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4 and Davis (N & P)
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9 A BILL
10 TO BE ENTITLED
11 AN ACT
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13 Relating to Baldwin County; to amend Section
14 45-2-80.87 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to court
15 costs collected to operate the Baldwin County Law Library and
16 Judicial Administration Fund; to further authorize the
17 collection of these court costs.

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

19 Section 1. Section 45-2-80.87 of the Code of Alabama
20 1975, is amended to read as follows:

21 "§45-2-80.87.

22 "(a) In addition to any court costs and fees now or
23 hereafter authorized in Baldwin County, excluding all
24 municipal courts, additional court costs in an amount not to
25 exceed fifteen dollars (\$15) shall be assessed and taxed as
26 costs on each civil case and on each criminal case, including
27 traffic cases and small claims cases, filed in the circuit

1 court and district court, including the juvenile court, in
2 Baldwin County. The fees shall not be waived by any court
3 unless all other fees, assessments, costs, fines, and charges
4 associated with the case are waived.

5 "(b) The additional fees when collected by the
6 clerks or their collection officers of the courts shall be
7 paid into the Baldwin County Law Library and Judicial
8 Administration Fund to be used to fund the salaries of court
9 employees for the continued operation of the courts in the
10 county and for other lawful purposes of this fund.

11 ~~"(c) The court costs imposed by this section shall~~
12 ~~expire on September 30, 2017, and this section shall be~~
13 ~~repealed.~~

14 ~~"(d) (c)~~ The court costs imposed by this section may
15 be adjusted within the amount authorized by this section or
16 may be eliminated by order of the presiding circuit court
17 judge if the presiding circuit court judge finds that the
18 court costs may be adjusted or eliminated based on funding
19 from the state.

20 ~~"(e) (d)~~ It is legislative intent that the presiding
21 circuit court judge may increase or decrease the court costs
22 authorized by this section as deemed necessary not to exceed
23 fifteen dollars (\$15) per case."

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