HB101

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By Representative Clarke

RFD: Ways and Means General Fund

First Read: 06-Feb-24

PFD: 05-Feb-24

A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

Relating to elections; to provide for additional items that are considered election expenses that must be reimbursed to counties by the state.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 17-16-2, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§17-16-2

(a) As used in this chapter, the term "expenses" shall include the following items and any other items approved as reimbursable expenses by the Election Expense Reimbursement Committee pursuant to Section 17-16-2.1:

(1) The compensation and mileage provided by law for election officials.

(2) The compensation provided by law for the clerk or other official acting as absentee election manager.

(3) The cost of necessary training and associated travel expenses as approved by the county commission for any individual appointed as the absentee election manager pursuant to Section 17-11-2.

~~(3)~~ (4) The costs of ballots, supplies, and other

materials or equipment necessary for election officials to conduct elections as required by law and as certified by the judge of probate as chief election official of the county.

(5) The costs incurred by the county commission in using electronic poll books pursuant to Section 17-4-2.1, including essential support equipment, software updates, populating the electronic poll books prior to each election, maintenance of the electronic poll books, and any other expenses necessary to comply with rules adopted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 17-4-2.1.

(6) The costs incurred by the county commission in using electronic voting machines, including, but not limited to, the transport of electronic voting machines, essential support equipment, software updates, maintenance of the electronic voting machines, and storage of electronic voting machines in non-governmental facilities.

(7) The costs incurred by the county commission for rental payments to a facility used as a polling place.

~~(4)~~ (8) The costs of absentee ballots, supplies, postage, and other materials required by law to be furnished to the absentee election manager.

~~(5)~~ (9) The cost of preparing and furnishing the lists of qualified electors to the election officials as required by law.

~~(6)~~ (10) The cost of publishing any notice or other item related to any election and required by law, including, but not limited to, the publication of notice of any election and any voter lists.

(b) Requests for reimbursement shall be submitted to the Comptroller within 90 days following the date of the election in which the expenses were incurred.

(c) This section shall apply to each primary and general election beginning with the election on November 5, 2024."

Section 2. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2024.

House of Representatives

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to the House of Representatives
committee on Ways and Means General
Fund

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on the calendar:
1 amendment

Read for the third time and passed 29-Feb-24
as amended
Yeas 103
Nays 0
Abstains 0

John Treadwell
Clerk