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3 By Senator Waggoner
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9 A BILL
10 TO BE ENTITLED
11 AN ACT
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13 Relating to Jefferson County; to amend Section
14 45-37-200.03, Code of Alabama 1975, as last amended by Act
15 2015-241 of the 2015 Regular Session, authorizing the
16 designated city officers or employees of cities in the county
17 to issue motor vehicle registrations; to further authorize the
18 issuance of boat registrations and initial registrations and
19 changes in ownership of motor vehicles.

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

21 Section 1. Section 45-37-200.03, Code of Alabama
22 1975, as last amended by Act 2015-241 of the 2015 Regular
23 Session, is amended to read as follows:

24 "§45-37-200.03.

25 "(a) The Legislature finds that Jefferson County has
26 reduced the number of locations where the citizens of
27 Jefferson County may be issued their motor vehicle

1 registrations due to the financial difficulties of the county
2 resulting in impediments to the citizens and to the collection
3 of state and local taxes and fees. The Legislature further
4 finds that there is a substantial local need to provide
5 additional and supplemental means for the issuance of motor
6 vehicle registrations in Jefferson County in response to a
7 demonstrated local need in the county. The Legislature further
8 finds that citizens often desire to register their boats at
9 the same time that they register their motor vehicles, and
10 therefore, citizens should be able to register their boats at
11 the same locations where they register their motor vehicles as
12 a matter of public convenience.

13 " (b) In Jefferson County, the mayor of any city in
14 the county may designate a city officer or ~~employee~~ his or her
15 agents and employees, to issue motor vehicle registrations, to
16 include the issuance of license plates and decals. ~~The city~~
17 ~~license plate issuing official may not issue license plates~~
18 ~~when a vehicle has not been previously registered in this~~
19 ~~state by or in the name of the current vehicle owner.~~ In the
20 case of the initial registration or change in the ownership of
21 a motor vehicle, the designated city officer, or his or her
22 agents or employees, may only issue a motor vehicle license
23 plate or decal if a new Alabama title application has been
24 completed for the applicable motor vehicle by a designated
25 agent of the Department of Revenue. ~~The city license plate~~
26 ~~issuing official~~ designated city officer, or his or her agents
27 or employees, may only issue motor vehicle registrations for a

1 resident of the city. The ~~city license plate issuing official~~
2 designated city officer, or his or her agents or employees,
3 shall collect the registration fees and ~~ad valorem~~ taxes on
4 the vehicle or boat and remit the registration fees and taxes
5 in the same manner as the county license plate issuing
6 official. In addition, the city license plate issuing
7 official, or his or her agents or employees, shall collect the
8 same issuance fees as provided for the county license plate
9 issuing official, which fees shall be retained by the city and
10 credited to the city general fund. In addition, the city may
11 levy and collect an additional issuance fee as provided in
12 subsection (c). The city shall also deduct and retain in the
13 city general fund all commissions on the assessment and
14 collection of ad valorem taxes in the same manner as the
15 county license issuing official, except that the calculation
16 of commissions for assessments and collections of taxes on
17 motor vehicles for the General Fund of the state and the
18 general fund of the county shall be at a rate of one percent
19 for assessments and one percent for collections. The city
20 shall be audited by the Department of Examiners of Public
21 Accounts related to the issuance of motor vehicle
22 registrations pursuant to this section. The city shall be
23 responsible for any shortages as determined by the audit. The
24 ~~city license plate issuing official~~ designated city officer
25 ~~and his or her employees~~ shall be bonded by a bonding company
26 authorized to do business in this state in such sums
27 sufficient to cover the amounts set out in Section 12-13-33

1 for judges of probate. The bond shall be conditioned as other
2 official bonds are conditioned and shall be approved by the
3 mayor and the city council of the city.

4 "(c) The city council of a city that issues motor
5 vehicle or boat registrations, or both, pursuant to this
6 section may levy an annual additional issuance fee, not to
7 exceed five dollars (\$5), for each motor vehicle ~~plate~~ or boat
8 registration issued by the ~~city license plate issuing official~~
9 designated city officer, and his or her agents or employees.

10 The annual additional fee authorized by this section shall
11 become due at the same time the state registration fee becomes
12 due. The annual additional fee shall not be collected more
13 than once per vehicle during a registration year. The local
14 issuance fee collected pursuant to this subsection shall be
15 deposited into the general fund of the city levying the fee
16 and shall be used for the operation of the city license plate
17 issuing official's office.

18 "(d) The provisions of this section are supplemental
19 and shall not affect any existing law except as needed to
20 implement this section."

21 Section 2. This act shall become effective
22 immediately following its passage and approval by the
23 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.