

## SB308 INTRODUCED



1 SB308  
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3 By Senator Price (N & P)  
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A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to Lee County; to amend Sections 45-41-130, 45-41-130.01, 45-41-130.02, and 45-41-130.03, Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for the functions, duties, and responsibilities of the county engineer and county commission.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Sections 45-41-130, 45-41-130.01, 45-41-130.02, and 45-41-130.03, Code of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

"§45-41-130

(a) The Lee County Commission shall employ a county engineer who shall be a thoroughly qualified and competent civil engineer possessing all of the qualifications as specified for county engineers under the general laws of the State of Alabama and who shall reside in Lee County during his or her employment; ~~and the commission shall delegate authority to the.~~

(b) The county engineer ~~to manage~~ shall be responsible for the management of the county highway department and ~~maintain~~ the maintenance of county roads, highways, bridges, and ferries in Lee County at the discretion of the county



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commission or its designee. "

"§45-41-130.01

Before commencing his or her duties, the county engineer shall enter into a bond for faithful performance of his or her duties in such amount and with such sureties as shall be approved by the commission; ~~and in.~~ In carrying out his or her duties, he or she shall report to the county commission ~~as a whole~~ or its designee."

"§45-41-130.02

(a) All functions, duties, and responsibilities for the construction, maintenance, and repair of county roads, highways, bridges, and ferries in Lee County ~~are hereby vested in~~ shall be delegated to the county engineer, who shall, insofar as possible, construct and maintain ~~such~~ the roads, highways, bridges, and ferries for the benefit of the county as a whole or as a unit, without regard to district or beat lines.

(b) Each member of the Lee County Commission shall be authorized to inspect the roads in his or her district from time to time and report their condition to the county engineer."

"§45-41-130.03

~~The county engineer shall have the following duties and authority, but shall not be limited to such duties~~ It shall be the duty of the county engineer to carry out the following as determined by the county commission or its designee:

(1) To employ, supervise, and direct all such personnel and such assistants as are necessary and authorized to



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properly maintain and construct the county roads, highways, bridges, and ferries of the county~~r;~~ ~~to have the authority to~~ prescribe their duties~~;~~ and to discharge employees for cause or when not needed.

(2) To perform or have performed such engineering and surveying services as may be required; and to prepare and maintain the necessary maps and records.

(3) To prepare and present to the county commission on or before September 15 each year a proposed budget for the county highway department and to maintain the necessary records to show the expenditures made in constructing and maintaining of the county highway system.

(4) To build or construct new roads, or change old roads, upon the order of the county commission

(5) ~~Insofar as is feasible to~~To construct and maintain all county roads for the benefit of the county as a whole or as a unit.

(6) To have the authority, under the laws of the State of Alabama, to receive and evaluate bids and present to county commission for approval.

(7) To have authority to~~promulgate~~ adopt rules and requirements regarding the approval, design, and construction of roads, highways, and bridges that are to be accepted into the county road system for permanent maintenance.

(8) ~~To have full power and authority within~~Unless otherwise determined by the county commission or its designee, to expend budgeted funds to make purchases of all ~~material~~materials, machinery, equipment, and supplies needed



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85 for the construction, maintenance, and repair of county roads,  
86 bridges, and ferries ~~after complying~~in accordance with county  
87 purchasing ~~procedure~~procedures and state purchasing laws."

88 Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately.