Rep. Alan Baker

This act adds another qualification to serve as Sheriff by requiring any individual retired from active law enforcement to have three or more years of full-time post-retirement law enforcement service prior to the date of qualifying.

Effective June 1, 2026.

Act 2026-185 by Rep. Alan Baker

This act authorizes any municipality in the county to contract with the Sheriff for police services, including the enforcement of municipal ordinances, and requires each contract be approved by the Sheriff and County Commission.

The act also allows the County Commission to provide a supplemental salary to the Sheriff for the performance of additional duties relating to contracted municipal police services. **Effective June 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-200 by Rep. Alan Baker

This act establishes a schedule for probate court fees in lieu of the fees prescribed by general law.

Effective October 1, 2026.

Act 2026-201 by Rep. Alan Baker

This act makes several administrative changes to the county's cigarette and beer tax and authorizes the County Commission to employ inspectors to assist the Probate Judge in enforcing the beer tax. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-485 by Rep. Alan Baker

This act authorizes any municipality in the county to operate an automated photographic speeding enforcement system and establishes civil fines for violations. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

— ETOWAH —

Act 2026-150 by Rep. Mack Butler

This act repeals a local law requiring an alternative process for filling vacancies in county elected offices.

Effective October 1, 2026.

Act 2026-276 by Rep. Mack Butler

This proposed local constitutional amendment repeals a constitutional provision requiring voter approval to annex any territory within the county into any municipality not located wholly within the county's boundaries before January 1, 1986.

Effective upon approval of a local referendum.

LOCAL BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— ETOWAH —

Act 2026-494 by Rep. Mack Butler

This act repeals four local laws: one requiring the county to pay health insurance premiums for laid off employees; one authorizing the County Commission to provide equipment repairs and fuel at cost to certain charitable and volunteer organizations; one relating to the use of mechanical or facsimile signature devices on warrants or checks; and one pertaining to event licenses. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-563 by Rep. Mack Butler

This act excludes accommodations supplied for a period of 180 continuous days or more from certain county lodging taxes. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-564 by Rep. Mack Butler

This act excludes accommodations supplied for 180 continuous days or more from the county lodging tax. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-567 by Rep. Mack Butler

This act modifies the membership of the county personnel board. **Effective July 1, 2026.**

— FAYETTE —

Act 2026-32 by Rep. Bryan Brinyark

This proposed local constitutional amendment allows qualified individuals age 65 or older to claim a new senior property tax exemption if certain conditions are met. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

— FRANKLIN —

Act 2026-29 by Rep. Jamie Kiel

This proposed local constitutional amendment allows qualified individuals age 65 or older to claim a new senior property tax exemption if certain conditions are met. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

— HENRY —

Act 2026-22 by Rep. Rick Rehm

This act authorizes the County Commission to furnish the County Coroner and the Deputy Coroner with a county vehicle and gas card and to reimburse the Coroner and Deputy Coroner for expenses related to state-mandated training or continuing education. **Effective February 3, 2026.**

Act 2026-25 by Rep. Rick Rehm

This act provides for the sale, use, and destruction of certain abandoned, stolen, and unclaimed property by the Sheriff's Office and any task force of the office. **Effective May 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-26 by Rep. Rick Rehm

This act adds recreational vehicle parks to the list of accommodations subject to the county lodging tax. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-27 by Rep. Rick Rehm

This act abolishes the Southeast Alabama Human Development Council and provides for the Alabama Department of Youth Services to assume its duties. **Effective June 1, 2026.**

LOCAL BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— HENRY —

Act 2026-143 by Rep. Rick Rehm

This proposed local constitutional amendment allows qualified individuals age 65 or older to claim a senior property tax assessment if certain conditions are met. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

Act 2026-188 by Rep. Rick Rehm

This act changes the distribution of a special transaction fee collected by the Probate Judge, directing the first \$2 to be used at the Probate Judge's discretion and for the remainder to be sent to the County General Fund. The act also allows the Probate Judge to transfer the former portion of the funds into the County General Fund at his or her discretion. **Effective March 5, 2026.**

