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9 A BILL
10 TO BE ENTITLED
11 AN ACT
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13 Relating to Limestone County; amending Section 1 of
14 Act No. 79-501, 1979 Regular Session (Acts 1979, p. 914), as
15 last amended by Act 2010-549, 2010 Regular Session (Acts 2010,
16 p. 975), which provides for the distribution of TVA payments,
17 so as to provide further for the distribution of certain
18 payments.

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

20 Section 1. Section 1 of Act No. 79-501, 1979 Regular
21 Session (Acts 1979, p. 914), as last amended by Act 2010-549,
22 2010 Regular Session (Acts 2010, p. 975), is further amended
23 to read as follows:

24 "Section 1. Upon receipt by Limestone County of
25 funds pursuant to Title 40, Chapter 28 of the Code of Alabama
26 1975, (Acts No. 92 of the 1978 Alabama Legislature, approved
27 August 7, 1978, 1978 Acts of Alabama, Page 1787), as amended,

1 Limestone County will within a reasonable time thereafter,
2 distribute the funds so received as follows:

3 "(a) Effective through September 30, 2006, all funds
4 shall be distributed as prescribed by this section as amended
5 by Act 86-550, 1986 Regular Session.

6 "(b) Effective October 1, 2007, and thereafter, the
7 funds shall be distributed as follows:

8 "(1) Before the percentage formula of distribution
9 contained in subdivision (2) of this act is applied, the sum
10 of two hundred ninety-three thousand dollars (\$293,000) shall
11 be distributed in the following manner: Forty thousand dollars
12 (\$40,000) to Auburn University to be used exclusively for the
13 benefit of the Limestone County Cooperative Extension Service,
14 seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) to the Limestone
15 County Soil and Water Conservation District, thirty-seven
16 thousand five hundred dollars (\$37,500) to the Limestone
17 County Economic Development Association, Inc., thirty-five
18 thousand dollars (\$35,000) to the Athens-Limestone Public
19 Library, five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to the Houston
20 Memorial Library, twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) to the
21 Veteran's Museum and Archives, and twelve thousand dollars
22 (\$12,000) to each of the 13 volunteer fire departments in the
23 county in existence on January 1, 2006.

24 "(2) After the allocations as set forth in
25 subdivision (1) has been completed, the remainder of all funds
26 received by Limestone County pursuant to Title 40, Chapter 28
27 of the Code of Alabama 1975 (Act 92 of the 1978 Alabama

1 Legislature), is to be distributed as follows: Limestone
2 County General Fund, 25 percent; Limestone County Public
3 Building Fund, 10 percent; Special Hospital Tax Fund, five
4 percent; Countywide School Fund, 23.5 percent; School District
5 1, nine percent; School District 3, six percent; City of
6 Athens, 20 percent; City of Ardmore, one percent; City of
7 Elkmont, .38 percent; City of Mooresville, .06 percent; City
8 of Lester, .06 percent.

9 For fiscal year 2013, the amount distributed in this
10 subdivision to the school districts is to be distributed as
11 follows: School District 1, ten percent; School District 3,
12 five percent. For fiscal year 2014 and thereafter, the amount
13 distributed in this subdivision to the school districts is to
14 be distributed as follows: School District 1, eleven percent;
15 School District 3, four percent. Beginning in fiscal year
16 2015, the amount distributed in this subdivision to the school
17 districts shall be determined annually by the County
18 Commission based on the average daily membership of each
19 school district.

20 "(3) Effective with the fiscal year beginning
21 October 1, 2007, the three percent increase in the
22 in-lieu-of-taxes payments generated by Act 2006-655, 2006
23 Regular Session, to counties served by the Tennessee Valley
24 Authority shall be distributed separate and apart from the
25 distribution in subdivisions (1) and (2) above and shall be
26 distributed first to the following entities in the following
27 amounts:

1 "a. Limestone County Economic Development
2 Association, Inc., fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000).

3 "b. Athens-Limestone Public Library, fifty thousand
4 dollars (\$50,000).

5 "c. Calhoun Community College, twenty-five thousand
6 dollars (\$25,000) to be expended solely for the benefit of the
7 Limestone County campus.

8 "d. Spirit of Athens, five thousand dollars
9 (\$5,000).

10 "e. Greater Athens Chamber of Commerce, five
11 thousand dollars (\$5,000).

12 "f. Athens-Limestone County Rescue Squad, twelve
13 thousand dollars (\$12,000).

14 "g. Athens State University, fifty thousand dollars
15 (\$50,000) to be expended solely for the benefit of the
16 Limestone County campus.

17 "h. Limestone County Family Resource Center,
18 twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000).

19 "i. Limestone County Recycling Center, five thousand
20 dollars (\$5,000).

21 "j. Limestone County Economic Development Partners,
22 Inc., one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be expended
23 solely to promote economic development, employment and growth
24 of jobs within all areas of Limestone County and the City of
25 Athens.

26 Any remaining amounts shall be distributed in equal
27 amounts to the City of Athens and the Limestone County

1 Commission for the express purpose of paying for the debts and
2 expenses related to the Elm Industrial Park. After the
3 retirement of any debts and expenses related to the Elm
4 Industrial Park, any remaining amounts shall be distributed in
5 equal amounts to the City of Athens and the Limestone County
6 Commission for economic development purposes.

7 "(4) Effective after the effective date of this act,
8 any increase in the in-lieu-of-taxes payments generated by Act
9 2010-135, 2010 Regular Session, including any amounts not
10 appropriated under Act 2010-549, to counties served by the
11 Tennessee Valley Authority shall be distributed separate and
12 apart from the distribution in subdivisions (1), (2), and (3)
13 above and shall be set aside by the county commission in a
14 separate fund to be used to establish, equip, and maintain a
15 legislative office for members of the state legislature
16 serving the county. All decisions concerning the Limestone
17 County Legislative Office, including, but not limited to,
18 revenue, income, purchases, and grants shall be made by
19 resolutions of the delegation adopted by a concurrent majority
20 of the Limestone County delegation, Senators and House of
21 Representatives members, each house voting separately. Such
22 resolution may provide an operational procedure for the
23 delegation office. The commission shall immediately pay such
24 amounts from such fund as the Limestone County Legislative
25 Delegation may request. Such requests shall be in the form of
26 a resolution passed by the county legislative delegation,
27 signed by one Senator and one member of the House of

1 Representatives from the county who shall be duly appointed by
2 the legislative delegation. This legislative delegation shall
3 expend such monies to employ staff, acquire adequate physical
4 office space, equipment, supplies, services, and all other
5 necessary items and may also expend the monies for other
6 purposes, including grants for allowable public purposes at
7 the discretion and direction of the legislative delegation.
8 The persons employed and expenditures of the funds by the
9 legislative delegation shall be in its discretion. Any funds
10 allocated but not spent at the end of the fiscal year shall
11 not be applied for any other purpose, but shall be carried
12 forward and shall remain available year to year for
13 expenditure. The revenue and expenditures of the legislative
14 office shall be audited on an annual basis."

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