

ACT No. 2015- 361

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3 By Representatives Johnson (R) and Hurst  
4 RFD: County and Municipal Government  
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ENROLLED, An Act,

To amend Sections 11-40-10, 11-51-91, 11-51-206, and 11-52-30 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to annexation; to provide that the annexation of property by general or local law would not extend the police jurisdiction unless specifically provided; to further provide that alterations to the police jurisdiction by annexation or deannexation would only occur once a year; to further provide that before a municipality can enforce an ordinance in its police jurisdiction the municipality must provide 30 days notice under specific circumstances; to further provide that a municipality must annually account for all revenues collected in its police jurisdiction and provide documentation of all services provided within the police jurisdiction; to provide that no municipality can levy or assess taxes within a police jurisdiction without providing notice under certain terms and conditions; and to further provide that any alteration to a municipal planning commission due to annexation or deannexation would occur only once a year.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Sections 11-40-10, 11-51-91, 11-51-206, and 11-52-30 of the Code of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

"§11-40-10.

1           "(a) The police jurisdiction in ~~cities~~  
2       municipalities having 6,000 or more inhabitants shall cover  
3       all adjoining territory within three miles of the corporate  
4       limits, and in ~~cities~~ municipalities having less than 6,000  
5       inhabitants and in towns, ~~such~~ the police jurisdiction shall  
6       extend also to the adjoining territory within a mile and a  
7       half of the corporate limits of ~~such city~~ the municipality or  
8       town.

9           "(b) Ordinances of a city or town enforcing police  
10       or sanitary regulations and prescribing fines and penalties  
11       for violations thereof shall have force and effect in the  
12       limits of the city or town ~~and in the police jurisdiction~~  
13       ~~thereof~~ and on any property or rights-of-way belonging to the  
14       city or town. In order for an ordinance adopted after the  
15       effective date of this act to have force and effect in a  
16       police jurisdiction of a municipality or town, the municipal  
17       governing body shall provide a 30-day notice that the  
18       ordinance shall be effective in the police jurisdiction. The  
19       notice given shall be the same as required for adoption of an  
20       ordinance under Section 11-45-8. The notice may include any or  
21       ~~all ordinances in effect in the municipality or town at the~~  
22       ~~time the notice is given. Additionally, if available at no~~  
23       cost to the municipality, the notice shall be submitted to the  
24       Atlas Alabama state website or any successor state-operated  
25       website providing information to businesses. No ordinance

1 adopted after the effective date of the act amending this  
2 section may be enforced against an individual or entity in the  
3 police jurisdiction affected by the ordinance until and unless  
4 the municipality has complied with the notice requirements  
5 provided for in this section.

6           "(c) The police jurisdiction of any municipality  
7 which pursuant to this section extends to include part of any  
8 island which has water immediately offshore adjacent to the  
9 boundary of the State of Florida, upon approval of the council  
10 of the municipality, shall extend to include the entire island  
11 including the water adjacent to the island extending to the  
12 existing police jurisdiction of the municipality and extending  
13 to the Florida state boundary where applicable.

14           "(d) Any alterations to a police jurisdiction based  
15 upon the annexation or deannexation of property after the  
16 effective date of this act shall be effective only once a year  
17 on the first day of January and shall take effect for any  
18 annexation or deannexation which was finalized on or before  
19 the preceding first day of October. No later than the first  
20 day of January in each year, a map showing the boundaries of  
21 the municipal limits and police jurisdiction of the  
22 municipality shall be submitted to, if available at no cost to  
23 the municipality, the Atlas Alabama state website or any  
24 successor state-operated website providing information to  
25 businesses. No ordinance, license, permit, or tax levy may be

1 enforced against an individual or entity included in the  
2 alteration of the police jurisdiction unless the municipality  
3 has complied with the notice requirements provided for in this  
4 section.

5 "(e) The annexation of property by general or local  
6 law may not extend the police jurisdiction of a municipality  
7 except as expressly provided in general or local law. Any  
8 extension of a police jurisdiction expressly provided for in  
9 general or local law is subject to subsection (d) and shall  
10 take effect only on the next January 1 following the  
11 annexation by general or local law.

