

1 HB661
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3 By Representatives Poole, England, Harper and Merrill (N & P)
4 RFD: Tuscaloosa County Legislation
5 First Read: 24-MAY-11

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4 A BILL
5 TO BE ENTITLED
6 AN ACT
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8 Relating to Tuscaloosa County; providing for an
9 additional court cost in certain cases in the circuit and
10 district courts; and providing for the distribution of the
11 additional cost to the circuit and district courts clerks'
12 funds and the county law library fund.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

14 Section 1. (a) In addition to any other costs and
15 charges of court in Tuscaloosa County, there shall be assessed
16 and collected the following additional costs of court:

17 (1) Twenty dollars (\$20) in all civil and criminal
18 cases filed in the circuit court.

19 (2) Twenty dollars (\$20) in all civil and criminal
20 cases, including small claims cases but excluding traffic
21 cases, filed in the district court.

22 (3) Ten dollars (\$10) in all traffic cases filed in
23 the district court.

24 (b) The court costs shall be collected by the clerk
25 of court in the same manner as other court costs are collected
26 and shall be paid monthly as follows: One-third to the Circuit
27 Court Clerk's Fund of the county, one-third to the District

1 Court Clerk's Fund, and one-third to the Tuscaloosa County law
2 library fund.

3 (c) The court costs assessed and collected pursuant
4 to subsections (a) and (b) and distributed to the county law
5 library fund may be expended by the Presiding Circuit Judge by
6 warrant drawn upon the fund, to maintain the law library,
7 procure technology and data backup, and otherwise provide for
8 the effective management of the law library to fund salaries
9 of court employees for the continued operation of the courts
10 in the county and for other lawful purposes. The court costs
11 distributed to the Circuit Court Clerk's Fund and the District
12 Court Clerk's Fund, respectively, may be expended at the
13 discretion of the clerk of the court to fund the
14 administration of the office of the respective clerk.

15 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
16 first day of the next month following its passage and approval
17 by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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House of Representatives

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tives committee on Tuscaloosa
County Legislation..... 24-MAY-11

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as amended..... 26-MAY-11

Yeas 30, Nays 0, Abstains 46

Greg Pappas
Clerk