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9 A BILL  
10 TO BE ENTITLED  
11 AN ACT  
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13 Relating to Cullman County; to provide for the  
14 composition of the Cullman County Commission; to provide for  
15 the chair to be elected countywide; to provide for four  
16 associate commissioners to be elected from single-member  
17 districts; to provide for the salary and expenses of the chair  
18 and members of the commission; to provide for the  
19 establishment of districts; and to otherwise provide for the  
20 implementation of this act.

21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

22 Section 1. (a) Effective after the general election  
23 in 2016, the Cullman County Commission shall be composed of  
24 the chair of the commission who shall be elected countywide  
25 and four associate commissioners elected from single-member  
26 districts as further provided herein.

1           (b) The Chair of the Cullman County Commission shall  
2 be elected at the general election in 2016 and shall serve a  
3 term of four years. The chair shall serve on a full-time basis  
4 and shall receive a salary of sixty-five thousand dollars  
5 (\$65,000) per year.

6           (c) The two associate commissioners serving on the  
7 effective date of this act shall continue to serve the  
8 remainder of their terms. Successors to these two associate  
9 commissioners shall be elected at the general election in  
10 2018, and every four years thereafter.

11           (d) Two additional associate commissioners shall be  
12 elected at the general election in 2016, and every four years  
13 thereafter.

14           (e) As soon as practicable after the effective date  
15 of this act, the county commission shall divide the county  
16 into four commission districts for the election of county  
17 commissioners at the 2016 general election and thereafter. The  
18 commission districts shall be substantially similar in  
19 population with any deviation between districts not to exceed  
20 the deviation permitted by law. In the event the boundaries of  
21 the districts are not established for the election in 2016 at  
22 least two months prior to the beginning of qualification for  
23 election prior to the first primary in 2016, the judge of  
24 probate shall divide the county into districts for the 2016  
25 election. After each federal decennial census, the county  
26 commission shall reapportion the districts for the election of  
27 associate commissioners.

1 (f) Commencing after the general election in 2016,  
2 the associate members of the county commission shall serve on  
3 a part-time basis.

4 (g) Associate commissioners elected after the  
5 effective date of this act shall receive a salary of twenty  
6 thousand dollars (\$20,000) per year. The two associate  
7 commissioners serving on the effective date of this act shall  
8 continue to receive the salary they are receiving on the  
9 effective date of this act until the end of their terms.

10 (h) Associate commissioners of the county commission  
11 elected after the effective date of this act shall be entitled  
12 to additional expense reimbursement for official travel in the  
13 performance of their duties within the county at the same rate  
14 as authorized for travel by state employees based on a  
15 detailed itemized expense accounting of any travel filed with  
16 any request for reimbursement.

17 (i) The salary and expense allowance provided by  
18 this act shall be the sole compensation provided to the chair  
19 and associate commissioners in lieu of any other salary or  
20 expense allowance otherwise provided by law other than  
21 expenses provided for travel outside of the county or official  
22 business of the county.

23 Section 2. All laws or parts of laws which conflict  
24 with this act are repealed.

25 Section 3. This act shall become effective  
26 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
27 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