Act 2026-342 by Rep. Rick Rehm

This act provides the Sheriff with an additional expense allowance to begin on June 1, 2026, and to roll into salary on January 18, 2027. The act also provides an 8 percent increase for each second or subsequent successive term of the Sheriff but excludes the Sheriff from any uniform increases under the Omnibus Pay Act. **Effective June 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-363 by Sen. Billy Beasley

This proposed local constitutional amendment levies a 3-mill ad valorem tax on all taxable property located in the county and south of Sandy Creek to support public school projects in Headland, effective for tax years beginning October 1, 2027, and continuing through September 30, 2034. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

— HOUSTON —

Act 2026-127 by Rep. Paul Lee

This act extends the term of a temporary Probate Judge's appointment from 90 days to 180 days but maintains that a temporary Probate Judge may not preside over hearings more than 200 days during any fiscal year. The act also raises the compensation of temporary Probate Judges. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-212 by Rep. Paul Lee

This act relieves the Probate Judge of duties involving selling or redeeming land for taxes and shifts those duties to the Revenue Commissioner. **Effective March 6, 2026.**

— JEFFERSON —

Act 2026-105 by Rep. Jim Carns

This act authorizes the City Council of Vestavia Hills to establish up to five entertainment districts. **Effective February 24, 2026.**

Act 2026-106 by Rep. Danny Garrett

This act authorizes the City of Trussville to opt out of the county personnel board's jurisdiction and create its own civil service system. The act also repeals a prior law with the same goal and ratifies past actions. **Effective February 24, 2026.**

Act 2026-108 by Rep. Allen Treadaway

This act alters, rearranges, and extends the boundary lines and corporate limits of the Town of Morris. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

LOCAL BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— JEFFERSON —

Act 2026-110 by Rep. Allen Treadaway

This act provides for the appointment and service of special reserve deputies under emergency writ conditions. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-300 by Sen. Linda Coleman-Madison

This act authorizes the Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority to participate in lawful business organizations, establish subsidiaries or affiliates, and arrange for loans. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-511 by Rep. Mary Moore

This act authorizes a Class 1 municipality to adopt a vacant property registration ordinance consistent with the act's provisions. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-545 by Rep. Neil Rafferty

This act authorizes a Class 1 municipality to create one or more community land trusts, establishes the powers of those trusts and provides limited ad valorem tax exemptions for certain community land trust properties. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

— LAMAR —

Act 2026-20 by Rep. Tracy Estes

This act changes the distribution of a special county tax, eliminating the requirement that a quarter of the County Commission's revenue for road construction and maintenance be spent in each district. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-21 by Rep. Tracy Estes

This act revises the process the County Commission must follow to sell or dispose of real or tangible personal property. **Effective June 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-89 by Sen. Matt Woods

This proposed local constitutional amendment allows qualified individuals age 65 or older to claim a new senior property tax exemption if certain conditions are met. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

— LAUDERDALE —

Act 2026-497 by Sen. Tim Melson

This act amends the law governing the County Agriculture Center Authority by authorizing the board of directors to fill vacancies on the board, permitting the agriculture authority to procure goods and services through certain purchasing cooperatives, and modifying the taxes that must be rebated from a local taxing authority to the agriculture authority. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

— LAWRENCE —

Act 2026-120 by Rep. Ernie Yarbrough

This proposed local constitutional amendment allows qualified individuals age 65 or older to claim a new senior property tax exemption if certain conditions are met. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

LOCAL BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— LAWRENCE —

Act 2026-312 by Rep. Ernie Yarbrough

This act uses the end of the fiscal year, rather than the calendar year, to determine whether there are surplus funds in the County Community Corrections and Court Services Fund that may be transferred to the County General Fund; establishes a timeframe for the clerk to remit certain monies to the Fund; and amends the effective date for municipal participation in the work release program. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-340 by Rep. Ernie Yarbrough

