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5 RFD: County and Municipal Government
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4 A BILL
5 TO BE ENTITLED
6 AN ACT
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8 Relating to business filing requirements; to
9 authorize a municipality to create an electronic process for
10 the processing and recordation of business license renewals.
11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

12 Section 1. (a) A municipality may develop and
13 implement an electronic process for the processing and
14 recordation of business license renewals by business and
15 nonprofit entities.

16 (b) (1) A municipality may contract with a vendor to
17 provide electronic processing services which may include, but
18 are not limited to, the online filing of forms, online
19 recording, payment of fees through credit or debit cards, and
20 any other service related to the administration of the
21 electronic process, as determined by the municipality.

22 (2) The municipality may also develop a
23 certification process to allow a third party to provide these
24 electronic processing services.

25 (c) All recording fees, whether established by
26 general or local law, shall be collected by the vendor and the
27 fees applicable to the municipality, including all data

1 associated with the local recording fees, shall be remitted by
2 the vendor to the municipality no less than twice per month.

3 (d) A municipality may continue to provide filing
4 services pursuant to current procedures and is in no way bound
5 or obligated to participate in the electronic process for the
6 recordation of filing activities as provided for by this
7 section.

8 Section 2. A municipality shall ensure that the
9 electronic process created under this act does all of the
10 following:

11 (1) Determines if any additional forms, including
12 those not specific to the municipality, are required during
13 submission, and informs a user about those forms and how to
14 obtain them.

15 (2) Utilizes an electronic application process that
16 will remove the physical mailing process for business licenses
17 within municipalities participating in the program, and allows
18 business license renewals and the accompanying appropriate
19 fees to be submitted electronically.

20 (3) Allows business license registration and
21 renewals to be completed and submitted electronically.

22 (4) Once a business license has been approved,
23 allows the municipality to deliver the official business
24 license to the business license applicant either
25 electronically or through standard postal mail, at the
26 preference of the applicant.

1 (5) Includes an Internet webpage that generally
2 informs users about business licensure requirements in the
3 municipality and in the State of Alabama and guides them
4 through the specific steps of the electronic business
5 licensure process.

6 Section 3. A licensure process administered by a
7 municipality as provided in this act shall satisfy any and all
8 business and nonprofit license renewal requirements applicable
9 to the participating municipality, whether prescribed by
10 general or local law , and, furthermore, shall fulfill any and
11 all statutory requirements of a municipality as it relates to
12 renewal of licensure of business entities, including
13 nonprofits.

14 Section 4. Any business that pays business license
15 fees in one hundred (100) or more municipalities in the State
16 of Alabama may elect to obtain, renew, and submit such payment
17 of fees for a municipal business license pursuant to the
18 current municipal procedures, including the submission of
19 license forms and the payment of fees through the mail or by
20 hand-delivery.

21 Section 5. This act shall become effective
22 immediately following its passage and approval by the
23 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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