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3 By Senator Bedford
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would provide an electronic
9 citation fee as additional court costs in each
10 traffic, misdemeanor, municipal ordinance, or
11 conservation case in the municipal, district, or
12 circuit court. The funds would be disbursed as
13 follows: Sixty percent of the funds would be
14 retained by the appropriate court clerk and 40
15 percent of the funds would be distributed to the
16 arresting law enforcement agency. The funds would
17 be used solely for the purpose of establishing and
18 maintaining electronic citations.

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20 A BILL
21 TO BE ENTITLED
22 AN ACT
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24 To provide for the levy and collection of an
25 electronic citation fee as additional court costs in traffic,
26 misdemeanor, municipal ordinance, or conservation cases; to
27 provide for distribution of the fee; and to provide for the

1 use of the fee for the purpose of establishing and maintaining
2 electronic citations.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

4 Section 1. (a) As used in this section, electronic
5 citation means the process of transmitting traffic,
6 misdemeanor, municipal ordinance, conservation, or other
7 citations and law enforcement data via electronic means to a
8 court clerk.

9 (b) To defray the expense of establishing and
10 maintaining electronic citations, the court clerk in the
11 circuit, district, or municipal court shall charge and collect
12 an electronic citation fee as court costs in any traffic,
13 misdemeanor, municipal ordinance, or conservation case. This
14 fee shall be in addition to all other court costs and shall be
15 disbursed as provided in this section. Sixty percent of the
16 fee shall be retained by the court clerk collecting the fee
17 and 40 percent of the fee shall be disbursed to the state,
18 county, or municipal fund funding the arresting law
19 enforcement agency. All of the proceeds shall be used solely
20 to defray expenses related to the establishment and
21 maintenance of electronic citations.

22 (c) The court clerk shall not charge and collect an
23 electronic citation fee if the county commission or municipal
24 governing body by ordinance elects not to be subject to this
25 section.

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