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3 By Senator Kitchens (N & P)
4 RFD: Local Legislation
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4 A BILL

5 TO BE ENTITLED

6 AN ACT

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9 Relating to Marshall County; to amend Section
10 45-48-111.03, Code of Alabama 1975; to require that the
11 presiding circuit judge, circuit clerk, and presiding district
12 judge are part of the committee to select the custodian of
13 voting tabulators; to clarify custodian responsibilities; and
14 to increase the custodian's salary.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

16 Section 1. Section 45-48-111.03, Code of Alabama 1975,
17 is amended to read as follows:

18 "§45-48-111.03

19 (a) A custodian of voting ~~machines~~tabulators shall be
20 appointed by a committee composed of the ~~senior~~presiding
21 circuit judge, who shall also be the chair, the judge of
22 probate, ~~tax collector~~circuit clerk, sheriff, and the ~~county~~
23 ~~judge~~presiding district judge. ~~Such~~The custodian of voting
24 ~~machines~~tabulators shall have attended a recognized ~~school~~
25 ~~that teaches the~~training course that teaches operation and
26 handling of voting ~~machines~~tabulators, or ~~in lieu thereof~~ must
27 have had at least three years' experience in the operation and
28 handling of voting ~~machines~~tabulators.



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29 (b) The custodian shall be responsible for performing
30 all duties ~~as set out in Section 17-9-28~~necessary, or
31 incidental, to maintaining the county voting tabulators
32 including, but not limited to, the following:

33 (1) Testing all voting tabulators and comparing the
34 test results to the manufacturer's specifications ensuring a
35 perfect match.

36 (2) Installing new paper rolls in all tabulators.

37 (3) Clearing any testing totals.

38 (4) Sealing voting tabulator units for delivery to the
39 voting precincts.

40 (5) Testing all equipment for use by individuals under
41 the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to ensure they are
42 working properly.

43 (6) Conducting a public test of the voting tabulators
44 as scheduled by the judge of probate.

45 (7) Resealing all public test units for delivery to the
46 voting precincts.

47 (8) Overseeing the delivery of equipment to the polling
48 precincts.

49 (9) Supporting the voting tabulators and ADA equipment
50 on election day.

51 (10) Overseeing the pickup of all voting tabulators and
52 ADA equipment and securing the tabulators and equipment at the
53 Marshall County Elections Warehouse.

54 (11) Charging voting equipment if required to ensure
55 that the machines are operational on election day.

56 (12) Testing all equipment for any recounts and



57 attending the recounts.

58 (c) The custodian of voting ~~machines~~tabulators shall
59 receive a salary in the amount of ~~eight thousand nine hundred~~
60 ~~dollars (\$8,900)~~twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$27,000) per
61 annum payable in equal monthly installments, effective upon
62 July 1, 2026. The Marshall County Commission, by resolution
63 adopted in a duly called meeting of the Marshall County
64 Commission, may provide for increases in the salary of the
65 custodian of voting tabulators beginning on June 1, 2028. The
66 salary shall be paid from the general fund of the county. and
67 ~~before entering upon~~Before beginning his or her duties, the
68 custodian shall be bonded ~~in the sum of ten~~twenty thousand
69 dollars ~~(\$10,000)~~(\$20,000) for the faithful performance of his
70 or her duties ~~as are other public officials.~~"

71 Section 2. This act shall become effective on June 1,
72 2026.