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3 By Senator Pittman (N & P)  
4 RFD: Local Legislation No. 1  
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9 A BILL  
10 TO BE ENTITLED  
11 AN ACT  
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13 Relating to Baldwin County; to amend Section  
14 45-2-80.87 of the Code of Alabama 1975, authorizing additional  
15 court costs in the county, to further provide for the  
16 expiration of the court costs.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

18 Section 1. Section 45-2-80.87 of the Code of Alabama  
19 1975, is amended to read as follows:

20 "§45-2-80.87.

21 "(a) In addition to any court costs and fees now or  
22 hereafter authorized in Baldwin County, excluding all  
23 municipal courts, additional court costs in an amount not to  
24 exceed fifteen dollars (\$15) shall be assessed and taxed as  
25 costs on each civil case and on each criminal case, including  
26 traffic cases and small claims cases, filed in the circuit

1 court and district court, including the juvenile court, in  
2 Baldwin County. The fees shall not be waived by any court  
3 unless all other fees, assessments, costs, fines, and charges  
4 associated with the case are waived.

5 "(b) The additional fees when collected by the  
6 clerks or their collection officers of the courts shall be  
7 paid into the Baldwin County Law Library and Judicial  
8 Administration Fund to be used to fund the salaries of court  
9 employees for the continued operation of the courts in the  
10 county and for other lawful purposes of this fund.

11 "(c) The court costs imposed by this section shall  
12 expire on September 30, ~~2011~~ 2013, and this section shall be  
13 repealed.

14 "(d) The court costs imposed by this section may be  
15 adjusted within the amount authorized by this section or may  
16 be eliminated by order of the presiding circuit court judge if  
17 the presiding circuit court judge finds that the court costs  
18 may be adjusted or eliminated based on funding from the state.

19 "(e) It is legislative intent that the presiding  
20 circuit court judge may increase or decrease the court costs  
21 authorized by this section as deemed necessary not to exceed  
22 fifteen dollars (\$15) per case."

23 Section 2. This act shall become effective  
24 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
25 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.