

1 HB543
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2 ENROLLED, An Act,

3 Relating to Randolph County; to authorize the
4 Randolph County Commission to set the salary of the coroner
5 effective beginning the next term of office and thereafter; to
6 authorize the county commission to provide certain benefits to
7 the coroner under certain conditions; to authorize the county
8 commission to provide certain expenses and supplies for the
9 operation of the office of the coroner; and to provide for the
10 coroner to report on the operation of the office of coroner to
11 the county commission.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

13 Section 1. This act shall apply only in Randolph
14 County.

15 Section 2. (a) Effective beginning the next term of
16 office of the coroner, 60 days prior to the first day for
17 qualifying in the election for the office of Coroner of
18 Randolph County for the next term of office, the Randolph
19 County Commission may increase and set the annual salary of
20 the coroner for the next term of office at an amount not to
21 exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per month to be paid from
22 the county general fund.

23 (b) Effective beginning the next term of office of
24 the coroner commencing in January 2027, and each term
25 thereafter, 60 days prior to the first day for qualifying in

1 the election for the term, the Randolph County Commission may
2 increase and set the annual salary of the coroner commencing
3 on the beginning of that term of office, and thereafter, as
4 determined by the county commission.

5 (c) The salaries provided in this section shall be
6 in lieu of any other salary, compensation, fees, or allowances
7 provided to the coroner. The coroner shall waive any other
8 fees or compensation in order to receive any salary provided
9 by this act.

10 (d) (1) The Randolph County Commission may authorize
11 the coroner to participate in retirement and the county health
12 insurance under the terms and conditions as the county
13 commission may determine and may expend county funds for that
14 purpose. Any benefits provided under this section shall be
15 approved by the county commission not less than 60 days prior
16 to the first day for qualifying for election to the office
17 coroner.

18 (2) The Legislature finds that the Coroner of
19 Randolph County is a full-time official and is on-call 24
20 hours a day, seven days a week to perform the duties of the
21 office.

22 Section 3. (a) The Randolph County Commission may
23 authorize the coroner to receive reasonable and necessary
24 expenses and supplies as determined by the county commission
25 related to the operations of the office of coroner and the

1 performance of duties of the coroner. The expenses and
2 supplies authorized by this section shall be authorized by
3 resolution of the county commission and shall be paid in the
4 same manner as expenses of other county employees are paid or
5 supplies for county employees are purchased or supplied for
6 county employees.

7 (b) In addition to subsection (a), the county
8 commission may provide the coroner with a stipend to pay a
9 part of the expense of the cost of cell phone service, or in
10 the alternative, may provide the coroner with a cell phone to
11 be used in the performance of the duties of the coroner.

12 Section 4. After the close of each fiscal year on
13 September 30, and at other times as requested by the county
14 commission, the coroner shall report to county commission on
15 the operation of the office of coroner. The report shall be in
16 the format as determined by the county administrator.

17 Section 5. Effective beginning the next term of
18 office of the coroner, Act 2004-273 of the 2004 Regular
19 Session (Acts 2004, p. 379), is repealed.

20 Section 6. This act shall become effective on the
21 first day of the third month following its passage and
22 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

