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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, counties and municipalities may participate in various multijurisdiction authorities created by the Legislature.

This bill would authorize the governing body of a county or municipality to unilaterally withdraw from certain multijurisdiction authorities, establish a successor entity to an authority, further provide for the distribution or use of any monies previously distributed to the authority, and increase or decrease the rate of any tax collected in conjunction with the authority.

This bill would also require a multijurisdiction authority to remit certain monies to a withdrawing entity.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to counties and municipalities; to authorize the governing body of a county or municipality to withdraw from a multijurisdiction authority, establish a successor entity, further provide for the distribution or use of certain



29 monies previously distributed to an authority, and increase or
30 decrease the rate of any tax collected in conjunction with the
31 authority; and to require a multijurisdiction authority to
32 remit certain monies to a withdrawing entity.

33 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

34 Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the
35 term "multijurisdiction authority" means any entity created by
36 the Legislature, authorized to operate in more than one county
37 or municipality, created to address economic development
38 issues, whose governing body includes members appointed by
39 more than one county or municipality, and whose governing body
40 includes members appointed by the governing body of a county
41 that borders other states to the north and west.

42 (b) If a multijurisdiction authority does not have any
43 outstanding debt, the governing body of a county or
44 municipality, by resolution, may unilaterally withdraw from
45 the multijurisdiction authority.

46 (c) Following a withdrawal performed pursuant to
47 subsection (b), the governing body of a member county or
48 municipality, by resolution, may do any of the following:

49 (1) Establish an entity that operates within the
50 boundaries of the county or municipality and performs
51 functions similar to the multijurisdiction authority from
52 which the county or municipality withdrew. Any new entity
53 established pursuant to this subdivision shall have the power
54 to borrow money and to issue revenue bonds as evidence of
55 money borrowed.

56 (2) Further provide for the distribution or use of any



57 monies raised or collected inside the territory administered
58 by the governing body and previously distributed to the
59 multijurisdiction authority by the Legislature.

60 (3) Increase or decrease by up to three-quarters of a
61 percent the rate of any tax collected in the county or
62 municipality in conjunction with the multijurisdiction
63 authority from which the county or municipality withdrew.

64 (d) Following a withdrawal performed pursuant to
65 subsection (b), the multijurisdiction authority shall remit to
66 the governing body of the withdrawing county or municipality a
67 portion of the multijurisdiction authority's unencumbered
68 monies that corresponds to the percentage of the
69 multijurisdiction authority's total funding that was raised or
70 collected from the territory of the withdrawing county or
71 municipality.

72 (e) Following a withdrawal performed pursuant to
73 subsection (b), the multijurisdiction authority shall have the
74 power to borrow money and to issue revenue bonds as evidence
75 of money borrowed.

76 Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately.