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3 By Representative Robertson (N & P)  
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ENROLLED, An Act,

Relating to Lawrence County; to increase the fee for service of process in Lawrence County for locally originated documents; to establish a fee for service of process in Lawrence County for out-of-state documents; and to reaffirm the disposition of funds.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) In addition to all existing charges, fees, judgments, and costs of court, the clerk, sheriff, or other appropriate court official in the civil division of the District and Circuit Courts of Lawrence County shall increase the fees by seventeen dollars and fifty cents (\$17.50) per document personally served by the sheriff's office, or its designee. For the purposes of this act, the term document shall include multiple papers served on a party or entity at one time.

(b) In addition to all existing charges, fees, judgments, and costs of court, the clerk, sheriff, or other appropriate court office in the civil division of the District and Circuit Courts of Lawrence County for documents generated out-of-state shall create a fee of fifty dollars (\$50) per document served by the sheriff's office, or its designee. For the purposes of this act, the term document shall include multiple papers served on a party or entity at one time.

(c) For the purposes of this act, all charges imposed under this act are taxed as costs to any party to the

1 action by the judge of the court presiding at the hearing of  
2 the matter.

3 (d) The court official designated in Lawrence County  
4 by law for the respective courts shall collect the additional  
5 service of process fee designated in subsection (a) with five  
6 dollars (\$5) retained by the Lawrence County Circuit Clerk's  
7 Office and the remaining fee remitted to the Lawrence County  
8 Sheriff's Office for deposit in the Sheriff's Civil Process  
9 Fund.

10 (e) The court official designated in Lawrence County  
11 by law for the respective courts shall collect the additional  
12 service of process fee designated in subsection (b) and remit  
13 to the Lawrence County Sheriff's Office for deposit in the  
14 Sheriff's Civil Process Fund.

15 Section 2. The Sheriff of Lawrence County may use  
16 the monies generated by this act for law enforcement purposes  
17 as the sheriff sees fit.

18 Section 3. Any actions relating to the collection of  
19 service of process fees and use of the funds prior to the  
20 effective date of this act are hereby ratified and confirmed.

21 Section 4. This act shall become effective on the  
22 first day of the third month following its passage and  
23 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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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 25-FEB-20.

Jeff Woodard  
Clerk

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Senate

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Passed