

**SB165 ENROLLED**



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2 YMEKWN6-2  
3 By Senator Jones  
4 RFD: County and Municipal Government  
5 First Read: 14-Jan-26



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 Relating to elections; to amend Section 11-43B-4, Code  
5 of Alabama 1975; to further provide for qualification fees for  
6 municipal elections in certain Class 4 municipalities; to  
7 require indigent candidates to submit certain documentation to  
8 qualify for fee exemptions.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

10 Section 1. Section 11-43B-4, Code of Alabama 1975, is  
11 amended to read as follows:

12 "§11-43B-4

13 (a) The initial elections provided for ~~herein~~ in this  
14 chapter, and all subsequent elections, shall be conducted, the  
15 vote canvassed, the results declared, and those elected assume  
16 the duties of their offices in the same manner as provided by  
17 the general law of the state pertaining to municipal elections  
18 for mayor-council forms of government, except as otherwise  
19 provided by state statute.

20 (b) (1) The mayor shall be elected by the whole of the  
21 electors of the city and shall have been a resident of the  
22 city for at least 90 days prior to his or her election.

23 (2) Council members shall be elected by the electors of  
24 the district which they represent, and shall have been  
25 residents of the district which they represent for at least 90  
26 days prior to their election.

27 (c) (1) Any ~~person~~ individual desiring to become a  
28 candidate for mayor, ~~or~~ council member, or member of the



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29 municipal board of education ~~must~~, at the time of filing a  
30 statement of candidacy, shall pay to the city clerk the  
31 qualifying fee to be set by ordinance. Notwithstanding Section  
32 11-46-2, the qualifying fee for mayoral candidates shall be  
33 five hundred dollars (\$500), and the qualifying fee for  
34 council member and municipal board of education member  
35 candidates shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).

36 (2) If any ~~person~~ individual desiring to become a  
37 candidate for mayor,  ~~or council member,~~ or member of the  
38 municipal board of education is financially unable to pay the  
39 filing fee, then that ~~person~~ individual shall be exempted from  
40 the fee upon attesting that the individual has a gross income  
41 that does not exceed 130 percent of the federal poverty level  
42 and filing with the city clerk a copy of the individual's most  
43 recent federal tax return.~~verified statements from three city~~  
44 ~~electors that said candidate is indigent and not financially~~  
45 ~~capable of paying the fee.~~

46 (d) Within 30 days after the election, every candidate  
47 shall file with the city clerk a sworn statement of all  
48 election campaign expenses and of each ~~person~~ individual,  
49 firm, or corporation which has contributed funds, itemized for  
50 all expenditures and contributions of one hundred dollars  
51 (\$100~~.00~~) or more."

52 Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 25-Feb-26

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate.

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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House of Representatives

Passed: 08-Apr-26

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