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A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to Houston County; to further provide for the compensation of the sheriff and the coroner; to amend Section 45-35-70, Code of Alabama 1975; and to repeal Section 45-35-60, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the compensation of the Coroner of Houston County, and Section 45-35-230, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the compensation of the Sheriff of Houston County.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) Beginning on June 1, 2025, the salary of the Coroner of Houston County shall be twenty-two thousand dollars (\$22,000) per annum.

(b) The Coroner of Houston County shall receive the same uniform increases in compensation granted to other county employees including, but not limited to, cost-of-living increases.

Section 2. (a) Beginning on June 1, 2025, the salary of the Sheriff of Houston County shall be one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) per annum.

(b) Beginning on June 1, 2025, the Sheriff of Houston County shall receive the same uniform increases in



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29 compensation granted to other county employees including, but  
30 not limited to, cost-of-living increases.

31 Section 3. Section 45-35-70, Code of Alabama 1975, is  
32 amended to read as follows:

33 "§45-35-70

34 (a) ~~(1)~~ Beginning on June 1, 2007, the compensation of  
35 the Chair of the Houston County Commission shall be adjusted  
36 so that the monthly compensation paid to the holder of the  
37 office shall be 85 percent of the monthly compensation which  
38 was being paid to the Houston County Judge of Probate on April  
39 1, 2007. The increase in compensation in this subdivision  
40 shall be paid as a monthly expense allowance until the  
41 beginning of the next term of office or as otherwise provided  
42 by law, at which time the amount of the expense allowance  
43 shall be included in the base salary for the office holder and  
44 the expense allowance shall be void. Deductions from the  
45 expense allowance provided in this subsection shall be made in  
46 the same manner as if the expense allowance were salary as  
47 provided in Chapter 2A, Title 11.

48 ~~(2)a. Beginning on June 1, 2024, the annual salary of~~  
49 ~~the Sheriff of Houston County shall be one hundred thirty~~  
50 ~~thousand eight hundred dollars (\$130,800). The increase in~~  
51 ~~compensation provided by this subdivision over the salary of~~  
52 ~~the sheriff existing before June 1, 2024, shall be paid as a~~  
53 ~~monthly expense allowance until the beginning of the next term~~  
54 ~~of office, or as otherwise provided by law, at which time that~~  
55 ~~amount shall be included in the base salary for the sheriff,~~  
56 ~~and the expense allowance shall be void.~~



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57 ~~b. Beginning June 1, 2024, in addition to the salary~~  
58 ~~provided in paragraph a., the sheriff shall receive the same~~  
59 ~~uniform increases in compensation, including cost-of-living or~~  
60 ~~other similar increases granted to other county employees.~~  
61 ~~During a term of the sheriff, the uniform increases shall be~~  
62 ~~paid as an additional expense allowance, and effective~~  
63 ~~beginning the next term of office after June 1, 2024, the~~  
64 ~~cumulative expense allowance during the term shall be~~  
65 ~~converted to salary.~~

66 ~~(3) After May 31, 2007, any adjustments in the expense~~  
67 ~~allowance or compensation of the Chair of the Houston County~~  
68 ~~Commission other than as provided in subdivision (1), shall~~  
69 ~~only be as authorized in Chapter 2A, Title 11.~~

70 (b) (1) The compensation being paid to the district  
71 commissioners of the Houston County Commission commencing on  
72 December 1, 2004, including any additional increases  
73 thereafter provided as a result of the application of Chapter  
74 2A, Title 11, is ratified and confirmed and shall continue to  
75 be the amounts paid to all members of the Houston County  
76 Commission elected by district after May 31, 2007. The  
77 compensation of the district commissioners shall thereafter  
78 only be altered as provided in subdivision (2) or as provided  
79 in Chapter 2A, Title 11.

80 (2) Beginning on June 1, 2007, the district  
81 commissioners in Houston County shall each receive a monthly  
82 expense allowance in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars  
83 (\$250) per month in lieu of mileage reimbursement for  
84 performing duties within Houston County.



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85           (3) Beginning on December 1, 2018, the Chair of the  
86 Houston County Commission shall receive an expense allowance  
87 in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) per month for  
88 performing duties within the county. The expense allowance  
89 provided in this subsection shall be in lieu of mileage  
90 reimbursement or the chair being provided the use of a county  
91 vehicle. This expense allowance shall be treated in the same  
92 manner as all other compensation and expense allowances  
93 received by the chair of the county commission."

94           Section 4. Section 45-35-60, Code of Alabama 1975,  
95 relating to the compensation of the Coroner of Houston County,  
96 and Section 45-35-230, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the  
97 compensation of the Sheriff of Houston County, are repealed.

98           Section 5. This act shall become effective on June 1,  
99 2025.