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3 By Representatives McMillan, Baker, Shiver, Davis, Faust and
4 Jackson (N & P)
5 RFD: Baldwin County Legislation
6 First Read: 19-MAY-15

ENGROSSED

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to Baldwin County; to amend Section 45-2-80.87 of the Code of Alabama 1975, authorizing additional court costs in the county, to further provide for the expiration of the court costs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

"§45-2-80.87.

"(a) In addition to any court costs and fees now or hereafter authorized in Baldwin County, excluding all municipal courts, additional court costs in an amount not to exceed fifteen dollars (\$15) shall be assessed and taxed as costs on each civil case and on each criminal case, including traffic cases and small claims cases, filed in the circuit court and district court, including the juvenile court, in Baldwin County. The fees shall not be waived by any court unless all other fees, assessments, costs, fines, and charges associated with the case are waived.

"(b) The additional fees when collected by the clerks or their collection officers of the courts shall be

1 paid into the Baldwin County Law Library and Judicial
2 Administration Fund to be used to fund the salaries of court
3 employees for the continued operation of the courts in the
4 county and for other lawful purposes of this fund.

5 "(c) The court costs imposed by this section shall
6 expire on September 30, ~~2015-2019~~ 2017, and this section shall
7 be repealed.

8 "(d) The court costs imposed by this section may be
9 adjusted within the amount authorized by this section or may
10 be eliminated by order of the presiding circuit court judge if
11 the presiding circuit court judge finds that the court costs
12 may be adjusted or eliminated based on funding from the state.

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

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

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House of Representatives

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tives committee on Baldwin County
Legislation..... 19-MAY-15

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as amended..... 26-MAY-15

Yeas 35, Nays 0, Abstains 57

Jeff Woodard
Clerk