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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

"§45-8-60.01

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

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

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

~~(3) At the beginning of the next term of office of the~~



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29 ~~coroner~~ Commencing January 18, 2027, the base annual salary for
30 the coroner shall be ~~increased by five thousand dollars~~
31 ~~(\$5,000)~~ fifty-four thousand seven hundred fifty dollars
32 (\$54,750) per annum, and ~~the all other~~ expense ~~allowance~~
33 ~~provided for in subdivision (2)~~ allowances or other forms of
34 compensation shall become void.

35 ~~(c) (b)~~ Commencing on May 6, 2009, there shall be no
36 ~~more than~~ The coroner may employ up to two compensated
37 assistant coroners. The compensation of a compensated
38 assistant coroner shall be in the form of a salary of ~~four~~
39 ~~thousand eight hundred dollars (\$4,800)~~ six thousand one
40 hundred dollars (\$6,100) annually.

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

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

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



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57 provided to the employees of the county.

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

61 c. If the implementation of any cost-of-living
62 adjustment increases the salary of an incumbent coroner, the
63 increase shall be paid as provided in subdivision (3). The
64 base compensation for the purpose of implementing this
65 subsection shall be that compensation established on June 1,
66 2009, and shall remain that amount unless increased as
67 provided by general or local law applicable to the coroner.

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



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85 for whatever type of compensation increases funds are included
86 in the county budget when it is approved.

87 e. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the
88 contrary, the starting salary of any successor coroner shall
89 be the salary of his or her predecessor, including all
90 cost-of-living increases of his or her predecessor in office,
91 but not including longevity increases, merit raises, or
92 bonuses received by any of his or her predecessors in office.

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

97 ~~(3)~~ (2) Unless otherwise authorized by the law,
98 compensation increases provided for in this section to an
99 incumbent coroner shall be paid as an expense allowance until
100 the beginning of the next term of office whereupon the expense
101 allowance shall be included in the base salary for the
102 coroner, and the expense allowance shall be void.

103 ~~(g)~~ (f) The coroner may accept reimbursement from
104 funeral establishments for the reasonable and necessary cost
105 to the office of the coroner for removing and transporting the
106 body of a decedent to a funeral establishment and
107 reimbursement for the reasonable and necessary cost of
108 providing copies of reports and other documentation. Before
109 the tenth of each month all amounts reimbursed to the office
110 of the coroner during the preceding month shall be disbursed
111 by the coroner to the county commission and deposited in a
112 separate account for use by the coroner to pay operating



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113 expenses of the coroner's office, to furnish supplies and
114 equipment necessary for the performance of the official duties
115 of the office, and to pay training expenses, including
116 expenses for travel to obtain training for the coroner,
117 assistant coroners, and other personnel of the coroner's
118 office."

119 Section 2. Section 45-8-60, Code of Alabama 1975,
120 relating to the compensation of the coroner in Calhoun County,
121 is repealed.

122 Section 3. This act shall become effective on June 1,
123 2025.