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By Senator Jones (N & P)

RFD: Local Legislation

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A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

Relating to Etowah County; to further provide for service of process; and to provide for the collection and dispensation of fees associated with service of process.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) The Sheriff of Etowah County may contract with a private, public, or governmental entity for the purpose of service of process for any document other than a warrant for arrest.

(b) In addition to all existing charges, fees, judgments, and costs of court, the clerk, sheriff, or other appropriate court official in district and circuit courts of Etowah County shall collect a service of process fee of thirty five dollars ($35) per document which shall be paid into the Sheriff's Law Enforcement Fund.

(c) The Sheriff of Etowah County may use the monies generated by this section at his or her discretion for any lawful purpose.

(d) The monies generated by this section shall not diminish or take the place of any other source of income for the sheriff.

Section 2. This act shall become effective December 1, 2024, contingent upon the ratification of the amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, authorizing the Legislature to fix and regulate court costs in Etowah County by general or local law, and ratifying all previously collected court costs in Etowah County, as proposed in SB____ of the 2024 Regular Session.