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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, relating to court  
15 costs collected to operate the Baldwin County Law Library and  
16 Judicial Administration Fund; and to remove the expiration  
17 date of September 30, 2019.

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

19 Section 1. Section 45-2-80.87 of the Code of Alabama  
20 1975, is amended to read as follows:

21 "§45-2-80.87.

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

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

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

11 ~~"(c) The court costs imposed by this section shall~~  
12 ~~expire on September 30, 2019, and this section shall be~~  
13 ~~repealed.~~

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

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

24 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
25 first day of the third month following its passage and  
26 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.