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9 A BILL  
10 TO BE ENTITLED  
11 AN ACT  
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13 Relating to Jackson County; to amend Section  
14 45-36-162, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the distribution  
15 of payments by the Tennessee Valley Authority in lieu of  
16 payment of taxes; to provide for the redistribution of the  
17 payments in the Jackson County Legislative Delegation Critical  
18 Needs Fund.

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

20 Section 1. Section 45-36-162, Code of Alabama 1975,  
21 is amended to read as follows:

22 "§45-36-162.

23 "(a) Any payments coming into the treasury of  
24 Jackson County that are derived, directly or indirectly, from  
25 payments by the Tennessee Valley Authority in lieu of payment  
26 of taxes shall be appropriated as follows:

1           "(1) One percent to the Jackson County Economic  
2     Development Fund paid to the fund monthly until it reaches a  
3     balance of one million dollars (\$1,000,000); the payments  
4     shall continue whenever the balance in the fund drops below  
5     one million dollars (\$1,000,000). The county commission may  
6     invest the funds to the benefit of local governments and  
7     entities in the county, in its discretion, and expend the same  
8     for disaster relief in the county or for any economic purpose  
9     that benefits the county, including, but not limited to, any  
10    activity or purpose which provides an incentive for the  
11    creation or retention of jobs and employment opportunities in  
12    the county; participating local governments or entities may  
13    apply for the funds for these purposes. It is the intent of  
14    this appropriation for the Jackson County Economic Development  
15    Fund to be used for recruiting industry; matching public or  
16    private grants the county may receive for industrial  
17    development; and special projects for site preparation,  
18    surveying, archaeological or geotechnical studies, or other  
19    direct expenses necessary to recruit industry to the county.

20           "(2) The next one hundred forty-five thousand  
21    dollars (\$145,000) of each year's payments shall be paid to  
22    the Jackson County Hospital Board to provide all residents of  
23    Jackson County with adequate ambulance service.

24           "(3) After the above appropriations, the next  
25    thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) of each year's payments  
26    shall be distributed to the Scottsboro-Jackson County Rescue

1 Squad for the maintenance and operation of the rescue squad's  
2 equipment and facilities.

3 "(4) After the above appropriation, the next one  
4 hundred five thousand dollars (\$105,000) shall be paid to the  
5 Jackson County Economic Development Authority on an annual  
6 basis.

7 "(5) In addition to the Jackson County Economic  
8 Development Authority, as provided above, the next  
9 seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000), shall be annually  
10 paid to the authority. All appropriations made in this  
11 subdivision to the Jackson County Economic Development  
12 Authority shall be deposited in a special industrial  
13 development fund to be used only for the purposes of this  
14 subdivision as follows: For recruiting industry; matching  
15 public or private grants the county may receive for industrial  
16 development; and special projects for site preparation,  
17 surveying, archaeological or geotechnical studies, or other  
18 direct expenses necessary to recruit industry to the county.

19 "(6) After the above appropriation, all Jackson  
20 County volunteer fire departments in good standing with the  
21 Jackson County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments shall  
22 be authorized to receive seven thousand five hundred dollars  
23 (\$7,500) each annually to help furnish adequate fire  
24 protection in the communities that they serve. The amount paid  
25 to each volunteer fire department shall be paid at the  
26 direction of the county fire marshal and disbursed to each  
27 fire chief upon approval of the county fire marshal. In

1 addition to the above, thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000)  
2 shall be distributed to the Jackson County Association of  
3 Volunteer Fire Departments for use by the association.

4 "(7) The next forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to  
5 the Greater Jackson County Chamber of Commerce to promote  
6 tourism, workforce development and education, and retail and  
7 commercial development that promotes economic development in  
8 the area. The funds disbursed pursuant to this subdivision  
9 shall be disbursed in two payments of twenty thousand dollars  
10 (\$20,000).

11 "(8) An annual accounting of the use of the funds  
12 appropriated in subdivisions (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), and (7)  
13 shall be furnished to the Jackson County Commission no later  
14 than September 30 of each year. In the event an annual  
15 accounting is not furnished, the commission may reduce or  
16 terminate funding for the next fiscal year for the entity  
17 failing to furnish the report by a majority vote of the  
18 commission. All resulting excess money shall then be  
19 transferred to the general fund of the county.

20 "(9) Commencing October 1, 2016, the net payments  
21 remaining in the appropriation paid to Jackson County after  
22 the appropriations in subdivisions (1), (2), (3), (4), (5),  
23 (6), and (7) shall be appropriated as follows:

24 "a. Two percent of such payments, as shall be  
25 necessary, shall be used to establish, equip, and maintain a  
26 legislative office for the members of the state legislative  
27 delegation serving Jackson County, Alabama, and any unused

1 portion shall be paid to the Jackson County Commission's  
2 general fund.

3 "b. Two percent of such payments shall be  
4 appropriated to Jackson County EDA under this section.

5 "c. Thirty-six percent of such payments shall be  
6 appropriated to the public school systems within Jackson  
7 County on a per pupil pro rata basis.

8 "d. Twenty-nine and fifty hundredths percent of such  
9 payments shall be appropriated to the incorporated  
10 municipalities within the county on a population basis.

11 "e. Thirty and fifty hundredths percent of such  
12 payments shall be placed in the general fund of the county  
13 treasury and may be used for any lawful purpose by the county.

14 "(b) The remaining payments in the Jackson County  
15 Legislative Delegation Critical Needs Fund, on the effective  
16 date of this act, shall be redistributed as follows:

17 "(1) Three hundred ninety-three thousand, three  
18 hundred fifty-three dollars and forty-three cents  
19 (\$393,353.43) to the Jackson County Economic Development  
20 Authority to promote the growth of Jackson County.

21 "(2) Three hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$360,000)  
22 to be divided equally among the Jackson County and Scottsboro  
23 City Schools for providing computers and technology in the  
24 classrooms.

25 "(3) Thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to Impact  
26 Learning to house the Career Center of the Jackson County  
27 Employment Agency.

1           "(4) Thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to Roseberry  
2 Rescue, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, to preserve the  
3 environment of the Roseberry Creek.

4           "(5) Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be  
5 divided equally among the five libraries in the county.

6           "(6) Twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000) to be  
7 divided equally among the community feeding centers for the  
8 homeless or impoverished in the county.

9           "(7) Twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$27,000) to be  
10 divided equally among the community centers in the county to  
11 provide a place for senior citizens.

12           "(8) Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to the  
13 Jackson County Conservation District to promote educational  
14 programs related to conservation and agriculture.

15           "(9) Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to the Earnest  
16 Pruett Center of Technology (EPCOT) to provide technology for  
17 workforce development and skills training.

18           "(10) Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to the Jackson  
19 County Council on Aging for assisting senior citizens.

20           "(11) Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to the Arc of  
21 Jackson County.

22           "(12) Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to the Boys and  
23 Girls Club of Scottsboro for continuing education of youth.

24           "(13) Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to the Michael  
25 Scott Learning Center.

1                   "(14) Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to the  
2 Care Assurance System for the Aging and Homebound of Jackson  
3 County (CASA).

4                   "(15) One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to the  
5 Jackson County Senior Rx Program.

6                   "(16) After the above distributions in this  
7 subsection are made, any monies remaining in the fund shall be  
8 transferred into the operating account of the Jackson County  
9 Legislative Delegation Office and the Jackson County  
10 Legislative Delegation Critical Needs Fund shall thereafter be  
11 closed."

12                   Section 2. This act shall become effective  
13 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
14 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.