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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; to provide retroactive application; and to make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style.

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~~ 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 take office and shall serve a four-year term, or until a successor is elected and qualified. The chair shall preside over meetings of the county commission and shall vote only in the case of a tie vote of the commissioners. ~~After the election of~~



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29 ~~the first chair as provided in this section and thereafter,~~
30 ~~the judge of probate shall no longer serve as chair of the~~
31 ~~county commission.~~

32 ~~(2)~~ (b) (1) The salary of the Chair of the Lauderdale
33 County Commission shall be forty thousand dollars (\$40,000)
34 per year payable in equal semi-monthly installments from the
35 general fund of the county.

36 (2) Effective beginning the next term of office after
37 the effective date of this amendatory act, or effective for
38 any term thereafter, the Lauderdale County Commission may
39 increase the salary of the Chair of the Lauderdale County
40 Commission, provided the salary does not exceed fifty thousand
41 dollars (\$50,000) per year.

42 (3) In addition to the salary provided in subsection
43 (1) or (2), the Lauderdale County Commission from time to time
44 may provide the Chair of the Lauderdale County Commission an
45 additional expense allowance during his or her term, provided
46 the total compensation of the chair, including salary and
47 expense allowance, does not exceed fifty thousand dollars
48 (\$50,000) per year. Any expense allowance granted to the chair
49 pursuant to this subdivision shall automatically convert to
50 salary effective beginning the next term of office of the
51 chair.

52 ~~(3)~~ (c) In addition to the other duties and
53 responsibilities of the chair, the Chair of the Lauderdale
54 County Commission shall do all of the following:

55 ~~a.~~ (1) Promote economic development in the county.

56 ~~b.~~ (2) Establish and enhance intergovernmental



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57 partnerships.

58 ~~e.~~ (3) Serve as the representative of Lauderdale County
59 and the Lauderdale County Commission on any boards,
60 committees, or other organizations that require representation
61 of the county.

62 ~~d.~~ (4) Perform any other duties as determined by a
63 majority vote of the county commission."

64 Section 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
65 any salary paid to the Chair of the Lauderdale County
66 Commission in the form of annual increases, cost-of-living
67 increases, or otherwise prior to the effective date of this
68 amendatory act are ratified, validated, and confirmed
69 retroactively to November 18, 2016.

70 Section 3. This act shall become effective immediately
71 following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its
72 otherwise becoming law.