

**SB243 INTRODUCED**



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2 9JCK5MM-1  
3 By Senator Smitherman (N & P)  
4 RFD: Jefferson County Legislation  
5 First Read: 03-Feb-26



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4 A BILL

5 TO BE ENTITLED

6 AN ACT

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9 Relating to Jefferson County; to amend Section  
10 45-37-233, Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for pistol  
11 permits and pistol permit fees.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

13 Section 1. Section 45-37-233, Code of Alabama 1975, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 "§45-37-233

16 (a) This section shall be known as the Pistol Permit  
17 Reduction Act of 1999 for Jefferson County.18 (b) In Jefferson County, the total fee for issuance of  
19 a one-year permit to carry a pistol as provided by Section  
20 13A-11-75 shall be seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) ~~per~~  
21 ~~year~~. The fee shall be paid by the sheriff to the county  
22 treasurer, and the county treasurer shall distribute the seven  
23 dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) as follows:24 (1) Four dollars and fifty cents (\$4.50) shall be  
25 distributed to the retirement system established by Article  
26 12.27 (2) Fifty cents (\$.50) shall be distributed to the  
28 Jefferson County Sheriff's Fund.



29                   (3) a. Two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) shall be  
30 distributed to a fund in the county treasury designated the  
31 Jefferson County Legislative Delegation Office Fund to be  
32 further distributed as provided herein.

33                   b. Any amounts previously distributed and not expended  
34 pursuant to this subdivision shall be transferred to the fund.

35                   c. Any amounts in the fund over one hundred twenty  
36 thousand dollars (\$120,000) on April 10, 2014, shall  
37 thereafter be distributed to the public school systems in the  
38 county to be used for the operation of the public schools,  
39 including, but not limited to, being used for school security,  
40 on a pro rata basis based on the number of school students in  
41 each school system, including the City of Gardendale School  
42 System, to the total number of students in the county based on  
43 enrollment numbers for the 2013-2014 school year as reported  
44 to the State Department of Education.

45                   d. Notwithstanding the distribution provided in ~~the~~  
46 ~~preceding sentence~~paragraph c., in the event the City of  
47 Gardendale School System has not been officially separated  
48 from the Jefferson County School System at the time of any  
49 distribution provided for therein, the portion of the funds  
50 that would have been distributed to the City of Gardendale  
51 School System based on the distribution formula provided  
52 therein shall be distributed to the City of Gardendale to be  
53 used only for the operation of the Gardendale School System  
54 upon separation.

55                   e. The remaining balance in the fund and any amounts  
56 accruing pursuant to this subdivision after the distribution



57 provided in ~~the preceding sentence paragraph d.~~ or the portion  
58 needed thereof shall be spent for the operation of a  
59 legislative office located in Birmingham.

60 (c) The total fee for issuance of a five-year permit to  
61 carry a pistol as provided by Section 13A-11-75 shall be  
62 thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents (\$37.50). The fee shall  
63 be paid by the sheriff to the county treasurer and the county  
64 treasurer shall distribute the fee in the same proportions as  
65 provided in subsection (b)."

66 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
67 1, 2026.