

1 HB648
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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to Blount County; to provide for the Chair of the Blount County Commission; to provide for the election of the chair of the county commission on a countywide basis; to provide for the term, duties, and compensation of the chair; and to provide that the judge of probate shall no longer serve as chair.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. This act shall apply only in Blount County.

Section 2. (a) (1) The position of Chair of the Blount County Commission is established. The first chair shall be elected on a countywide basis at the general election in 2022, and shall take office at the same time members of the county commission take office following their election. After

1 the appointment and swearing in of the first chair, the judge
2 of probate shall no longer serve as chair of the commission.

3 (2) The first chair elected at the general election
4 in 2022 shall serve a term of six years. Thereafter, the chair
5 shall serve for a term of six years commencing at the same
6 time as the term of members of the county commission provided
7 by general law. Successor chairs shall be elected in the same
8 manner at the general election every six years thereafter and
9 shall commence his or her term in the same manner. The chair
10 shall serve until a successor is elected and qualified.

11 (c) The Chair of the Blount County Commission shall
12 be a resident and qualified elector of the county for at least
13 one year prior to the date on which he or she would take
14 office.

15 (d) The salary of the Chair of the Blount County
16 Commission shall be the same as the base salary of the Blount
17 County Revenue Commissioner payable in the same manner as the
18 salary of the revenue commissioner.

19 (e) The chair shall preside over meetings of the
20 county commission and shall vote only in the case of a tie
21 vote of the district commissioners.

22 (f) In addition to the other duties and
23 responsibilities of the chair, the Chair of the Blount County
24 Commission shall do all of the following, as provided by law:

25 (1) Promote economic development in the county.

26 (2) Establish and enhance intergovernmental
27 partnerships.

1 (3) Serve as the representative of Blount County and
2 the Blount County Commission on any boards, committees, or
3 other organizations that require representation of the county.

4 (4) Perform any other duties as determined by a
5 majority vote of the county commission.

6 (g) This act shall not be construed to affect the
7 salary of the judge of probate during the term for which he or
8 she is elected or appointed.

9 Section 3. All laws or parts of laws which conflict
10 with this act are repealed.

11 Section 4. This act shall become effective on the
12 first day of the first month following its passage and
13 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.