

1 HB124  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the grand jury is  
9 required to make a personal inspection of the  
10 condition of the county jail since the last session  
11 of court. The number of sessions of the grand jury  
12 varies from county to county.

13 This bill would require the grand jury to  
14 conduct a minimum of two inspections of the county  
15 jail per year.

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17 A BILL  
18 TO BE ENTITLED  
19 AN ACT  
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21 To amend Section 12-16-191, Code of Alabama 1975,  
22 relating to the inspection of the county jail by the grand  
23 jury; to require the grand jury to conduct a minimum number of  
24 inspections each year.

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

26 Section 1. Section 12-16-191, Code of Alabama 1975,  
27 is amended to read as follows:

1                   "§12-16-191.

2                   "It shall be the duty of the grand jury to make a  
3 personal inspection of the condition of the county jail not  
4 less than two times a year in regard to its sufficiency for  
5 the safekeeping of prisoners, their accommodation and health  
6 and to inquire into the manner in which the ~~same~~ jail has been  
7 kept since the last ~~session of the court~~ inspection. If it  
8 shall be found that ~~such~~ the jail is not constructed in the  
9 manner prescribed by law and so strongly and securely built as  
10 to prevent the escape of prisoners confined therein and  
11 properly ventilated, the grand jury shall, as often as may be  
12 necessary, cause the persons composing the county commission  
13 at the time such jail was insufficient to be indicted."

14                   Section 2. This act shall become effective  
15 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
16 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.