

# HB187 INTRODUCED



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3 By Representative Hill  
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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, there is an additional docket fee assigned in all circuit, district, and municipal court filings. The fee allocated to the Sheriff's Office may only be expended for the operation of the jail.

This bill would allow the funds allocated to the Sheriff's Office to be expended to support the functions of the office of the sheriff.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to court fees; to amend Section 12-19-312, Code of Alabama 1975, to allow funds allocated to the Sheriff's Office to be expended to support the functions of his or her office.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 12-19-312, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§12-19-312

(a) The fee allocated to the Solicitor's Fund shall be expended for the payment of any ~~and all~~ expenses incurred by



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29 the district attorney in the discharge of the duties of the  
30 office or for any legitimate law enforcement purpose.

31 (b) The fee allocated for the court clerk's fund shall  
32 be expended at the discretion of the clerk, to support the  
33 functions of the office of the clerk.

34 (c) The fees allocated to the Sheriff's Fund,  
35 administered by the sheriff, shall be expended at the  
36 direction of the sheriff ~~for the operation of the jail~~ to  
37 support the functions of the office of the sheriff for law  
38 enforcement purposes.

39 (d) The fees allocated to the Alabama Forensic Services  
40 Trust Fund shall be expended for the objective analysis of  
41 scientific evidence in pending criminal investigations."

42 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
43 1, 2025.