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9 A BILL
10 TO BE ENTITLED
11 AN ACT
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13 Relating to Jackson County; to amend Section
14 45-36-162, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the distribution
15 of payments by the Tennessee Valley Authority in lieu of
16 payment of taxes; to provide for the redistribution of the
17 payments in the Jackson County Legislative Delegation Critical
18 Needs Fund.

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

20 Section 1. Section 45-36-162, Code of Alabama 1975,
21 is amended to read as follows:

22 "§45-36-162.

23 "(a) Any payments coming into the treasury of
24 Jackson County that are derived, directly or indirectly, from
25 payments by the Tennessee Valley Authority in lieu of payment
26 of taxes shall be appropriated as follows:

1 "(1) One percent to the Jackson County Economic
2 Development Fund paid to the fund monthly until it reaches a
3 balance of one million dollars (\$1,000,000); the payments
4 shall continue whenever the balance in the fund drops below
5 one million dollars (\$1,000,000). The county commission may
6 invest the funds to the benefit of local governments and
7 entities in the county, in its discretion, and expend the same
8 for disaster relief in the county or for any economic purpose
9 that benefits the county, including, but not limited to, any
10 activity or purpose which provides an incentive for the
11 creation or retention of jobs and employment opportunities in
12 the county; participating local governments or entities may
13 apply for the funds for these purposes. It is the intent of
14 this appropriation for the Jackson County Economic Development
15 Fund to be used for recruiting industry; matching public or
16 private grants the county may receive for industrial
17 development; and special projects for site preparation,
18 surveying, archaeological or geotechnical studies, or other
19 direct expenses necessary to recruit industry to the county.

20 "(2) The next one hundred forty-five thousand
21 dollars (\$145,000) of each year's payments shall be paid to
22 the Jackson County Hospital Board to provide all residents of
23 Jackson County with adequate ambulance service.

24 "(3) After the above appropriations, the next
25 thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) of each year's payments
26 shall be distributed to the Scottsboro-Jackson County Rescue

1 Squad for the maintenance and operation of the rescue squad's
2 equipment and facilities.

3 "(4) After the above appropriation, the next one
4 hundred five thousand dollars (\$105,000) shall be paid to the
5 Jackson County Economic Development Authority on an annual
6 basis.

7 "(5) In addition to the Jackson County Economic
8 Development Authority, as provided above, the next
9 seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000), shall be annually
10 paid to the authority. All appropriations made in this
11 subdivision to the Jackson County Economic Development
12 Authority shall be deposited in a special industrial
13 development fund to be used only for the purposes of this
14 subdivision as follows: For recruiting industry; matching
15 public or private grants the county may receive for industrial
16 development; and special projects for site preparation,
17 surveying, archaeological or geotechnical studies, or other
18 direct expenses necessary to recruit industry to the county.

19 "(6) After the above appropriation, all Jackson
20 County volunteer fire departments in good standing with the
21 Jackson County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments shall
22 be authorized to receive seven thousand five hundred dollars
23 (\$7,500) each annually to help furnish adequate fire
24 protection in the communities that they serve. The amount paid
25 to each volunteer fire department shall be paid at the
26 direction of the county fire marshal and disbursed to each
27 fire chief upon approval of the county fire marshal. In

1 addition to the above, thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000)
2 shall be distributed to the Jackson County Association of
3 Volunteer Fire Departments for use by the association.

4 "(7) The next forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to
5 the Greater Jackson County Chamber of Commerce to promote
6 tourism, workforce development and education, and retail and
7 commercial development that promotes economic development in
8 the area. The funds disbursed pursuant to this subdivision
9 shall be disbursed in two payments of twenty thousand dollars
10 (\$20,000).

11 "(8) An annual accounting of the use of the funds
12 appropriated in subdivisions (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), and (7)
13 shall be furnished to the Jackson County Commission no later
14 than September 30 of each year. In the event an annual
15 accounting is not furnished, the commission may reduce or
16 terminate funding for the next fiscal year for the entity
17 failing to furnish the report by a majority vote of the
18 commission. All resulting excess money shall then be
19 transferred to the general fund of the county.

20 "(9) Commencing October 1, 2016, the net payments
21 remaining in the appropriation paid to Jackson County after
22 the appropriations in subdivisions (1), (2), (3), (4), (5),
23 (6), and (7) shall be appropriated as follows:

24 "a. Two percent of such payments, as shall be
25 necessary, shall be used to establish, equip, and maintain a
26 legislative office for the members of the state legislative
27 delegation serving Jackson County, Alabama, and any unused

1 portion shall be paid to the Jackson County Commission's
2 general fund.

3 "b. Two percent of such payments shall be
4 appropriated to Jackson County EDA under this section.

5 "c. Thirty-six percent of such payments shall be
6 appropriated to the public school systems within Jackson
7 County on a per pupil pro rata basis.

8 "d. Twenty-nine and fifty hundredths percent of such
9 payments shall be appropriated to the incorporated
10 municipalities within the county on a population basis.

11 "e. Thirty and fifty hundredths percent of such
12 payments shall be placed in the general fund of the county
13 treasury and may be used for any lawful purpose by the county.

14 "(b) The remaining payments in the Jackson County
15 Legislative Delegation Critical Needs Fund, on the effective
16 date of this act, shall be redistributed as follows:

17 "(1) Three hundred ninety-three thousand, three
18 hundred fifty-three dollars and forty-three cents
19 (\$393,353.43) to the Jackson County Economic Development
20 Authority to promote the growth of Jackson County.

21 "(2) Three hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$360,000)
22 to be divided equally among the Jackson County and Scottsboro
23 City Schools for providing computers and technology in the
24 classrooms.

25 "(3) Thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to Impact
26 Learning to house the Career Center of the Jackson County
27 Employment Agency.

1 "(4) Thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to Roseberry
2 Rescue, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, to preserve the
3 environment of the Roseberry Creek.

4 "(5) Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be
5 divided equally among the five libraries in the county.

6 "(6) Twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000) to be
7 divided equally among the community feeding centers for the
8 homeless or impoverished in the county.

9 "(7) Twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$27,000) to be
10 divided equally among the community centers in the county to
11 provide a place for senior citizens.

12 "(8) Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to the
13 Jackson County Conservation District to promote educational
14 programs related to conservation and agriculture.

15 "(9) Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to the Earnest
16 Pruett Center of Technology (EPCOT) to provide technology for
17 workforce development and skills training.

18 "(10) Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to the Jackson
19 County Council on Aging for assisting senior citizens.

20 "(11) Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to the Arc of
21 Jackson County.

22 "(12) Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to the Boys and
23 Girls Club of Scottsboro for continuing education of youth.

24 "(13) Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to the Michael
25 Scott Learning Center.

1 "(14) Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to the
2 Care Assurance System for the Aging and Homebound of Jackson
3 County (CASA).

4 "(15) One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to the
5 Jackson County Senior Rx Program.

6 "(16) After the above distributions in this
7 subsection are made, any monies remaining in the fund shall be
8 transferred into the operating account of the Jackson County
9 Legislative Delegation Office and the Jackson County
10 Legislative Delegation Critical Needs Fund shall thereafter be
11 closed."

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