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3                   By Representative Hubbard (M) (N & P)  
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A BILL

10 TO BE ENTITLED

11 AN ACT

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13 Relating to Lee County; to provide for an additional  
14 court cost in cases in the circuit and district courts; and to  
15 provide for the distribution of the proceeds of the additional  
16 court costs for the operation of the offices of the circuit  
17 clerk and district attorney and for the operation of the  
18 courts.

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

20 Section 1. This act shall apply only in Lee County.

21 Section 2. In addition to any court costs now  
22 authorized in the district, circuit, and juvenile courts of  
23 Lee County, there shall be assessed and collected an  
24 additional court cost of fifty dollars (\$50) in all civil and  
25 criminal cases, including traffic cases in the district,  
26 circuit, and juvenile courts of the county except for

protection from abuse cases pursuant to Chapter 5, Title 30, Code of Alabama 1975.

Section 3. (a) Fifty percent of the additional court costs collected pursuant to Section 2 shall be deposited into the Lee County Circuit Clerk's Fund and used for the same purposes as the fund is used on the effective date of this act.

(b) Forty percent of the additional court costs collected pursuant to Section 2 shall be deposited into the District Attorney's Fund and used for the payment of any and all expenses incurred by the district attorney for law enforcement purposes and in the discharge of the duties of the office.

(c) Ten percent of the additional court costs collected pursuant to Section 2 shall be deposited into the Judicial Fund of the Thirty-seventh Judicial Circuit and expended at the request of the presiding circuit judge for any lawful expense in the operation of the courts.

Section 4. Nothing in this act shall impair the authority of a circuit or district judge to waive or to remit the court costs and fees assessed pursuant to this act upon the sworn and valid showing of substantial financial hardship.

Section 5. It is the intent of the Legislature that the assessment and collection of the additional court cost pursuant to this act not diminish or take the place of any other source of funds for the offices of the circuit clerk, district attorney, or the operation of the courts.

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.