This act authorizes the Sheriff to establish procedures for using a credit or debit card for purchases to be paid solely from the Sheriff's Discretionary Fund. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

— LIMESTONE —

Act 2026-86 by Rep. Danny Crawford

This proposed local constitutional amendment allows qualified individuals age 65 or older to claim a new senior property tax exemption if certain conditions are met. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

Act 2026-228 by Rep. Danny Crawford

This act "unties" the Sheriff's compensation from being calculated based on the Circuit Judge's compensation, beginning January 18, 2027. The act further provides for the Sheriff's base annual salary to be \$149,000 per annum. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-244 by Rep. Danny Crawford

This act requires the County Commission to set the amount for and establish by resolution an expense allowance for members of the Board of Registrars. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

— MACON —

Act 2026-344 by Rep. Pebblin Warren

This proposed local constitutional amendment allows a person age 75 or younger at the time of qualifying or at the time of appointment to hold the office of Probate Judge. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

— MADISON —

Act 2026-323 by Rep. Andy Whitt

This proposed local constitutional amendment places under the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission certain privately-owned sewer systems that utilize public rights-of-way. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

Act 2026-500 by Sen. Wes Kitchens

This act alters, rearranges, and extends the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Owens Cross Roads. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

— MARENGO —

Act 2026-413 by Rep. A.J. McCampbell

This act alters, rearranges, and extends the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Demopolis. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

LOCAL BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— MARSHALL —

Act 2026-5 by Rep. Brock Colvin & Act 2026-14 by Sen. Wes Kitchens

These acts provide for the presiding Circuit Judge and District Judge, Probate Judge, Circuit Clerk and Sheriff to serve on the committee responsible for selecting the custodian of voting tabulators. The acts also clarify the responsibilities of the custodian and increase the custodian's compensation on July 1, 2026. **Effective June 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-19 by Sen. Wes Kitchens & Act 2026-38 by Rep. Brock Colvin

These acts establish the annual salary of the Revenue Commissioner, beginning with the next term of office. **Effective July 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-36 by Sen. Wes Kitchens

This act authorizes the Sheriff to conduct an online auction to sell abandoned and stolen property recovered by the Sheriff's department and unclaimed by the owner for at least 12 consecutive months. The act also provides for the disposition of abandoned or stolen firearms not subject to disposition by general law. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-240 by Sen. Wes Kitchens

This act establishes a process for the County Commission to annex new areas into existing volunteer fire districts. The act also further defines properties subject to a fire service fee, establishes delinquent and citation fees, and requires the issuance of monthly financial reports. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

— MOBILE —

Act 2026-18 by Sen. David Sessions

This act repeals the State Pilotage Commission and certain laws regulating bar pilots in Alabama. **Effective June 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-103 by Rep. Chip Brown

This act provides a definition of "residence" to be used for the purpose of fire service fees. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-104 by Rep. Margie Wilcox

This act increases the percentage of the total value of equalized taxable property within a Class 2 municipality that may be included in a tax increment district. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-258 by Rep. Mark Shirey

This proposed local constitutional amendment allows qualified individuals age 65 or older to claim a new senior property tax exemption if certain conditions are met and raises the annual adjusted gross income limit used for a county homestead exemption to \$50,000. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

Act 2026-347 by Sen. David Sessions & Act 2026-352 by Rep. Chip Brown

These acts reauthorize the Probate Judge to appoint temporary Probate Judges. **Effective June 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-360 by Sen. Vivian Figures & Act 2026-412 by Rep. Chris Pringle

These acts further provide for the powers of certain industrial development boards in the City of Mobile. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

LOCAL BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— MOBILE —

Act 2026-361 by Rep. Barbara Drummond 💰

This act modifies the procedures a Class 2 municipality must follow when enforcing municipal code liens through judicial in rem foreclosure – including requiring the city to notify the county’s ad valorem tax collecting official, rather than notifying all taxing authorities, of its intention to file a petition. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-407 by Rep. Barbara Drummond 💰

