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A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to Coosa County; to provide for the salary of the judge of probate; to provide for the salary and expense allowance of the sheriff; to provide for the salary and expense allowance of the revenue commissioner; and to repeal Section 45-19-11, Code of Alabama 1975, providing for compensation for the Coosa County Judge of Probate, Sheriff, and Revenue Commissioner.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) Beginning October 1, 2026, in lieu of any other fees, compensation, or expense allowances, the Judge of Probate of Coosa County shall receive an annual salary equal to 70 percent of the salary paid to a district court judge with equivalent years of service, including any increases in salary due to years of service or cost-of-living adjustments.

(b) The salary of the judge of probate shall be increased any time and in the same manner as the salary of a district court judge having the same number of cumulative years of service.

(c) The salary provided by this section shall be in



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29 lieu of any and all other prior compensation or salary  
30 provided by law to the judge of probate, and shall be paid in  
31 equal periodic installments from the county general fund.

32 (d) In order to receive the compensation provided in  
33 this section, the judge of probate shall waive any  
34 compensation provided under Section 17-3-60, Code of Alabama  
35 1975, relating to reports from the state voter registration  
36 list.

37 (e) In addition to salary, the county shall provide the  
38 same insurance and other benefits as received by any other  
39 employee of the county.

40 (f) The judge of probate shall be entitled to  
41 reimbursement of expenses related to travel, training, and  
42 other official job-related functions in the same manner and to  
43 the same extent as other employees of the county.

44 Section 2. (a) The Sheriff of Coosa County shall  
45 continue to receive the annual salary the sheriff is receiving  
46 on the effective date of this act for the remainder of the  
47 term of office that commenced on January 16, 2023.

48 (b) (1) Beginning on October 1, 2026, in addition to the  
49 salary provided in subsection (a), the sheriff shall be  
50 entitled to an expense allowance so that the annual salary and  
51 expense allowance of the sheriff is equal to 60 percent of the  
52 salary paid to a district court judge with equivalent years of  
53 service, including any increases in salary due to years of  
54 service or cost-of-living adjustments.

55 (2) The expense allowance shall be payable in equal  
56 monthly installments from the general fund of the county.



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57           (3) The expense allowance shall be in addition to all  
58 other compensation or benefits provided to the sheriff and  
59 shall be treated the same as salary for retirement purposes.

60           (c) (1) Beginning January 18, 2027, in lieu of any other  
61 fees, compensation, or expense allowances, the Sheriff of  
62 Coosa County shall receive an annual salary equal to 60  
63 percent of the salary paid to a district court judge with  
64 equivalent years of service, including any increases in salary  
65 due to years of service or cost-of-living adjustments, and the  
66 expense allowance provided in subsection (b) shall be void.

67           (2) The salary of the sheriff shall be increased any  
68 time and in the same manner as the salary of a district court  
69 judge having the same number of cumulative years of service.  
70 The sheriff shall not be eligible for any county-provided  
71 employee cost-of-living or salary increases.

72           (3) The salary provided by this section shall be in  
73 lieu of all prior compensation or salary provided by law to  
74 the sheriff, and shall be paid in equal periodic installments  
75 from the county general fund.

76           (4) The sheriff shall be entitled to reimbursement of  
77 expenses related to travel, training, and other official  
78 job-related functions in the same manner and to the same  
79 extent as other employees of the county.

80           (5) In addition to salary, the county shall provide the  
81 same insurance and other benefits as received by any other  
82 employee of the county.

83           (6) If the implementation of any cost-of-living  
84 adjustment applicable to district court judges increases the



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85 salary of the incumbent sheriff, the increase shall be paid as  
86 an expense allowance until the beginning of the next term of  
87 office, when the amount of the expense allowance shall be  
88 included in the base salary of the sheriff and the expense  
89 account shall then be voided.

90 Section 3. (a) The Revenue Commissioner of Coosa County  
91 shall continue to receive the annual salary the revenue  
92 commissioner is receiving on the effective date of this act  
93 for the remainder of the current term of office which  
94 commenced on October 1, 2023.

95 (b) (1) Beginning on October 1, 2026, in addition to the  
96 salary provided in subsection (a), the revenue commissioner  
97 shall be entitled to an expense allowance so that the annual  
98 salary and expense allowance of the revenue commissioner is  
99 equal to 60 percent of the salary paid to a district court  
100 judge with equivalent years of service, including any  
101 increases in salary due to years of service or cost-of-living  
102 adjustments.

103 (2) The expense allowance shall be payable in equal  
104 monthly installments from the general fund of the county.

105 (3) The expense allowance shall be in addition to all  
106 other compensation or benefits provided to the revenue  
107 commissioner and shall be treated the same as salary for  
108 retirement purposes.

109 (c) (1) Beginning October 1, 2027, in lieu of any other  
110 fees, compensation, or expense allowances, the Revenue  
111 Commissioner of Coosa County shall receive an annual salary  
112 equal to 60 percent of the salary paid to a district court



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113 judge with equivalent years of service, including any  
114 increases in salary due to years of service or cost-of-living  
115 adjustments, and the expense allowance provided in subsection  
116 (b) shall be void.

117 (2) The salary of the revenue commissioner shall be  
118 increased any time and in the same manner as the salary of a  
119 district court judge having the same number of cumulative  
120 years of service. The revenue commissioner shall not be  
121 eligible for any county-provided employee cost-of-living or  
122 salary increases.

123 (3) The salary provided by this section shall be in  
124 lieu of all prior compensation or salary provided by law to  
125 the revenue commissioner, and shall be paid in equal periodic  
126 installments from the county general fund.

127 (4) The revenue commissioner shall be entitled to  
128 reimbursement of expenses related to travel, training, and  
129 other official job-related functions in the same manner and to  
130 the same extent as other employees of the county.

131 (5) In addition to salary, the county shall provide the  
132 same insurance and other benefits as received by any other  
133 employee of the county.

134 (6) If the implementation of any cost-of-living  
135 adjustment applicable to district court judges increases the  
136 salary of the incumbent revenue commissioner, the increase  
137 shall be paid as an expense allowance until the beginning of  
138 the next term of office, when the amount of the expense  
139 allowance shall be included in the base salary of the revenue  
140 commissioner and the expense account shall then be voided.



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141           Section 4. Section 45-19-11, Code of Alabama 1975,  
142 providing for compensation for the Coosa County Judge of  
143 Probate, Sheriff, and Revenue Commissioner, is repealed.

144           Section 5. This act shall become effective on October  
145 1, 2026.