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9 A BILL
10 TO BE ENTITLED
11 AN ACT
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13 Relating to Houston County; to amend Section
14 45-35-70 of the Code of Alabama 1975, to provide for expense
15 allowance in lieu of mileage reimbursement or vehicle use for
16 the Chair of the Houston County Commission; and to provide
17 that this act shall be prospective in operation.

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

19 Section 1. Section 45-35-70 of the Code of Alabama
20 1975, is amended to read as follows:

21 "§45-35-70.

22 "(a) (1) Beginning on June 1, 2007, the compensation
23 of the Chair of the Houston County Commission shall be
24 adjusted so that the monthly compensation paid to the holders
25 of the offices shall be 85 percent of the monthly compensation
26 which was being paid to the Houston County Judge of Probate on
27 April 1, 2007. The increase in compensation in this

1 subdivision shall be paid as a monthly expense allowance until
2 the beginning of the next term of office or as otherwise
3 provided by law, at which time the amount of the expense
4 allowance shall be included in the base salary for the office
5 holders and the expense allowance shall be void. Deductions
6 from the expense allowance provided in this subsection shall
7 be made in the same manner as if the expense allowance were
8 salary as provided in Chapter 2A, Title 11.

9 "(2) Beginning on June 1, 2015, the annual salary of
10 the Sheriff of Houston County shall be 89 percent of the
11 salary of the Judge of Probate of Houston County on June 1,
12 2015. The annual salary shall only be adjusted thereafter as
13 authorized in Chapter 2A, Title 11.

14 "Any increase in compensation in this subdivision
15 shall be paid as a monthly expense allowance until the
16 beginning of the next term of office, or as otherwise provided
17 by law, at which time the amount shall be included in the base
18 salary for the office holder and the expense allowance shall
19 be void.

20 "(3) After May 31, 2007, any adjustments in the
21 expense allowance or compensation of the Chair of the Houston
22 County Commission other than as provided in subdivision (1),
23 shall only be as authorized in Chapter 2A, Title 11.

24 "(b) (1) The compensation being paid to the district
25 commissioners of the Houston County Commission commencing on
26 December 1, 2004, including any additional increases
27 thereafter provided as a result of the application of Chapter

1 2A, Title 11, is hereby ratified and confirmed and shall
2 continue to be the amounts paid to all members of the Houston
3 County Commission elected by district after May 31, 2007. The
4 compensation of the district commissioners shall thereafter
5 only be altered as provided in subdivision (2) or as provided
6 in Chapter 2A, Title 11.

7 "(2) Beginning on June 1, 2007, the district
8 commissioners in Houston County shall each receive a monthly
9 expense allowance in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars
10 (\$250) per month in lieu of mileage reimbursement for
11 performing duties within Houston County.

12 "(3) Beginning on December 1, 2018, the Chair of the
13 Houston County Commission shall receive an expense allowance
14 in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) per month for
15 performing duties within the county. The expense allowance
16 provided in this subsection shall be in lieu of mileage
17 reimbursement or the chair being provided the use of a county
18 vehicle. This expense allowance shall be treated in the same
19 manner as all other compensation and expense allowances
20 received by the chair of the county commission."

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