This act, which applies only to Class 2 municipalities, adds adjoining homeowners as interested parties that must receive notice of municipal lien foreclosures and allows those adjoining homeowners to have bidding preference in foreclosures. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-408 by Rep. Napoleon Bracy 💰

This act addresses public nuisances in the City of Prichard, requiring the County Revenue Commissioner to add nuisance lien costs to the next regular ad valorem tax bill and to enforce the lien in the same manner as ad valorem taxes. The act further provides that if foreclosure and sale occur due to the nuisance lien, the City shall reimburse the Revenue Commissioner’s Office for related costs, unless such costs are collected at the time of sale. **Effective June 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-409 by Rep. Napoleon Bracy

This act creates three constable positions for each Alabama House of Representatives district in the county, effective with terms commencing in 2029, and prescribes the term of office and qualifications of constables. **Effective January 1, 2028.**

Act 2026-410 by Rep. Napoleon Bracy 💰

This act establishes procedures for the establishment, operation, modification, renewal and dissolution of self-help business improvement districts in the City of Prichard. **Effective April 9, 2026.**

Act 2026-411 by Rep. Napoleon Bracy 💰

This act establishes an expedited process to clear title to abandoned tax sale properties located within the City of Prichard that are acquired from the State Land Commissioner. **Effective June 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-416 by Rep. Shane Stringer 💰

This act alters, rearranges, and extends the boundary lines and corporate limits of the Town of Mt. Vernon. **Effective October 1, 2025.**

Act 2026-490 by Rep. Sam Jones 💰 & Act 2026-499 by Sen. Jack Williams 💰

These acts alter, rearrange, and extend the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Semmes. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

— MONROE —

Act 2026-182 by Rep. Thomas Jackson 💰

This act alters, rearranges, and extends the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Monroeville. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

LOCAL BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— MONROE —

Act 2026-278 by Rep. Thomas Jackson

This proposed local constitutional amendment allows qualified individuals age 65 or older to claim a new senior property tax exemption if certain conditions are met. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

— MONTGOMERY —

Act 2026-236 by Sen. Kirk Hatcher

This act increases the salary and expense allowance of the Sheriff when he or she has served two or more consecutive terms. **Effective April 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-293 by Rep. Tashina Morris

This act authorizes the Probate Judge to conduct fundraising events and ratifies and confirms past actions. **Effective March 30, 2026.**

Act 2026-294 by Rep. Phillip Ensler

This act authorizes the Probate Judge to charge a reasonable fee for each will filed in the probate office. **Effective March 30, 2026.**

Act 2026-295 by Rep. Patrice McClammy

This act authorizes the Probate Judge to establish procedures for the use of a credit card issued to the probate court's office. **Effective March 30, 2026.**

Act 2026-326 by Sen. Will Barfoot & Act 2026-339 by Rep. Reed Ingram

These acts provide that the individual serving as Probate Judge on June 1, 2025, in lieu of any other salary, shall receive an annual salary of \$153,725 per year beginning October 1, 2026. **Effective June 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-425 by Rep. Kenyatté Hassell

This act authorizes the Probate Judge to charge an additional reasonable fee for providing the service of celebrating the rites of matrimony, with the fee to be retained by the Probate Judge or the designee of the Probate Judge who solemnizes the marriage. **Effective April 10, 2026.**

Act 2026-553 by Rep. Kelvin Lawrence

This act requires the County Commission to establish the County Legislative Delegation Fund to support the operations of the County Legislative Delegation Office, mandates that revenue from the consumable vapor product tax be deposited into the fund, and requires the largest municipality in the county to provide adequate office space and necessary utility services for the office. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

— MORGAN —

Act 2026-142 by Rep. Parker Moore

This proposed local constitutional amendment allows qualified individuals age 65 or older to claim a new senior property tax exemption if certain conditions are met. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

Act 2026-242 by Sen. Arthur Orr

This act expands the operational powers of the Decatur Municipal Utilities Board. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

LOCAL BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— PERRY —

Act 2026-214 by Sen. Robert Stewart

This act establishes a new voting center in the county to serve the voters of Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Effective March 6, 2026.

