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4 A BILL
5 TO BE ENTITLED
6 AN ACT
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9 Relating to Tuscaloosa County; to amend Section 2 of
10 Act 99-219, 1999 Regular Session (Acts 1999, p. 278), as
11 amended by Act 2024-420, 2024 Regular session, providing fees
12 for service of process in civil matters requiring personal
13 service of process by the sheriff's office; and to make
14 nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing act
15 language to current style.

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:

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



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(2) The process fee provided in this subsection shall not apply to any civil documents issued specifically by the circuit court ~~or any mental health documents or orders issued 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 ~~fifty~~50 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.

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