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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the various clerks and 9 registers of the circuit and district courts are 10 required to collect fines, fees, and court costs 11 and remit them to the appropriate agency, 12 department, or fund as required by law.

13This bill would require the clerks and14registers of the circuit and district courts to15forward all fines, fees, and court costs collected16under state law to the State Comptroller.

17 This bill would require the State 18 Comptroller to deposit those fines, fees, and court 19 costs to the credit of the appropriate agency or 20 fund.

This bill would require the State Comptroller to maintain and make available a monthly report of all fines, fees, and court costs collected by the clerks and registers of the courts.

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A BILL

1	TO BE ENTITLED
2	AN ACT
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4	To amend Section 12-19-22, Code of Alabama 1975 to
5	require the clerks and registers of the courts to forward all
6	fines, fees, and court costs collected under state law to the
7	State Comptroller; and to require the State Comptroller to
8	maintain and make available a monthly report of all fines,
9	fees, and court costs collected by the clerks and registers of
10	the courts.
11	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
12	Section 1. Section 12-19-22 is amended to read as
13	follows:
14	"§12-19-22.
15	"(a) (1) In all cases filed in the district or
16	circuit court on or after January 16, 1977, fines, costs and
17	fees shall be assessed and distributed according to this
18	chapter.
19	"(2) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any
20	circuit court clerk, district court clerk, or register of the
21	circuit clerk shall forward all collected fines, forfeitures,
22	prepaid docket fees, costs of court, and other fees, except
23	for those fees described in Section 12-19-20 or fees imposed
24	by local law, to the State Comptroller no less than once a
25	month and not later than the fifteenth day of each month. All
26	monies received by the State Comptroller shall be deposited in
27	the State Treasury to the credit of the appropriate fund or

agency to be remitted to the appropriate agency or fund as
 provided by law. The State Comptroller shall maintain and make
 available the monthly report, as provided for in Section
 12-1-19.

"(b) In all cases filed prior to January 16, 1977,
in the circuit court or courts abolished by Acts 1975, No.
1205, all fines, costs and fees shall be assessed and
distributed according to law in existence on date of filings,
including moneys collected on or after January 16, 1977.

10 "(c) All costs, fees and other funds collected by 11 courts abolished by Acts 1975, No. 1205 and in the possession 12 of clerks of such courts on January 15, 1977, shall be 13 transferred to the circuit clerk of each county pursuant to 14 rules of the Supreme Court."

Section 2. This act shall become effective on
October 1, 2017 following its passage and approval by the
Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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