Act 2026-343 by Rep. Thomas Jackson

This proposed local constitutional amendment allows qualified individuals age 65 or older to claim a new senior property tax exemption if certain conditions are met. Effective upon approval of a local referendum.

— PICKENS —

Act 2026-40 by Rep. Ron Bolton

This act alters, rearranges, and extends the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Carrollton.

Effective October 1, 2026.

— PIKE —

Act 2026-119 by Rep. Marcus Paramore

This proposed local constitutional amendment authorizes the Probate Judge to exercise equity jurisdiction concurrent with the circuit court in cases originally filed in the probate court if the Probate Judge is licensed to practice law in the State of Alabama. Effective upon approval of a local referendum.

— RANDOLPH —

Act 2026-121 by Rep. Bob Fincher

This act provides for the salary of the Probate Judge, Sheriff and Revenue Commissioner. Effective October 1, 2026.

Act 2026-122 by Rep. Bob Fincher

This act changes the distribution of county tobacco tax revenue, requiring 24 percent be distributed to the County Economic Development Authority for economic development and tourism. Effective October 1, 2026.

Act 2026-128 by Rep. Bob Fincher

This act imposes a \$30 booking fee against each defendant incarcerated or booked in the county jail who is convicted or pleads guilty in a case prosecuted by the county's circuit or district court. The act provides for the clerk to remit monthly booking fees to the Sheriff and for the fees to be deposited into the Law Enforcement Fund and used for law enforcement purposes. Effective October 1, 2026.

Act 2026-129 by Rep. Bob Fincher

This act staggers County Commissioner terms, beginning with the 2028 General Election. Effective October 1, 2026.

— ST. CLAIR —

Act 2026-33 by Rep. Jim Hill

This act sets the compensation of the Probate Judge, Sheriff, Revenue Commissioner and all County Commission Members and repeals certain prior local laws on the subject. Effective June 1, 2026.

LOCAL BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— ST. CLAIR —

Act 2026-61 by Rep. Jim Hill

This proposed local constitutional amendment allows mayors in the county to participate in the Employees' Retirement System upon the same terms and conditions as municipal employees. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

— SHELBY —

Act 2026-152 by Rep. Russell Bedsole 💰 & Act 2026-163 by Sen April Weaver 💰

These acts authorize the Alabaster City Council to establish no more than two entertainment districts. **Effective June 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-153 by Rep. Russell Bedsole 💰 & Act 2026-164 by Sen. April Weaver 💰

These acts authorize and establish procedures for the City of Alabaster to abate public nuisances related to plants and provide for certain weed lien costs to be collected in the same manner as ad valorem taxes. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-229 by Rep. Leigh Hulsey 💰

This act establishes a new civil service system in the City of Helena and repeals the prior version. **Effective June 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-274 by Rep. Corley Ellis

This act allows the County Commission to authorize by resolution the sale of gas, minerals or other commodities created by the operation of its public landfill. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

— TALLADEGA —

Act 2026-183 by Rep. Randy Wood

This act establishes an additional expense allowance beginning March 5, 2026, for the Sheriff and provides for salary adjustments upon the Sheriff's next term of office. **Effective March 5, 2026.**

Act 2026-426 by Rep. Randy Wood

This act establishes a service of process fee for service or attempted service of certain documents by the Sheriff's Office, with the fees to be deposited into the Sheriff's official account and expended for law enforcement purposes. **Effective April 10, 2026.**

— TALLAPOOSA —

Act 2026-251 by Rep. Ed Oliver & Act 2026-318 by Sen. Jay Hovey

These acts authorize the Probate Judge to charge and collect an additional fee for the remote access of probate records and ratify the past collection and expenditure of those fees. **Effective June 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-267 by Rep. Ed Oliver

