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3 By Senator Irons (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 Lauderdale County; to amend Section 7 of  
14 Act 86-441 of the 1986 Regular Session (Acts 1986, p. 599), as  
15 last amended by Act 2010-596, 2010 Regular Session (Acts 2010,  
16 p. 1341), establishing the Florence/Lauderdale Tourism Board  
17 and levying a lodging tax in the county; to further provide  
18 for distribution of the revenue by the State Department of  
19 Revenue.

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

21 Section 1. Section 7 of Act 86-441 of the 1986  
22 Regular Session (Acts 1986, p. 599), as last amended by Act  
23 2010-596, 2010 Regular Session (Acts 2010, p. 1341), is  
24 amended to read as follows:

25 "Section 7.

26 "(a) The Alabama Department of Revenue shall  
27 distribute the net proceeds of the lodging tax as follows:

1           "(1) Seventy-five percent of the net proceeds of the  
2 lodging tax shall be distributed to the Florence/Lauderdale  
3 Tourism Board (FLTB).

4           "(2) Twenty-five percent of the proceeds shall be  
5 distributed to the municipality where the lodging  
6 accommodation, room, hotel, motel, inn, bed and breakfast, or  
7 any other business is located including lodging located in the  
8 planning jurisdiction of the municipality. The proceeds shall  
9 be used by the municipality for the promotion of tourism,  
10 recreation, and conventions.

11           "(b) There is established a Tourism Board in  
12 Lauderdale County consisting of the following members to be  
13 appointed as follows:

14           "(1) Two members appointed by the Lauderdale County  
15 Commission for a term of four years.

16           "(2) Two members appointed by the City of Florence  
17 governing body for a term of three years.

18           "(3) One member appointed jointly by the Lauderdale  
19 County Commission and the City of Florence governing body for  
20 a term of two years.

21           "Thereafter, each appointee shall be appointed for a  
22 term of four years. Vacancies on the board shall be filled by  
23 the original appointing authority.

24           "(c) The board may employ staff personnel as it  
25 deems necessary and provide for the duties, compensation, and  
26 benefits of the staff employees."

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