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3 HOUSE LOCAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HB577
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9 A BILL
10 TO BE ENTITLED
11 AN ACT
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13 Relating to Clay County; creating the Clay County
14 Animal Shelter Authority and providing for the composition,
15 terms, duties, and powers of the authority.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

17 Section 1. There is hereby created the Clay County
18 Animal Shelter Authority in the county for the purpose of
19 providing animal control shelter services for dogs and cats in
20 Clay County. For the purposes of this act, the term "animal
21 control shelter services" means the control, removal, and
22 containment of stray, at-large, or surrendered dogs and cats.

23 Section 2. (a) The authority shall be governed by a
24 board of directors consisting of 10 members, who shall be
25 residents of Clay County. Each member of the Clay County
26 Commission shall appoint one of the members; each member of
27 the legislative delegation serving Clay County shall appoint a

1 member; and the mayor of the City of Ashland and the mayor of
2 the City of Lineville shall each appoint one member.

3 Subsequently, vacancies on the board shall be appointed by the
4 same appointing authority who made the initial appointment.

5 (b) The initial terms of the directors shall be
6 staggered, three shall be for a term of two years, three shall
7 be for a term of three years, and four shall be for a term of
8 four years.

9 (c) Within 30 days following the effective date of
10 this act, the appointing authorities shall submit in writing
11 the name and address of the members of the board of directors
12 to the judge of probate and the appointments shall be filed
13 and maintained in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Clay
14 County. At the organization meeting of the members of the
15 board of directors, members shall select by lot the initial
16 term for which each shall serve. The terms shall also be filed
17 with the judge of probate. The members shall also elect from
18 among the members, a President, Vice President, Secretary, and
19 Treasurer. Each shall serve a period of one year, or until a
20 successor is elected and qualified. The members shall not be
21 bonded, except the treasurer, who shall obtain a bond. The
22 terms of all members, subsequent to the initial terms, shall
23 be four years. Members shall not serve more than two four-year
24 terms.

25 Section 3. The authority may enter into contracts
26 with governmental agencies or public or private entities for
27 the operation and maintenance of a county pound or animal

1 shelter. The authority shall have the power to solicit and
2 receive contributions, donations, and grants of money,
3 equipment, supplies, and services from other government
4 entities, corporations, partnerships, or individuals. All
5 contributions, donations, and grants, including any money set
6 aside for or appropriated to the authority by the county
7 commission or the Legislature, shall be used solely to provide
8 animal control shelter services in Clay County.

9 Section 4. This act shall become effective
10 immediately upon its passage and approval by the Governor, or
11 upon its otherwise becoming a law.