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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to Limestone County; to provide for the salary of the coroner effective beginning the next term of office; to authorize the coroner to employ assistants; to further provide for the appointment of deputy coroners and the salary of deputy coroners and for this purpose to amend Section 45-42-61 of the Code of Alabama 1975; and to repeal Section 45-42-60 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the coroner.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) In Limestone County, effective beginning the next term of office of the coroner, the salary of the coroner shall be forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) per year payable in installments from the general fund of the county. The salary provided by this section shall be the total compensation of the coroner and shall be in lieu of any other compensation, salary, expense allowance, or fees provided to the coroner prior to the effective date of this act.

(b) The coroner, by accepting the salary provided by this section or any expense allowance under subsection (b), shall waive any right to any fees or mileage allowance provided to a coroner by general law and the salary provided



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29 by this section shall be in lieu of any fees provided by
30 general law.

31 (c) The coroner, subject to approval by the county
32 commission, may employ assistants to serve at the pleasure
33 of the coroner. The salary of any assistants employed by the
34 coroner shall be five hundred dollars (\$500) per month.

35 (d) This section shall not affect any expenses paid by
36 the county for the operation of the office of the coroner
37 pursuant to Section 45-42-62 of the Code of Alabama 1975, or
38 otherwise. The county commission may pay any expenses as the
39 county commission determines necessary for vouchered expenses
40 for the operation of the office of the coroner.

41 Section 2. Section 45-42-61 of the Code of Alabama
42 1975, is amended to read as follows:

43 "§45-42-61

44 In Limestone County, the county coroner, ~~is hereby~~
45 ~~authorized to~~ subject to approval of the county commission,
46 may appoint ~~a~~ one or more ~~deputy coroner~~ deputy coroners who shall
47 have the same responsibilities as the coroner ~~when the coroner~~
48 ~~is absent or in some way incapacitated~~. If the county coroner
49 should for any reason vacate the office, ~~the~~ any deputy
50 coroner shall serve until a successor is appointed or elected.
51 ~~The~~ A deputy coroner ~~is authorized to~~ shall receive a salary of
52 ~~seventy-five dollars (\$75)~~ six hundred dollars (\$600) a month
53 to be paid out of the general fund of the county in the same
54 manner as other elected or appointed officials are paid. The
55 salary provided by this section shall be the total
56 compensation of any deputy coroner and shall be in lieu of any



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57 other compensation, salary, expense allowance, or fees
58 provided to any deputy coroner prior to the effective date of
59 this act."

60 Section 3. (a) Section 45-20-60 of the Code of Alabama
61 1975, is repealed.

62 (b) Act 176 of the 1955 Regular Session (Acts 1955, p.
63 444) is repealed.

64 Section 4. This act shall become effective at the end
65 of the term of the current coroner.