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3 By Representative Blackshear (N & P)
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9 A BILL
10 TO BE ENTITLED
11 AN ACT
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13 Relating to Russell County; providing for additional
14 costs and charges in all domestic violence cases in the
15 circuit, district, and municipal courts; and providing for the
16 distribution of the proceeds to operate a domestic violence
17 shelter.

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

19 Section 1. In addition to all other costs and
20 charges in circuit, district, and municipal court cases in
21 Russell County, there shall be levied and assessed a court
22 cost of twenty-five dollars (\$25) against the defendant in all
23 domestic violence cases, violation of protection from abuse
24 cases, stalking cases, or any other case which is determined
25 by the judge to be a domestic violence case. Unless remitted
26 by the court, upon conviction or dismissal, the clerk of each
27 court listed above shall collect the court costs and shall

1 remit the proceeds quarterly to the Russell County Commission,
2 which shall place the monies in a designated domestic violence
3 account. These funds shall be dispersed quarterly to support
4 the operation of the domestic violence shelter at the Crisis
5 Center of Russell County, provided that the shelter is in
6 compliance with the prevailing standards for operation set
7 forth by the Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

8 Section 2. This act shall become effective
9 immediately following its passage and approval by the
10 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.