- 1 HB232
- 2 126184-5
- 3 By Representative Poole
- 4 RFD: County and Municipal Government
- 5 First Read: 10-MAR-11

1	<u>ENGROSSED</u>
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4	A BILL
5	TO BE ENTITLED
6	AN ACT
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8	To amend Section 11-94-10 of the Code of Alabama
9	1975, authorizing counties and municipalities to establish
10	port authorities; to authorize a port authority to publish
11	certain notices in newspapers and on the Internet website of
12	any newspaper having an Internet website related to the
13	issuance of bonds by the authority; and to thereafter limit
14	under certain conditions a civil action to contest the
15	validity of bonds issued by the authority.
16	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
17	Section 1. Section 11-94-10 of the Code of Alabama
18	1975, is amended to read as follows:
19	"§11-94-10.
20	"(a) All bonds and securities issued by an authority
21	shall be payable solely out of the revenues derived by the
22	authority from the leasing, sale or operation of any or all of
23	its projects as may be designated in the proceedings of its
24	board under which the same shall be authorized to be issued.
25	None of the bonds, securities or notes of an authority shall
26	ever constitute an obligation or debt of the state, of any
27	authorizing subdivision, or of any county or municipality of

the state or a charge against the credit or taxing powers of any of them.

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"(b) Bonds of any authority may be executed and delivered by the authority at any time and from time to time, may be in such form and denominations and of such tenor and maturities, may be in registered or bearer form, either as to principal or interest or both, may be payable at such time or times not exceeding forty years from their date, may be made subject to redemption, may be payable at such place or places whether within or without the State of Alabama, may bear interest at such rate or rates (including variable rates), payable at such time or times and at such place or places and evidenced in such manner, and may contain such other provisions not inconsistent with this chapter, all as shall be provided in the proceedings of its board whereunder the bonds shall be authorized to be issued. Any bond having a stated maturity more than 10 years after its date shall state that it is subject to redemption at the option of the authority at the expiration of ten years from its date and on any interest payment date thereafter at such price or prices and after such notice or notices and on such terms and in such manner as may be provided in the proceedings wherein such bond is authorized to be issued.

"(c) Any bonds of an authority may be sold at public or private sale in such manner and from time to time as may be determined by its board to be most advantageous and the authority may pay all expenses, premiums, fees and commissions

that its board may deem necessary or advantageous in connection with the issuance thereof.

- "(d) The issuance by an authority of one or more series of bonds for one or more purposes shall not preclude it from issuing other bonds in connection with the same project or other projects, but the proceedings whereunder any subsequent bonds may be issued shall recognize and protect any prior assignment, lien or indenture for any prior issue of bonds unless in the proceedings authorizing such prior issue the right was reserved to issue subsequent bonds on a parity with such prior issue.
- "(e) All bonds shall contain a recital that they are issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, which recitals shall be conclusive that they have been duly authorized pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.
- "(f) All bonds issued hereunder and any interest coupons applicable thereto are hereby made and shall be construed to be negotiable instruments.
- "(g) Upon the adoption by the board of directors of any resolution for the issuance of bonds, an authority, in its discretion, may shall cause to be published once a week for two consecutive weeks, in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation published in each county within its authorized operational area, and on the Internet website of the newspaper if the newspaper has an Internet website, a notice in substantially the following form (the blanks being

properly filled in) at the end which shall be printed the name and title of either the chair or secretary of the authority: , a public corporation organized under the laws of the State of Alabama, on the day of authorized the issuance of not more than \$ principal amount of [revenue, general obligation, or other appropriate designation] bonds of the authority for purposes authorized in the act of the Legislature of Alabama under which the authority was organized. Any action or proceeding questioning the validity of the bonds, any pledge or mortgage to secure the same, any lease or sale of any project to be financed by the bonds, or the proceedings authorizing the same must be commenced within 20 days after first publication of this notice." "Any action or proceeding in any court to set aside

"Any action or proceeding in any court to set aside or question the proceedings for the issuance of the bonds referred to in this notice or to contest the validity of such bonds or the validity of any pledge or mortgage made therefor or any lease or sale of any project to be financed by the bonds must be commenced within 20 days after the first publication of the notice. After the expiration of the period, no cause of action, counterclaim, setoff, or defense questioning or attacking the validity of the proceeding or of the bonds or the pledge or mortgage or the lease or sale of the project to be financed by bonds shall be asserted, nor shall the validity of the proceedings or of the bonds or the pledge or mortgage or the lease or sale of the project to be

1	financed by the bonds be open to question in any court on any
2	ground whatsoever except in an action or proceeding commenced
3	within that period."
4	Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
5	first day of the third month following its passage and
6	approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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3	House of Representatives
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9 10 11	Read for the second time and placed on the calendar 1 amendment 31-MAR-11
12 13	Read for the third time and passed as amended 21-APR-11
14	Yeas 93, Nays 0, Abstains 0
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