

**SB331 ENROLLED**



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2 11HAHL3-2  
3 By Senator Beasley (N & P)  
4 RFD: Local Legislation  
5 First Read: 17-Apr-25



1      Enrolled, An Act,

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3                Relating to Barbour County; to amend Section  
4          45-3-84.40, Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for the  
5          compensation of the judge of probate.

6          BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

7                Section 1. Section 45-3-84.40, Code of Alabama 1975, is  
8          amended to read as follows:

9                "§45-3-84.40

10                (a) Commencing with the next term of officeBeginning  
11          October 1, 2025, in lieu of any other fees, compensation, or  
12          expense allowances, the Judge of Probate of Barbour County  
13          shall receive thean annual salary determined by the Barbour  
14          County Commission, but in no event in an amount not less than  
15          the minimum salary provided by general law for judges of  
16          probateequal to 70 percent of the salary paid to a state  
17          district court judge with equivalent years of service,  
18          including any increases in salary due to years of service or  
19          cost-of-living adjustments. The salary shall be paid in equal  
20          monthly installments in the same manner as county employees  
21          are paid.

22                (b) Commencing October 1, 1997, after ratification of  
23          the proposed constitutional amendment relating to Barbour  
24          County and the compensation of the judge or probate in the  
25          current session of the Legislature, the judge or probate shall  
26          receive a salary in the amount equal to the payment of all  
27          fees, expenses, and compensation currently paid to the Judge  
28          of Probate of Barbour County, not to exceed seventy-five



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29 thousand dollars (\$75,000) per year. The annual salary shall  
30 be paid in equal monthly installments in the same manner as  
31 county employees are paid and shall be in lieu of any fees or  
32 expense allowances. The salary of the judge of probate shall be  
33 increased any time and in the same manner as the salary of a  
34 state district court judge having the same number of  
35 cumulative years of service.

36 (c) Commencing October 1, 1997, all fees, charges, and  
37 compensation currently payable to the judge of probate shall  
38 be paid into the county general fund and all expenses and  
39 costs for the operation of the Office of the Judge of Probate  
40 of Barbour County shall be paid by the county commission from  
41 county funds. The salary provided by this section shall be in  
42 lieu of any and all other prior compensation or salary  
43 provided by law to the judge of probate, and shall be paid in  
44 equal periodic installments from the county general fund.

45 (d) In order to receive the compensation provided in  
46 this section, the judge of probate shall waive any  
47 compensation provided under Section 17-3-60, relating to  
48 reports from the state voter registration list.

49 (e) The judge of probate shall be entitled to  
50 reimbursement of expenses related to travel in the same manner  
51 and to the same extent as other employees of the county."

52 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
53 1, 2025.



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70                   Senate 24-Apr-25  
71                   I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed  
72                   the Senate.  
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74                   Patrick Harris,  
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