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3 By Representative Bolton (N & P)
4 RFD: Tuscaloosa County Legislation
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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 Relating to Tuscaloosa County; to amend Section 2 of
4 Act 99-219, 1999 Regular Session (Acts 1999, p. 278), as
5 amended by Act 2024-420, 2024 Regular session, providing fees
6 for service of process in civil matters requiring personal
7 service of process by the sheriff's office; and to make
8 nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing act
9 language to current style.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

11 Section 1. Section 2 of Act 99-219, 1999 Regular
12 Session (Acts 1999, p. 278), as amended by Act 2024-420, 2024
13 Regular Session, is amended to read as follows:

14 "Section 2. (a)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this
15 section, in addition to all existing charges, fees, judgments,
16 and costs of court, the clerk, sheriff, or other appropriate
17 court official in the civil division of the district and
18 circuit courts of Tuscaloosa County shall assess a fee of
19 sixty dollars (\$60) per document personally served by the
20 sheriff's office, or its designee. For purposes of this act,
21 the term "document" shall include multiple papers served on a
22 party or entity at one time.

23 (2) The process fee provided in this subsection shall
24 not apply to any civil documents issued specifically by the
25 circuit court ~~or any mental health documents or orders issued~~
26 ~~by the office of the judge of probate.~~

27 (b) The court official designated in Tuscaloosa County
28 by law for the respective courts shall collect the service of



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29 process fee designated in subsection (a). In the case of
30 documents issued through the circuit clerk's office, three
31 dollars (\$3) of each fee shall be retained in the circuit
32 clerk's office and deposited in the Circuit Clerk's Fund for
33 operation of the circuit clerk's office. In the case of
34 documents issued by the office of the judge of probate, three
35 dollars (\$3) of each fee shall be retained by the office of
36 the judge of probate and used for the operation of the office
37 of the judge of probate. The net balance of the fees collected
38 shall be distributed as provided herein: Fifty percent of the
39 net balance shall be distributed to the Sheriff's Law
40 Enforcement Fund and used for the operation of the sheriff's
41 office; the remaining ~~fifty~~50 percent of the net balance shall
42 be distributed to the Solicitor's Fund of the District
43 Attorney and used for the operation of the office of the
44 district attorney.

45 (c) In the case of documents requested to be personally
46 served by the sheriff's office in a civil case from outside of
47 this ~~State~~state, a fee of eighty-five dollars (\$85) shall be
48 collected by the sheriff for each document. Fifty percent of
49 these funds shall be distributed to the Sheriff's Law
50 Enforcement Fund and used for operation of the sheriff's
51 office. The remaining ~~fifty~~50 percent of the funds shall be
52 distributed to the Solicitor's Fund of the District Attorney
53 and used for the operation of the office of the district
54 attorney."

55 Section 2. This act shall become effective on June 1,
56 2026.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and was passed by the House 12-Feb-26.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate **17-Mar-26** Passed