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3 By Representative Wood (R) (N & P)
4 RFD: Local Legislation
5 First Read: 06-Feb-25



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

2 Relating to Calhoun County; to amend Section
3 45-8-60.01, Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for the
4 compensation of the coroner; and to repeal Section 45-8-60,
5 Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the compensation of the
6 coroner.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

8 Section 1. Section 45-8-60.01, Code of Alabama 1975, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 "§45-8-60.01

11 ~~(a) This section shall apply only to Calhoun County.~~

12 ~~(b) (1) (a) (1) After May 6, 2009~~May 31, 2025, the coroner
13 shall continue to receive the salary and expense allowances
14 the coroner is receiving on ~~May 6, 2009~~May 31, 2025, subject
15 to any adjustments as further provided herein.

16 (2) Commencing June 1, ~~2009~~2025, the coroner shall
17 receive an expense allowance in the amount of ~~five thousand~~
18 ~~dollars (\$5,000)~~twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) per annum
19 payable in equal bi-weekly installments as provided in
20 subsection ~~(d)~~(c).

21 (3) ~~At the beginning of the next term of office of the~~
22 ~~coroner~~Commencing January 18, 2027, the base annual salary for
23 the coroner shall be ~~increased by five thousand dollars~~
24 ~~(\$5,000)~~fifty-four thousand seven hundred fifty dollars
25 (\$54,750) per annum, and ~~the all other expense allowance~~
26 ~~provided for in subdivision (2)~~allowances or other forms of
27 compensation shall become void.

28 ~~(c) (b) Commencing on May 6, 2009, there shall be no~~



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29 ~~more than~~ The coroner may employ up to two compensated
30 assistant coroners. The compensation of a compensated
31 assistant coroner shall be in the form of a salary of ~~four~~
32 ~~thousand eight hundred dollars (\$4,800)~~ six thousand one
33 hundred dollars (\$6,100) annually.

34 ~~(d)~~ (c) Any salary or expense allowances provided
35 pursuant to this section shall be paid bi-weekly out of the
36 general fund of the county at the same time as county
37 employees are paid.

38 ~~(e)~~ (d) The county commission ~~may~~, in addition to the
39 expense allowances already provided by law, may provide
40 additional funds to pay the necessary expenses to provide for
41 the operation of the office of the coroner.

42 ~~(f) (1) a.~~ (e) (1) a. Except as otherwise provided in
43 paragraph b., commencing on June 1, 2009, the coroner shall
44 receive the same uniform increases in compensation, including
45 cost-of-living increases, longevity increases, merit raises,
46 and bonuses that are granted to county employees by the county
47 commission at the time of the approval of the county budget.
48 The increases shall be in the same amount or percentage, as
49 the case may be, as that amount or percentage increase
50 provided to the employees of the county.

51 b. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the
52 contrary, longevity increases for the incumbent coroner shall
53 be due and payable commencing January 6, 2010.

54 c. If the implementation of any cost-of-living
55 adjustment increases the salary of an incumbent coroner, the
56 increase shall be paid as provided in subdivision (3). The



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57 base compensation for the purpose of implementing this
58 subsection shall be that compensation established on June 1,
59 2009, and shall remain that amount unless increased as
60 provided by general or local law applicable to the coroner.

61 d. Longevity increases of the coroner shall be based on
62 the average of longevity increases of all county employees as
63 shown on county pay scales, as determined by the county
64 commission. Longevity increases for the coroner shall be based
65 on the coroner's most recent period of continuous,
66 uninterrupted service as the coroner. The coroner shall be
67 entitled to receive longevity increases for up to the same
68 number of years as a county employee is entitled to receive
69 increases. Past service as a county employee shall not be
70 counted in determining the number of years a coroner may
71 receive longevity increases. Compensation increases provided
72 for in this section shall be calculated based on the
73 compensation of the coroner being received at the time the
74 increases become effective for county employees. The inclusion
75 of funds in the county budget, at the time of its approval, to
76 cover the costs for compensation increases, as provided in
77 this section, shall be considered the granting of an increase
78 for whatever type of compensation increases funds are included
79 in the county budget when it is approved.

80 e. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the
81 contrary, the starting salary of any successor coroner shall
82 be the salary of his or her predecessor, including all
83 cost-of-living increases of his or her predecessor in office,
84 but not including longevity increases, merit raises, or



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85 bonuses received by any of his or her predecessors in office.

86 ~~(2) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to~~
87 ~~the contrary, the expense allowances provided for in~~
88 ~~subsection (b) of Section 45-8-11.03 shall not be increased or~~
89 ~~become part of the salary of the coroner.~~

90 ~~(3)~~ (2) Unless otherwise authorized by the law,
91 compensation increases provided for in this section to an
92 incumbent coroner shall be paid as an expense allowance until
93 the beginning of the next term of office whereupon the expense
94 allowance shall be included in the base salary for the
95 coroner, and the expense allowance shall be void.

96 ~~(g)~~ (f) The coroner may accept reimbursement from
97 funeral establishments for the reasonable and necessary cost
98 to the office of the coroner for removing and transporting the
99 body of a decedent to a funeral establishment and
100 reimbursement for the reasonable and necessary cost of
101 providing copies of reports and other documentation. Before
102 the tenth of each month all amounts reimbursed to the office
103 of the coroner during the preceding month shall be disbursed
104 by the coroner to the county commission and deposited in a
105 separate account for use by the coroner to pay operating
106 expenses of the coroner's office, to furnish supplies and
107 equipment necessary for the performance of the official duties
108 of the office, and to pay training expenses, including
109 expenses for travel to obtain training for the coroner,
110 assistant coroners, and other personnel of the coroner's
111 office."

112 Section 2. Section 45-8-60, Code of Alabama 1975,



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113 relating to the compensation of the coroner in Calhoun County,
114 is repealed.

115 Section 3. This act shall become effective on June 1,
116 2025.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and was passed by the House 18-Feb-25.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

19-Mar-25

Passed