

1 HB496  
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3 By Representatives Greer, Sorrell, Kiel and Pettus (N & P)  
4 RFD: Local Legislation  
5 First Read: 15-MAR-22

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to Lauderdale County; to amend Section 45-39-70, Code of Alabama 1975, to increase the salary of the Chair of the Lauderdale County Commission and to provide retroactive application.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 45-39-70, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§45-39-70.

"(a) This section shall apply only in Lauderdale County.

"(b) (1) ~~Effective beginning the next general election for the election of the Lauderdale County Commission,~~ The Chair of the Lauderdale County Commission shall be elected on a countywide basis. The chair shall take office at the same time as members of the Lauderdale County Commission

1 take office and shall serve a four-year term, or until a  
2 successor is elected and qualified. The chair shall preside  
3 over meetings of the county commission and shall vote only in  
4 the case of tie vote of the commissioners. After the election  
5 of the first chair as provided in this section and thereafter,  
6 the judge of probate shall no longer serve as chair of the  
7 county commission.

8 "(2)a. The salary of the Chair of the Lauderdale  
9 County Commission shall be forty thousand dollars (\$40,000)  
10 per year payable in equal semi-monthly installments from the  
11 general fund of the county.

12 "b. Effective beginning the next term of office  
13 after the effective date of this amendatory act, or effective  
14 for any term thereafter, the Lauderdale County Commission may  
15 increase the salary of the Chair of the Lauderdale County  
16 Commission to an amount not to exceed fifty thousand dollars  
17 (\$50,000) per year.

18 "c. In addition to the salary provided in paragraph  
19 a. or b., the Lauderdale County Commission may provide the  
20 Chair of the Lauderdale County Commission an additional  
21 expense allowance during his or her term, provided the total  
22 compensation of the chair, including salary and expense  
23 allowance, does not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)  
24 per year. Any expense allowance granted to the chair pursuant  
25 to this paragraph shall automatically convert to salary  
26 effective beginning the next term of office of the chair after  
27 the effective date of this amendatory act, provided the total

1 compensation of the chair does not exceed fifty thousand  
2 dollars (\$50,000) per year.

3 "(3) In addition to the other duties and  
4 responsibilities of the chair, the Chair of the Lauderdale  
5 County Commission shall do all of the following:

6 "a. Promote economic development in the county.

7 "b. Establish and enhance intergovernmental  
8 partnerships.

9 "c. Serve as the representative of Lauderdale County  
10 and the Lauderdale County Commission on any boards,  
11 committees, or other organizations that require representation  
12 of the county.

13 "d. Perform any other duties as determined by a  
14 majority vote of the county commission."

15 Section 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of  
16 law, any salary paid to the Chair of the Lauderdale County  
17 Commission in the form of annual increases, cost-of-living  
18 increases, or otherwise prior to the effective date of this  
19 amendatory act are ratified, validated, and confirmed  
20 retroactively to November 18, 2016.

21 Section 3. This act shall become effective  
22 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
23 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.