



A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to Morgan County; to amend Section 45-52-161.02, Code of Alabama 1975; to further provide for the distribution of the county's Tennessee Valley Authority in-lieu-of-taxes payments; to further provide for certain funds; and to repeal Sections 45-52-161.03, 45-52-161.04, 45-52-161.05, 45-52-161.06, and 45-52-161.07, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the distribution of the Morgan County TVA money.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 45-52-161.02, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§45-52-161.02

(a) The ~~amount of the~~ three percent increase shall be allocated, applied, and paid as follows:

(1) ~~First, an amount equal to 40~~ Forty-five percent ~~of the three percent increase shall be set aside by the commission in to the Morgan County Legislative Delegation Fund, provided for in Section 2 of the act amending this section. a separate fund to be used to establish, equip, and maintain a legislative office for the members of the~~



~~Legislature serving the county. All decisions concerning the Morgan County Legislative Office including, but not limited to, revenue, income, purchases, and grants shall be made by resolutions of the delegation adopted by a concurrent majority of the Morgan County delegation, senators and House of Representatives members, each house voting separately. The resolution may provide an operational procedure for the delegation office. The commission shall immediately pay such amounts from such fund as the Morgan County Legislative Delegation may request. Requests shall be in the form of a resolution passed by the county legislative delegation, signed by one senator and one member of the House of Representatives from the county who shall be duly appointed by the legislative delegation. The legislative delegation shall expend the monies to employ staff, acquire adequate physical office space, equipment, supplies, services, and all other necessary items and may also expend the monies for other purposes, including grants for allowable public purposes at the discretion and direction of the legislative delegation. The individuals employed and expenditures of the funds by the legislative delegation shall be in its discretion. Any funds allocated but not spent at the end of the fiscal year shall not be applied for any other purpose, but shall be carried forward and shall remain available year to year for expenditure as provided in this subdivision. The revenue and expenditures of the legislative office shall be audited on an annual basis.~~

~~(2) Second, eight Nine percent of the amount of the three percent increase remaining after the allocations thereof~~



57 ~~shall have been made under subdivision (1) shall be allocated~~  
58 ~~and paid to the Morgan County Rescue Squad and the expenditure~~  
59 ~~of the funds thereby shall be audited on an annual basis.~~

60 (3) Ten percent to the Decatur-Morgan County  
61 Entrepreneurial Center ~~Third, the balance of the three percent~~  
62 ~~increase remaining after the allocations provided in~~  
63 ~~subdivision (1) and subdivision (2) shall have been made shall~~  
64 ~~be allocated and paid as provided in Sections 45-52-161.03,~~  
65 ~~45-52-161.04, 45-52-161.05, 45-52-161.06, and 45-52-161.07.~~

66 (4) The remainder shall be distributed pursuant to  
67 subsection (c).

68 (b) The 75 percent TVA payment paid pursuant to Section  
69 40-28-2 shall be distributed as follows:

70 (1) Twenty percent to the participating boards of  
71 education in amounts bearing the same proportion of the total  
72 amount as the Foundation Program allocates to the  
73 participating boards of education.

74 (2) Twenty percent to the participating boards of  
75 education in amounts bearing the same proportion of the total  
76 amount as the population served by each participating board of  
77 education bears to the total population of the county, as  
78 determined by the most recent federal decennial census.

79 (3) The remainder shall be distributed pursuant to  
80 subsection (c).

81 (c) The remainder of the three percent increase  
82 designated in subdivision (a) (4) and the remainder of the 75  
83 percent payment designated in subdivision (b) (3) shall be  
84 combined and the combined amount shall be distributed as



85 follows:

86 (1) Up to one million five hundred thousand dollars  
87 (\$1,500,000) to, or at the direction of, the district during  
88 the current bond year in an aggregate amount equal to the  
89 annual debt service for the bond year, as from time to time  
90 specified by notice, in writing, to the commission by the  
91 district. The commission shall make payments pursuant to this  
92 subdivision as required to comply with the terms of the  
93 obligations and the proceedings and documents under which the  
94 obligations are issued. This subdivision shall be void on  
95 December 31, 2042.

