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3 By Representative Shiver (N & P)
4 RFD: Baldwin County Legislation
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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to Baldwin County; to amend Section 45-2-80.83, relating to the Baldwin County law library, to provide that the law librarian shall be eligible to participate in insurance plans offered to county employees by the county commission; and to provide that the law librarian may earn and accrue leave in the same manner as county employees.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 45-2-80.83, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§45-2-80.83.

"(a) (1) The sums to be paid to the Baldwin County Commission, as herein provided, shall be kept in a special fund designated as the Baldwin County Law Library and Judicial Administration Fund and shall be expended by the Presiding

1 Circuit Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, to
2 create, establish, and maintain the law library and to provide
3 for the more effective administration of justice, including,
4 but not limited to, any of the following:

5 "a. Paying the costs of securing the advice and
6 attendance of witnesses; ~~registration.~~

7 "b. Registration fees and other actual expenses
8 incurred in attending seminars, institutes, conferences, and
9 other meetings in connection with continuing legal and
10 judicial education, membership fees, or dues in legal and
11 judicial organizations; ~~paying.~~

12 "c. Paying the salaries of court employees when
13 necessary for the efficient operation of the courts; ~~and any.~~

14 "d. Any other actual and necessary expenses incurred
15 by the judges of the circuit in promoting legal and judicial
16 competency.

17 "(2) a. The presiding circuit judge shall draw
18 warrants on the county for expenditures by indicating on the
19 warrants the funds against which the warrants are to be drawn.

20 "b. One dollar fifty cents (\$1.50) from each fee in
21 the fund shall be used primarily to purchase books,
22 periodicals, and other library fixtures and equipment as, in
23 the opinion of the presiding circuit judge, may be advisable,
24 but to the extent not so used, the funds may be otherwise
25 expended for the maintenance of the library.

1 "c. Thirteen dollars fifty cents (\$13.50) from each
2 fee in the fund shall be used for the purposes of judicial
3 administration as provided in this section.

4 "(3)a. The management of the law library is and
5 shall be vested in the Presiding Judge of the Circuit Court of
6 Baldwin County, and all books, periodicals, reports, and other
7 property purchased with the funds produced by this subpart
8 shall be the property of Baldwin County.

9 "b. The presiding judge may from time to time sell
10 or exchange the books, reports, periodicals, and personal
11 property as may be necessary to keep the library up to date
12 and apply the proceeds of the sale thereof or the value
13 thereof upon the purchase of other books, reports,
14 periodicals, and personal property for use in the library.

15 "c. The presiding judge of the circuit court may
16 accept any gift or loan of any books, reports, periodicals,
17 and other property for public use in the library upon the
18 terms and conditions as may be stipulated by the donor or
19 lender thereof and as may be agreeable to the judge.

20 "d. The presiding circuit judge may designate the
21 clerk of the circuit court or any other suitable person to
22 operate or assist in the operation of the library.

23 "(4) The funds established by this ~~subpart~~ division
24 shall be audited in the same manner as other county funds are
25 audited.

26 "(b) (1) A person employed by the presiding circuit
27 judge for 20 hours a week as a law librarian to operate or

1 assist in the operation of the law library shall be eligible
2 to do any of the following:

3 ~~"participate~~ a. Participate in the Employees'
4 Retirement System of Alabama.

5 "b. Participate in any health insurance, life
6 insurance, and disability coverage offered to county employees
7 by the Baldwin County Commission.

8 "c. Earn and accrue leave as outlined in the Baldwin
9 County Commission personnel handbook.

10 "(2) Any funds necessary for the administration of
11 this subsection shall be taken from the Baldwin County Law
12 Library Operating Fund and shall be paid to the Baldwin County
13 Commission."

14 Section 2. This act shall become effective
15 immediately following its passage and approval by the
16 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.