



**House Ways and Means General Fund Reported
Substitute for HB101**

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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to elections; to provide for additional items that are considered election expenses that must be reimbursed to counties by the state.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 17-16-2, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§17-16-2

(a) As used in this chapter, the term "expenses" shall include the following items and any other items approved as reimbursable expenses by the Election Expense Reimbursement Committee pursuant to Section 17-16-2.1:

(1) The compensation and mileage provided by law for election officials.

(2) The compensation provided by law for the clerk or other official acting as absentee election manager.

(3) The cost of necessary training and associated travel expenses as approved by the county commission for any individual appointed as the absentee election manager pursuant to Section 17-11-2.

~~(3)~~ (4) The costs of ballots, supplies, and other



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29 materials or equipment necessary for election officials to
 30 conduct elections as required by law and as certified by the
 31 judge of probate as chief election official of the county.

32 (5) The costs incurred by the county commission in
 33 using electronic poll books pursuant to Section 17-4-2.1,
 34 including essential support equipment, software updates,
 35 populating the electronic poll books prior to each election,
 36 maintenance of the electronic poll books, and any other
 37 expenses necessary to comply with rules adopted by the
 38 Secretary of State pursuant to Section 17-4-2.1.

39 (6) The costs incurred by the county commission in
 40 using electronic voting machines, including, but not limited
 41 to, the transport of electronic voting machines, essential
 42 support equipment, software updates, maintenance of the
 43 electronic voting machines, and storage of electronic voting
 44 machines in non-governmental facilities.

45 (7) The costs incurred by the county commission for
 46 rental payments to a facility used as a polling place.

47 ~~(4)~~ (8) The costs of absentee ballots, supplies,
 48 postage, and other materials required by law to be furnished
 49 to the absentee election manager.

50 ~~(5)~~ (9) The cost of preparing and furnishing the lists
 51 of qualified electors to the election officials as required by
 52 law.

53 ~~(6)~~ (10) The cost of publishing any notice or other item
 54 related to any election and required by law, including, but
 55 not limited to, the publication of notice of any election and
 56 any voter lists.



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57 (b) Requests for reimbursement shall be submitted to
58 the Comptroller within 90 days following the date of the
59 election in which the expenses were incurred.

60 (c) This section shall apply to each primary and
61 general election beginning with the election on November 5,
62 2024."

63 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
64 1, 2024.