This act provides for the expense allowance and salary of the Probate Judge and Revenue Commissioner. **Effective June 1, 2026.**

LOCAL BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— TUSCALOOSA —

Act 2026-107 by Rep. Ron Bolton

This act provides that the City of Tuscaloosa's Executive Director of Public Safety is not eligible for overtime pay or compensatory leave. The act also authorizes time-and-a-half compensatory leave as an alternative to overtime pay for municipal employees engaged in fire protection activities. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-291 by Rep. Ron Bolton

This act modifies which documents are subject to a \$60 service of process fee. **Effective June 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-292 by Rep. Ron Bolton

This act authorizes the County Commission to provide for longevity pay raises to the Sheriff, Tax Assessor and Tax Collector. **Effective June 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-310 by Rep. Bill Lamb

This act requires all newly-hired employees subject to the County Civil Service System to serve a 12-month probationary period and authorizes the Civil Service Board to adopt rules for the hiring of employees who may work less than full-time. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-311 by Rep. Ron Bolton

This act authorizes the Tax Assessor and Tax Collector to establish electronic filing procedures for the reporting, assessment and payment of business personal property taxes. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-351 by Rep. Ron Bolton

This act provides the Sheriff with an additional expense allowance of \$36,000 per year, beginning June 1, 2026, and terminating upon the next vacancy in the office. **Effective June 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-377 by Rep. Bryan Brinyark

This proposed local constitutional amendment allows full-time mayors in the county to participate in the Employees' Retirement System of Alabama under the same terms and conditions as other employees.

Effective upon approval of a local referendum.

— WALKER —

Act 2026-15 by Sen. Matt Woods

This proposed local constitutional amendment allows qualified individuals age 65 or older to claim a new senior property tax exemption if certain conditions are met. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

Act 2026-31 by Rep. Greg Barnes

This proposed local constitutional amendment allows a person age 75 or younger at the time of qualifying or at the time of appointment to hold the office of Probate Judge. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

Act 2026-301 by Sen. Matt Woods

This act allows the Probate Judge to appoint temporary Probate Judges who shall be paid \$50 per hearing from the Probate Judge's discretionary funds, unless the appointee is an employee of the probate court, and who shall serve no more than 200 days per year. **Effective June 1, 2026.**

LOCAL BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

— WASHINGTON —

Act 2026-417 by Rep. Brett Easterbrook

This act provides for a county supplement paid to the Circuit Clerk to be repealed when the individual holding the position on January 1, 2026, vacates the office. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

— WILCOX —

Act 2026-275 by Rep. Kelvin Lawrence

This act authorizes the County Commission to establish an alternative fee, not to exceed a total of \$10, for a licensee who requests a license plate or decal to be delivered by priority mail. The act also allows the Probate Judge to charge up to \$5 for the cost of mailing any other probate document. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-277 by Rep. Thomas Jackson

This proposed local constitutional amendment allows qualified individuals age 65 or older to claim a new senior property tax exemption if certain conditions are met. **Effective upon approval of a local referendum.**

Act 2026-313 by Rep. Kelvin Lawrence

This act authorizes the County Commission to replace the ad valorem tax expiring in 2027 and provides for the new tax to take effect only if approved by county voters at the next election held for that purpose. **Effective June 1, 2026.**

Act 2026-414 by Rep. Kelvin Lawrence

This act increases a probate recording fee from \$5 to \$10 and repeals two local acts involving probate recording fees. **Effective June 1, 2026.**

— WINSTON —

Act 2026-435 by Rep. Tim Wadsworth

This act, if approved by county voters, authorizes the County Commission to levy an 8 percent lodgings tax and provides for the distribution of the proceeds. The act further authorizes the levy of a \$5 fire protection fee on each night that a transient accommodation is rented or furnished within the county. **Effective October 1, 2026.**

