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3 By Representative Fincher (N & P)
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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to Randolph County; to authorize the Randolph County Commission to set the salary of the coroner effective beginning the next term of office and thereafter; to authorize the county commission to provide certain benefits to the coroner under certain conditions; to authorize the county commission to provide certain expenses and supplies for the operation of the office of the coroner; and to provide for the coroner to report on the operation of the office of coroner to the county commission.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

Section 2. (a) Effective beginning the next term of office of the coroner, 60 days prior to the first day for qualifying in the election for the office of Coroner of

1 Randolph County for the next term of office, the Randolph
2 County Commission may increase and set the annual salary of
3 the coroner for the next term of office at an amount not to
4 exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per month to be paid from
5 the county general fund.

6 (b) Effective beginning the next term of office of
7 the coroner commencing in January 2027, and each term
8 thereafter, 60 days prior to the first day for qualifying in
9 the election for the term, the Randolph County Commission may
10 increase and set the annual salary of the coroner commencing
11 on the beginning of that term of office, and thereafter, as
12 determined by the county commission.

13 (c) The salaries provided in this section shall be
14 in lieu of any other salary, compensation, fees, or allowances
15 provided to the coroner. The coroner shall waive any other
16 fees or compensation in order to receive any salary provided
17 by this act.

18 (d) (1) The Randolph County Commission may authorize
19 the coroner to participate in retirement and the county health
20 insurance under the terms and conditions as the county
21 commission may determine and may expend county funds for that
22 purpose. Any benefits provided under this section shall be
23 approved by the county commission not less than 60 days prior
24 to the first day for qualifying for election to the office
25 coroner.

26 (2) The Legislature finds that the Coroner of
27 Randolph County is a full-time official and is on-call 24

1 hours a day, seven days a week to perform the duties of the
2 office.

3 Section 3. (a) The Randolph County Commission may
4 authorize the coroner to receive reasonable and necessary
5 expenses and supplies as determined by the county commission
6 related to the operations of the office of coroner and the
7 performance of duties of the coroner. The expenses and
8 supplies authorized by this section shall be authorized by
9 resolution of the county commission and shall be paid in the
10 same manner as expenses of other county employees are paid or
11 supplies for county employees are purchased or supplied for
12 county employees.

13 (b) In addition to subsection (a), the county
14 commission may provide the coroner with a stipend to pay a
15 part of the expense of the cost of cell phone service, or in
16 the alternative, may provide the coroner with a cell phone to
17 be used in the performance of the duties of the coroner.

18 Section 4. After the close of each fiscal year on
19 September 30, and at other times as requested by the county
20 commission, the coroner shall report to county commission on
21 the operation of the office of coroner. The report shall be in
22 the format as determined by the county administrator.

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

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