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9 A BILL
10 TO BE ENTITLED
11 AN ACT
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13 Relating to Shelby County, relating to circuit and
14 district court defendant service fees; to increase the service
15 fee in circuit and district court civil cases in Shelby County
16 that is collected for each defendant in excess of one when
17 personal service is required; and to further provide for
18 distribution of the fees.

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

20 Section 1. (a) The following defendant service fees
21 shall be collected in civil cases in circuit court and
22 district court in Shelby County: For each defendant in excess
23 of one, when personal service is required, there shall be
24 collected a service fee of ten dollars (\$10); provided,
25 however, when service on any defendant is by publication or by
26 registered mail, the actual cost of the service shall be
27 collected as the service fee. All service fees shall be paid

1 at the time of filing, except, prepayment shall not be
2 required if the court finds that payment of the fee will
3 constitute a substantial hardship. A verified statement,
4 signed by the plaintiff and approved by the court, shall be
5 filed with the clerk of court attesting to such substantial
6 hardship.

7 (b) Fees for personal service collected in civil
8 cases in Shelby County shall be distributed as follows: Six
9 dollars (\$6) of each service fee shall be paid to the Judicial
10 Administration Fund of the 18th Circuit. Three dollars (\$3)
11 shall be paid to the Shelby County District Attorneys
12 Solicitor's Fund and One dollar (\$1) to the Peace Officers
13 Annuity and Benefit Fund.

14 (c) This service fee shall be in addition to and not
15 in lieu of any service fee established by law or local act.

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