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3 By Representative Curtis (N & P)
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9 A BILL
10 TO BE ENTITLED
11 AN ACT
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13 Relating to Lauderdale County; to provide for the
14 election of the chair of the county commission on a countywide
15 basis; to provide for the duties and compensation of the
16 chair; to provide that the judge of probate shall no longer
17 serve as chair; and to provide a referendum.

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

21 Section 2. (a) Effective beginning the next general
22 election for the election of the Lauderdale County Commission,
23 the Chair of the Lauderdale County Commission shall be elected
24 on a countywide basis. The chair shall take office at the same
25 time as members of the Lauderdale County Commission take
26 office and shall serve a four-year term, or until a successor
27 is elected and qualified. The chair shall preside over

1 meetings of the county commission and shall vote only in the
2 case of tie vote of the commission commissioners. After the
3 election of the first chair as provided in this section and
4 thereafter, the judge of probate shall no longer serve as
5 chair of the county commission.

6 (b) The salary of the Chair of the Lauderdale County
7 Commission shall be forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) per year
8 payable in equal semi-monthly installments from the general
9 fund of the county.

10 (c) In addition to the other duties and
11 responsibilities of the chair, the chair of the Lauderdale
12 County Commission shall do all of the following:

13 (1) Promote economic development in the county.

14 (2) Establish and enhance intergovernmental
15 partnerships.

16 (3) Serve as the representative of Lauderdale County
17 and the Lauderdale County Commission on any boards,
18 committees, or other organizations that require representation
19 of the county.

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

22 Section 3. Sections 2 and 3 shall become operative
23 only if approved by a majority of the qualified electors of
24 Lauderdale County who vote in an election to be held on the
25 day of the general election in November 2010. The notice of
26 the election shall be given by the judge of probate, and the
27 election shall be held, conducted, and the results canvassed

1 in the manner as other county elections. The question shall
2 be, "Do you favor the adoption of Act No. ____, of the 2010
3 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature providing for the
4 election of the Chair of the Lauderdale County Commission on a
5 countywide basis? Yes () No ()." The county shall pay any
6 costs and expenses not otherwise reimbursed by a governmental
7 agency which are incidental to the election. If a majority of
8 the votes cast in the election are "Yes," Sections 2 and 3 of
9 this act shall become operative immediately. If the majority
10 of the votes are "No," this act shall be repealed and shall
11 have no further effect. The Judge of Probate of Lauderdale
12 County shall certify the results of the election to the
13 Secretary of State.

14 Section 4. All laws or parts of laws which conflict
15 with this act are repealed.

16 Section 5. This act shall become effective
17 immediately following its passage and approval by the
18 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.