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3 By Representative Bolton (N & P)
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4 A BILL
5 TO BE ENTITLED
6 AN ACT

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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



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29 (2) The process fee provided in this subsection shall
30 not apply to any civil documents issued specifically by the
31 circuit court or any mental health documents or orders issued
32 by the office of the judge of probate.

(b) The court official designated in Tuscaloosa County by law for the respective courts shall collect the service of process fee designated in subsection (a). In the case of documents issued through the circuit clerk's office, three dollars (\$3) of each fee shall be retained in the circuit clerk's office and deposited in the Circuit Clerk's Fund for operation of the circuit clerk's office. In the case of documents issued by the office of the judge of probate, three dollars (\$3) of each fee shall be retained by the office of the judge of probate and used for the operation of the office of the judge of probate. The net balance of the fees collected shall be distributed as provided herein: Fifty percent of the net balance shall be distributed to the Sheriff's Law Enforcement Fund and used for the operation of the sheriff's office; the remaining fifty50 percent of the net balance shall be distributed to the Solicitor's Fund of the District Attorney and used for the operation of the office of the district attorney.

51 (c) In the case of documents requested to be personally
52 served by the sheriff's office in a civil case from outside of
53 this ~~State~~state, a fee of eighty-five dollars (\$85) shall be
54 collected by the sheriff for each document. Fifty percent of
55 these funds shall be distributed to the Sheriff's Law
56 Enforcement Fund and used for operation of the sheriff's

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57 office. The remaining ~~fifty~~50 percent of the funds shall be
58 distributed to the Solicitor's Fund of the District Attorney
59 and used for the operation of the office of the district
60 attorney."

61 Section 2. This act shall become effective on June 1,
62 2026.