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

Relating to Lauderdale County; to provide for the election of the chair of the county commission on a countywide basis; to provide for the duties and compensation of the chair; to provide that the judge of probate shall no longer serve as chair; and to provide a referendum.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. This act shall apply only in Lauderdale County.

Section 2. (a) Effective beginning the next general election for the election of the Lauderdale County Commission, the Chair of the Lauderdale County Commission shall be elected on a countywide basis. The chair shall take office at the same time as members of the Lauderdale County Commission take office and shall serve a four-year term, or until a successor is elected and qualified. The chair shall preside over meetings of the county commission and shall vote only in the case of tie vote of the commission commissioners. After the election of the first chair as provided in this section and thereafter, the judge of probate shall no longer serve as chair of the county commission.

(b) The salary of the Chair of the Lauderdale County Commission shall be forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) per year

1 payable in equal semi-monthly installments from the general  
2 fund of the county.

3 (c) In addition to the other duties and  
4 responsibilities of the chair, the chair of the Lauderdale  
5 County Commission shall do all of the following:

6 (1) Promote economic development in the county.

7 (2) Establish and enhance intergovernmental  
8 partnerships.

9 (3) Serve as the representative of Lauderdale County  
10 and the Lauderdale County Commission on any boards,  
11 committees, or other organizations that require representation  
12 of the county.

13 (4) Perform any other duties as determined by a  
14 majority vote of the county commission.

15 Section 3. Sections 2 and 3 shall become operative  
16 only if approved by a majority of the qualified electors of  
17 Lauderdale County who vote in an election to be held on the  
18 day of the general election in November 2010. The notice of  
19 the election shall be given by the judge of probate, and the  
20 election shall be held, conducted, and the results canvassed  
21 in the manner as other county elections. The question shall  
22 be, "Do you favor the adoption of Act No. \_\_\_\_, of the 2010  
23 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature providing for the  
24 election of the Chair of the Lauderdale County Commission on a  
25 countywide basis? Yes ( ) No ( )." The county shall pay any

1 costs and expenses not otherwise reimbursed by a governmental  
2 agency which are incidental to the election. If a majority of  
3 the votes cast in the election are "Yes," Sections 2 and 3 of  
4 this act shall become operative immediately. If the majority  
5 of the votes are "No," this act shall be repealed and shall  
6 have no further effect. The Judge of Probate of Lauderdale  
7 County shall certify the results of the election to the  
8 Secretary of State.

9 Section 4. All laws or parts of laws which conflict  
10 with this act are repealed.

11 Section 5. This act shall become effective  
12 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
13 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 30-MAR-10.

Greg Pappas  
Clerk

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Senate

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Passed