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3 By Senator Pittman (N & P)
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9 A BILL
10 TO BE ENTITLED
11 AN ACT
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13 Relating to Baldwin County; to amend Section
14 45-2-80.87 of the Code of Alabama 1975, authorizing additional
15 court costs in the county, to further provide for the
16 expiration of the court costs.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

18 Section 1. Section 45-2-80.87 of the Code of Alabama
19 1975, is amended to read as follows:

20 "§45-2-80.87.

21 "(a) In addition to any court costs and fees now or
22 hereafter authorized in Baldwin County, excluding all
23 municipal courts, additional court costs in an amount not to
24 exceed fifteen dollars (\$15) shall be assessed and taxed as
25 costs on each civil case and on each criminal case, including
26 traffic cases and small claims cases, filed in the circuit
27 court and district court, including the juvenile court, in

1 Baldwin County. The fees shall not be waived by any court
2 unless all other fees, assessments, costs, fines, and charges
3 associated with the case are waived.

4 "(b) The additional fees when collected by the
5 clerks or their collection officers of the courts shall be
6 paid into the Baldwin County Law Library and Judicial
7 Administration Fund to be used to fund the salaries of court
8 employees for the continued operation of the courts in the
9 county and for other lawful purposes of this fund.

10 "(c) The court costs imposed by this section shall
11 expire on September 30, ~~2013~~ 2015, and this section shall be
12 repealed.

13 "(d) The court costs imposed by this section may be
14 adjusted within the amount authorized by this section or may
15 be eliminated by order of the presiding circuit court judge if
16 the presiding circuit court judge finds that the court costs
17 may be adjusted or eliminated based on funding from the state.

18 "(e) It is legislative intent that the presiding
19 circuit court judge may increase or decrease the court costs
20 authorized by this section as deemed necessary not to exceed
21 fifteen dollars (\$15) per case."

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