

1 HB577  
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3 By Representatives Hurst and Robbins (N & P)  
4 RFD: Local Legislation  
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2 ENROLLED, An Act,

3 Relating to Clay County; creating the Clay County  
4 Animal Shelter Authority and providing for the composition,  
5 terms, duties, and powers of the authority.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

7 Section 1. There is hereby created the Clay County  
8 Animal Shelter Authority in the county for the purpose of  
9 providing animal control shelter services for dogs and cats in  
10 Clay County. For the purposes of this act, the term "animal  
11 control shelter services" means the control, removal, and  
12 containment of stray, at-large, or surrendered dogs and cats.

13 Section 2. (a) The authority shall be governed by a  
14 board of directors consisting of 10 members, who shall be  
15 residents of Clay County. Each member of the Clay County  
16 Commission shall appoint one of the members; each member of  
17 the legislative delegation serving Clay County shall appoint a  
18 member; and the mayor of the City of Ashland and the mayor of  
19 the City of Lineville shall each appoint one member.  
20 Subsequently, vacancies on the board shall be appointed by the  
21 same appointing authority who made the initial appointment.

22 (b) The initial terms of the directors shall be  
23 staggered, three shall be for a term of two years, three shall  
24 be for a term of three years, and four shall be for a term of  
25 four years.

1           (c) Within 30 days following the effective date of  
2 this act, the appointing authorities shall submit in writing  
3 the name and address of the members of the board of directors  
4 to the judge of probate and the appointments shall be filed  
5 and maintained in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Clay  
6 County. At the organization meeting of the members of the  
7 board of directors, members shall select by lot the initial  
8 term for which each shall serve. The terms shall also be filed  
9 with the judge of probate. The members shall also elect from  
10 among the members, a President, Vice President, Secretary, and  
11 Treasurer. Each shall serve a period of one year, or until a  
12 successor is elected and qualified. The members shall not be  
13 bonded, except the treasurer, who shall obtain a bond. The  
14 terms of all members, subsequent to the initial terms, shall  
15 be four years. Members shall not serve more than two four-year  
16 terms.

17           Section 3. The authority may enter into contracts  
18 with governmental agencies or public or private entities for  
19 the operation and maintenance of a county pound or animal  
20 shelter. The authority shall have the power to solicit and  
21 receive contributions, donations, and grants of money,  
22 equipment, supplies, and services from other government  
23 entities, corporations, partnerships, or individuals. All  
24 contributions, donations, and grants, including any money set  
25 aside for or appropriated to the authority by the county

1       commission or the Legislature, shall be used solely to provide  
2       animal control shelter services in Clay County.

3               Section 4. This act shall become effective  
4       immediately upon its passage and approval by the Governor, or  
5       upon its otherwise becoming a law.

