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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to Class 1 municipalities; to set the salary of the mayor in an amount that is 10 percent higher than the salary of the highest paid municipal employee under the jurisdiction of the county personnel board; to amend Section 11-43-80, Code of Alabama 1975, to make conforming changes; and to repeal Act 84-618 of the 1984 Regular Session (Acts 1984, p. 1256), providing for an expense allowance for the mayor of a Class 1 municipality; Section 11-43-86, Code of Alabama 1975, providing for compensation of the mayor of a Class 1 municipality; Section 11-43-86.1, Code of Alabama 1975, providing for an increase in the salary of the mayor in a Class 1 municipality; and Section 45-37A-52.93, Code of Alabama 1975, providing for the salary for the Mayor of Birmingham.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) This section shall only apply in Class 1 municipalities.

(b) The annual salary of the mayor of a Class 1 municipality shall be equal to an amount that is 10 percent higher than the salary of the highest paid employee of the



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municipality who is employed by, and under the jurisdiction of, the applicable county personnel board, as that salary exists on the day the mayor's four-year term begins. The salary of the mayor shall not increase or decrease during his or her term, regardless of whether the salary of the employee upon which the mayor's salary was established increases or decreases.

(c) The mayor shall receive the annual salary payable in biweekly installments, the installments to be paid at the same rate for any portion of the biweekly period during which the mayor holds the office at the rate provided in subsection (b).

(d) The salary provided in subsection (b) shall supersede any other expense allowance, salary, or other compensation for the mayor provided by law.

Section 2. Section 11-43-80, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§11-43-80

(a) The mayor shall have the powers and perform the duties provided by this title and by other applicable provisions of law and shall keep an office in the city or town.

(b) ~~The~~ Except in any Class 1 municipality, the mayor shall receive such salary as the council may prescribe, which must be fixed by the council not less than six months prior to each general municipal election; provided, however, the six-month requirement in this section may be waived when necessary to comply with a mandate by the U.S. Justice



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Department pursuant to the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, or with an order issued by a state or federal court.

(c) In municipalities which own and operate light and power systems, municipal water systems, municipal sewage systems, and municipal gas systems, one or any of them, may, by resolution of the governing body duly entered in its minutes, require the mayor to act as superintendent of such system or systems and to give so much of his time thereof as the governing body may direct. In any municipality in which a municipal board or municipal public corporation owns and operates a municipal light and power system, municipal water system, municipal sewage system, and municipal gas system, one or any of them, such board or municipal public corporation may, by resolution duly entered in its minutes, employ the mayor to act as superintendent of such system or systems and to give so much of his time thereto as such board or corporation may direct. The mayor, as such superintendent of such system or systems, shall serve as purchasing agent and make all purchases authorized by the governing body, board, or municipal public corporation therefor, and shall keep a check on meter readings and bids for service of the system and see that the collections thereof are made. He shall see that the system or systems are kept in proper repair and operation, shall keep an inventory showing the supplies and equipment on hand for such system or systems, shall keep a full and complete monthly financial statement of all operation costs and receipts and keep a proper inventory of the fiscal assets of such system or systems, and shall handle all such data and



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information relative to such system or systems available for the governing body, board, or municipal public corporation at such times as it shall require, but not less frequently than once every three months. For his service as superintendent of such system or systems, the mayor shall be paid, in addition to his salary as mayor, such sum as the governing body, board, or municipal corporation shall deem reasonable. The governing body, board, or municipal corporation may, at any time it deems best, dispense with the mayor's service as superintendent.

(d) The provisions of this section shall be curative and retroactive, and any employment of any mayor as superintendent of any such utility or utilities heretofore made by any such governing body, board, or municipal public corporation, and any such salary heretofore paid to any mayor by any such governing body, board, or municipal corporation for his services as superintendent of such system or systems, is hereby validated."

Section 3. The following are repealed:

(1) Act 84-618 of the 1984 Regular Session (Acts 1984, p. 1256), providing for an expense allowance for the mayor of a Class 1 municipality.

(2) Section 11-43-86, Code of Alabama 1975, providing for compensation of the mayor of a Class 1 municipality.

(3) Section 11-43-86.1, Code of Alabama 1975, providing for an increase in the salary of the mayor in a Class 1 municipality.

(4) Section 45-37A-52.93, Code of Alabama 1975,



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113 providing for the salary for the Mayor of Birmingham.

114 Section 4. This act shall become effective on November

115 11, 2025.