96 (2) The remainder of any TVA payment after the  
97 allocation provided in subdivision (1), up to two hundred  
98 thousand dollars (\$200,000), to the Morgan County Economic  
99 Development Fund in an amount that will set the total monies  
100 in the fund at one million dollars (\$1,000,000).

101 (3) The remainder of any TVA payment after the  
102 allocations provided in subdivisions (1) and (2) shall be  
103 distributed among the participating local governments, with  
104 each participating local government other than the county  
105 receiving an amount bearing the same proportion as the  
106 population of the participating local government bears to the  
107 total population of the county according to the most recent  
108 federal decennial census. The remainder shall be distributed  
109 to the county general fund."

110 Section 2. (a) The Morgan County Commission shall  
111 maintain a separate fund, originally created by Act 2009-767,  
112 2009 Regular Session, (Acts 2009, p. 5347) and now known as



113 the Morgan County Legislative Delegation Fund, to be used to  
114 establish, equip, and maintain a legislative office for the  
115 members of the Legislature serving the county.

116 (b) All decisions concerning the delegation office  
117 including, but not limited to, revenue, income, purchases, and  
118 grants shall be made by resolution of the delegation adopted  
119 by a concurrent majority of the delegation, members of the  
120 Senate and House of Representatives, each house voting  
121 separately. The resolution may provide an operational  
122 procedure for the decisions of the delegation office.

123 (c) The county commission shall immediately pay any  
124 amounts from the Morgan County Legislative Delegation Fund as  
125 the delegation may request. Requests shall be in the form of a  
126 resolution passed by the delegation, signed by one senator and  
127 one member of the House of Representatives from the county  
128 duly appointed by the members of the delegation.

129 (d) The delegation shall expend the monies in the  
130 Morgan County Legislative Delegation Fund to employ staff,  
131 acquire adequate physical office space, equipment, supplies,  
132 services, and all other necessary items. The delegation may  
133 also expend the monies for other purposes including, but not  
134 limited to, grants for allowable public purposes at the  
135 discretion and direction of the delegation.

136 (e) The individuals employed and expenditures of the  
137 monies shall be at the discretion of the delegation.

138 (f) Any monies allocated but not spent at the end of  
139 the fiscal year shall not be applied for any other purpose but  
140 shall be carried forward and shall remain available year to



141 year for expenditures as provided in this section.

142 (g) The revenue and expenditures of the office shall be  
143 audited on an annual basis.

144 (h) Any monies in the Morgan County Legislative  
145 Delegation Fund on September 30, 2025, shall remain in the  
146 Morgan County Legislative Delegation Fund on October 1, 2025.

147 Section 3. The Morgan County Industrial Park and  
148 Economic Development Cooperative District shall maintain the  
149 Morgan County Economic Development Fund originally created by  
150 Act 2007-339, 2007 Regular Session (Acts 2007, p. 602). The  
151 Morgan County Economic Development Fund and the monies  
152 contained in the fund shall be the property of the district.  
153 The district shall invest the monies as provided by law for  
154 the investment of funds of the participating local  
155 governments, as defined in Section 45-52-161, Code of Alabama  
156 1975. The district shall use the monies for economic purposes  
157 in, or for the benefit of, Morgan County to the extent any of  
158 the participating local governments, as defined in Section  
159 45-52-161, Code of Alabama 1975, could apply the monies for  
160 those purposes. Any monies in the Morgan County Economic  
161 Development Fund on September 30, 2025, pursuant to former  
162 Section 45-52-161.06, Code of Alabama 1975, or any other  
163 provision of law, shall remain in the fund on October 1, 2025.

164 Section 4. Sections 45-52-161.03, 45-52-161.04,  
165 45-52-161.05, 45-52-161.06, and 45-52-161.07, Code of Alabama  
166 1975, relating to the distribution of the Morgan County  
167 Tennessee Valley Authority in-lieu-of-taxes payments, are  
168 repealed.



169                   Section 5. This act shall become effective on October  
170    1, 2025.