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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to Coffee County; to amend Section 45-16-62, Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for the appointment of a chief deputy coroner and a deputy coroner, to provide for compensation for the chief deputy coroner and deputy coroner, and to repeal Section 45-16-61, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the appointment of a deputy coroner.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 45-16-62, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§45-16-62

(a) The coroner shall be elected at the general election and every four years thereafter, and shall serve for a term of four years.

(b) The coroner shall appoint a chief deputy coroner from the judicial circuit division of the county where the elected coroner does not reside. The chief deputy coroner shall be entitled to compensation in the amount of four hundred dollars (\$400) per month. The coroner may appoint one deputy coroner. The deputy coroner shall be entitled to compensation in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300) per



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29 month. The Coffee County Commission may adjust the
30 compensation and any expense allowance for the chief deputy
31 coroner or deputy coroner by resolution of the commission. Any
32 compensation or expense allowance shall be paid from the
33 county general fund by the county commission.

34 (c) (1) A Coroner of Coffee County who is first elected
35 or appointed on or after September 22, 2015, shall receive an
36 annual base salary of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000)
37 per year, which shall be paid in the same manner and at the
38 same time as other county employees.

39 (2) The annual salary provided in subdivision (1) shall
40 continue to be adjusted thereafter as authorized in Chapter 2A
41 of Title 11.

42 (3) If there is a break in continuous service as
43 coroner on or after September 22, 2015, upon reappointment or
44 reelection as coroner, he or she shall receive the base salary
45 as provided in subdivision (1), which may be adjusted as
46 provided in subdivision (2).

47 (d) The coroner may participate in the same retirement
48 system and the same insurance plan in the same manner and upon
49 the same terms and conditions as any other employee of the
50 county.

51 (e) The Coffee County Commission shall pay all expenses
52 incurred or required by the coroner, ~~and~~ chief deputy coroner,
53 and deputy coroner to perform the duties of his or her office,
54 including travel expenses ~~pursuant to state approved rates for~~
55 ~~state employees~~, radio and paging equipment and maintenance
56 costs, and association dues and continuing education expenses.



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57 The expenses shall be paid from the county general fund by the
58 county commission."

59 Section 2. Section 45-16-61, Code of Alabama 1975,
60 relating to the appointment of a deputy coroner is repealed.

61 Section 3. This act shall become effective immediately
62 following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its
63 otherwise becoming law.