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A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

Relating to Blount County; to provide for the annual salary of the members of the county commission not including the chair; to provide that the annual salary shall be the total compensation of members of the county commission; to repeal any prior expense allowances provided to members of the county commission not including the chair; to repeal Section 45-5-70 of the Code of Alabama 1975, providing an expense allowance for members of the county commission; and to repeal certain other acts superseded by this act.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) Effective beginning the term of office of any member of the Blount County Commission which commences after the November 2024 election, each member of the Blount County Commission, not including the chair, shall receive an annual salary of 80 percent of the salary of the Chair of the Blount County Commission. The salary provided in this section shall be payable in equal monthly or biweekly installments, shall be total compensation of the members of the commission, and shall be in lieu of any other salary or expense allowance previously provided by law.

(b) The members of the county commission shall continue to participate in retirement and to receive health insurance benefits as currently provided.

(c) Effective beginning the fiscal year commencing on October 1, 2025, members of the county commission shall receive the same cost-of-living or other uniform increases granted to county employees in addition to the salary provided in subsection (a). During the then current term of any member of the county commission, the additional increase shall be paid as an expense allowance. Effective on the next term of any members of the county commission, any cumulative increases shall be converted to salary. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the total compensation of any member of the county commission shall not exceed 80 percent of the salary of the chair.

Section 2. (a) Section 45-5-70 of the Code of Alabama 1975, providing an expense allowance of the members of the county commission, is repealed.

(b) Any other act providing for compensation to members of the county commission in the form of an annual salary or expense allowance in effect prior to the end of the current term of any member of the county commission is repealed and superseded by Section 1.

Section 3. Act 469 of the 1976 Regular Session (Acts 1976, p. 584), providing for the compensation and travel allowance of the chair and members of the county commission; Act 622 of the 1978 Regular Session (Acts 1978, p. 883), providing an expense allowance for members of the county commission; Act 80-231 of the 1980 Regular Session (Acts 1980,

p. 311), providing for the salary of each Blount County commissioner; and Section 45-5-73 of the Code of Alabama 1975, providing for the compensation of members of the county commission, are expressly repealed.

Section 4. This act shall become effective June 1, 2024, except Section 2 shall become effective November 15, 2024.