

1 HB309  
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3 By Representative Lawrence (N & P)  
4 RFD: Local Legislation  
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A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to Lowndes County; to amend Section 45-43-60, Code of Alabama 1975; to increase the monthly expense allowance of the coroner and delete provisions providing for compensation of the coroner on a per inquest basis; to provide for cost-of-living increases for the coroner's compensation; and to provide for reimbursement for supplies relating to official coroner duties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 45-43-60, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§45-43-60.

"(a) (1) In Lowndes County, the coroner shall be entitled to receive ~~remuneration in the amount of fifteen dollars (\$15) in each case for holding an inquest, when ordered by the judge of a court of record or for investigation~~

1 and certification of the cause of death when no jury is  
2 summoned or postmortem examination made by a physician or  
3 surgeon as provided by Section 12-19-193. In addition to the  
4 amounts listed herein, the coroner shall receive an expense  
5 allowance in the amount of ~~four hundred dollars (\$400)~~ one  
6 thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200) per month.

7           "(2) The compensation provided for by this  
8 subsection shall be paid from the county general fund. ~~The~~  
9 ~~expense allowance provided by this subsection~~ and shall be in  
10 addition to any other compensation or expense allowance  
11 provided by law.

12           "~~(b) (1) In Lowndes County, the coroner shall be~~  
13 ~~entitled to receive an additional expense allowance in the~~  
14 ~~amount of ten dollars (\$10) per body examined to be paid out~~  
15 ~~of the county general fund. This expense allowance shall be in~~  
16 ~~addition to any and all other compensation, salary, and~~  
17 ~~expense allowances provided by law.~~

18           "~~(2) In addition, the coroner shall be reimbursed in~~  
19 ~~an amount not to exceed six hundred dollars (\$600) per year~~  
20 ~~for supplies related to the performance of official duties.~~

21           "~~(c) In Lowndes County, the coroner shall be~~  
22 ~~entitled to receive an additional expense allowance in the~~  
23 ~~amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per body examined to be~~  
24 ~~paid out of the county general fund. This expense allowance~~  
25 ~~shall be in addition to any and all other compensation,~~  
26 ~~salary, and expense allowances provided by law.~~

1           ~~"(d) In Lowndes County, the coroner shall be~~  
2 ~~entitled to receive an additional expense allowance in the~~  
3 ~~amount of fifty dollars (\$50) per body examined, to be paid~~  
4 ~~out of the county general fund. This expense allowance shall~~  
5 ~~be in addition to any and all other compensation, salary, and~~  
6 ~~expense allowances provided by law.~~

7           ~~"(e) In Lowndes County, the coroner shall be~~  
8 ~~entitled to receive an additional expense allowance in the~~  
9 ~~amount of fifty dollars (\$50) per body examined, to be paid~~  
10 ~~out of the county general fund. This expense allowance shall~~  
11 ~~be in addition to any and all other compensation, salary, and~~  
12 ~~expense allowances provided by law.~~

13           "(b) In addition to the amounts the coroner receives  
14 under subsection (a), the coroner shall be reimbursed in an  
15 amount not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per year  
16 for supplies related to the performance of official duties.

17           "(c) Beginning with the next term of office for the  
18 coroner after the date of the act adding this amendatory  
19 language, the expense allowance of the coroner shall be  
20 increased by the amount of the same cost-of-living increase  
21 that all other Lowndes County officials receive pursuant to  
22 Chapter 2A of Title 11, Code of Alabama 1975."

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