

SB263 ENGROSSED



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3 By Senator Jones (N & P)
4 RFD: Local Legislation
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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to Etowah County; to further provide for service of process; and to provide for the collection and dispensation of fees associated with service of process.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) The Sheriff of Etowah County may contract with a private, public, or governmental entity for the purpose of service of process for any document other than a warrant for arrest.

(b) In addition to all existing charges, fees, judgments, and costs of court, the clerk, sheriff, or other appropriate court official in district and circuit courts of Etowah County shall collect a service of process fee of thirty five dollars (\$35) per case for each party requiring personal service of process by the sheriff which shall be paid into the Sheriff's Law Enforcement Fund.

(c) The Sheriff of Etowah County may use the monies generated by this section at his or her discretion for any lawful purpose.

(d) The monies generated by this section shall not diminish or take the place of any other source of income for



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29 the sheriff.

30 (e) The district attorney and grand juries shall be
31 exempt from payment of the fees provided in this section.

32 Section 2. This act shall become effective December 1,
33 2024, contingent upon the ratification of the amendment to the
34 Constitution of Alabama of 2022, authorizing the Legislature
35 to fix and regulate court costs in Etowah County by general or
36 local law, and ratifying all previously collected court costs
37 in Etowah County, as proposed in SB_____ of the 2024 Regular
38 Session.

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43 to the Senate committee on Local
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47 on the calendar:
48 0 amendments
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51 as amended
52 Yeas 29
53 Nays 0
54 Abstains 0
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57 Patrick Harris,
58 Secretary.
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