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- 3 By Senator Dial
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| 8 | SYNOPSIS: Currently, local ad valorem taxing officials |
| 9 | may elect supernumerary status by meeting certain |
| 10 | service requirements and by filing a declaration |
| 11 | with the Governor. |
| 12 | This bill would provide further for the |
| 13 | salary of supernumerary ad valorem taxing |
| 14 | officials. |
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| 16 | A BILL |
| 17 | TO BE ENTITLED |
| 18 | AN ACT |
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| 20 | To amend Section 40-6-3, Code of Alabama 1975, |
| 21 | relating to the compensation of certain supernumerary |
| 22 | officials, to provide further for the salary of supernumerary |
| 23 | ad valorem taxing officials. |
| 24 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA: |
| 25 | Section 1. Section 40-6-3, Code of Alabama 1975, is |
| 26 | amended to read as follows: |
| 27 | "\$40-6-3. |

"(a) Every supernumerary official shall serve for 1 2 life and shall receive from the county governing body, in equal monthly installments on the first of each month, or in 3 4 such installments as other county officials or employees are paid, an annual salary as follows: 5 "(1) For 12 years service the official shall receive 6 7 60 percent of the average compensation during the last four years served as an official charged with assessing and 8 collecting ad valorem taxes. 9 10 "(2) For 14 years service the official shall receive 11 65 percent of the average compensation. 12 "(3) For 16 years the official shall receive 70 13 percent of the average compensation. 14 "(4) For 18 or more years the official shall receive 15 75 percent of the average compensation; provided, however, no person shall receive more than forty-nine thousand six hundred 16 17 dollars (\$49,600) per year. "The county governing body may, by majority vote of 18 the membership, elect to increase or remove this the monetary 19 20 limitation on compensation for any person who assumed 21 supernumerary status after September 30, 1993 in subdivision 22 (4) as often as the county governing body sees fit, either 23 before or after an official assumes supernumerary status; 24 provided that after an affirmative vote has been taken to 25 increase or remove the monetary limitation, the county 26 governing body may not thereafter reduce or revoke its 27 decision as to the compensation. Further, any limitations on

1 <u>compensation contained in this subsection shall not affect any</u> 2 <u>cost-of-living increases provided pursuant to subsection (b)</u>.

"The tax collector, if there is a supernumerary tax 3 4 assessor or tax collector in the county, or the license commissioner or person charged with the collection of ad 5 valorem taxes other than the tax collector, if there is a 6 7 supernumerary license commissioner or other official charged with the assessing or collecting, or both, of ad valorem taxes 8 in the county, shall from the first money collected by the 9 10 official pay to the county governing body the sum which shall be paid to the supernumerary official as heretofore set forth. 11 12 The sum shall be deducted on a pro rata millage basis from 13 payments to the state, county, and all subdivisions and 14 agencies thereof, except municipalities, to which the person 15 collecting ad valorem taxes is charged with the distributing of ad valorem taxes collected under the law. Notwithstanding 16 17 the foregoing, if the official dies without leaving a surviving spouse, or otherwise becomes disqualified as a 18 supernumerary official, any money remaining in the fund shall 19 be refunded to the person by whom it is paid to the county, 20 21 and the person shall distribute the money refunded to the 22 state, county, and other subdivisions and agencies on the same 23 pro rata millage basis that it was originally withheld.

24 "If any official covered under this chapter dies
25 prior to attaining the age of 60 years, but being otherwise
26 qualified to be appointed a supernumerary official, except for
27 age, and is survived by a spouse lawfully married to the

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official at the time of his or her death, then the surviving 1 2 spouse shall be paid a monthly allowance equal to 50 percent of the salary which would have been paid to the official had 3 4 he or she survived to the age of 60. The monthly allowance shall be paid in the same manner as provided for payment to a 5 6 qualified official and shall continue for 15 years or until 7 the marriage of the surviving spouse, whichever first occurs. Upon the death of any official covered under this chapter 8 after he or she has become fully qualified for appointment as 9 10 a supernumerary official, including age, whether appointed as a supernumerary official or whether still serving in active 11 12 office, the surviving spouse of the official shall be paid a 13 monthly allowance equal to 50 percent of the supernumerary 14 salary being paid to the official or to which he or she would 15 be entitled if appointed as supernumerary. The monthly allowance shall be paid in the same manner as provided for the 16 17 official and shall continue for 15 years or until the marriage of the surviving spouse, whichever first occurs. 18

19 "(b) Beginning with the fiscal year commencing on October 1, 2006, the supernumerary officials of a county 20 21 provided for in this section shall be entitled to receive the 22 same cost-of-living increases in compensation, that are 23 granted to county retirees by the county commission, if 24 approved by a resolution of a majority of the county commission. The increases shall be in the same amount or 25 26 percentage and at the same time, as the case may be, as that 27 amount or percentage increase provided to the other retirees

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1 of the county and, if not uniform, the increase shall be equal 2 to the average increase granted to all county retirees who 3 receive an increase."

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