12 "(f) When any noncontiguous property has been  
13 annexed or is annexed into a municipality, the municipal  
14 governing body by resolution may elect not to exercise any  
15 jurisdiction or authority, including the assessment of any  
16 tax, in any portion of the police jurisdiction extended as a  
17 result of the annexation, notwithstanding any other law to the  
18 contrary.

19 "\$11-51-91.

20 "(a) Any municipality may adopt an ordinance to fix  
21 and collect licenses for any business, trade, or profession  
22 done within the police jurisdiction of ~~such~~ the municipality  
23 but outside the corporate limits thereof; provided, that the  
24 amount of ~~such~~ the licenses shall not be more than one half  
25 the amount charged and collected as a license for like

1 business, trade, or profession done within the corporate  
2 limits of ~~such~~ the municipality, fees and penalties excluded;  
3 and provided further, that the total amount of ~~such~~ the  
4 licenses shall not be in an amount greater than the cost of  
5 services provided by the municipality within the police  
6 jurisdiction. All licenses adopted pursuant to this section  
7 shall be assessed to all businesses, trades, or professionals  
8 within the police jurisdiction. No license adopted after the  
9 effective date of the act amending this section in the police  
10 jurisdiction shall take effect until a 30-day notice has been  
11 given of the adoption of the ordinance; provided, however,  
12 that no license may be imposed under this section in an  
13 expanded police jurisdiction until the police jurisdiction  
14 expansion is effective under subsection (d) of Section  
15 11-40-10. The notice given shall be the same as required for  
16 adoption of an ordinance under Section 11-45-8. Additionally,  
17 if available at no cost to the municipality, the 30-day notice  
18 shall be submitted to the Atlas Alabama state website or any  
19 successor state-operated website providing information to  
20 businesses. No ordinance adopted after the effective date of  
21 the act amending this section may be enforced against an  
22 individual or entity affected by the ordinance unless the  
23 municipality has complied with the notice requirement provided  
24 in this section.

1           "(b) No calculation ~~is~~ shall be required to be made  
2 by the municipal officials or license officer for the cost of  
3 services to any particular business or classification of  
4 businesses within the police jurisdiction so long as the total  
5 amount of revenues from ~~such~~ the licenses collected in the  
6 police jurisdiction ~~shall not be in~~ is not an amount greater  
7 than the cost of services provided by the municipality to the  
8 police jurisdiction. Each municipality shall prepare an annual  
9 report which shall include an accounting of all license  
10 revenues collected pursuant to this section in the police  
11 jurisdiction expanded after the effective date of the act  
12 amending this section and provide a list of the services  
13 provided by the municipality and a list of providers within  
14 the police jurisdiction. A copy of the annual report, which  
15 shall be completed within 90 days of the close of the fiscal  
16 year, shall be forwarded to the Office of Examiners of Public  
17 Accounts and shall be made available to the public.

18           "(c) When the place at which any ~~such~~ business,  
19 trade, or profession is done or carried on is within the  
20 police jurisdiction of two or more municipalities which levy  
21 the licenses thereon authorized by this section, ~~such~~ the  
22 licenses shall be paid to, issued, and collected by that  
23 municipality only whose boundary measured to the nearest point  
24 thereof is closest to ~~such~~ the business, trade, or profession.  
25 ~~Provided further, that this~~ This section shall not have the

1 effect of repealing or modifying the limitations in this  
2 ~~division~~ article relating to railroad, express companies,  
3 sleeping car companies, telegraph companies, telephone  
4 companies, and public utilities and insurance companies and  
5 their agents. This section shall be given a liberal  
6 construction to effectuate its purpose and meaning.

7 "§11-51-206.

8 "The council or other governing body shall have the  
9 authority to levy and assess by ordinance within the police  
10 jurisdiction of any ~~said city~~ municipality or town all taxes  
11 authorized by this article; provided, that said levy and  
12 assessment shall not exceed one-half the amount levied and  
13 assessed for like businesses, sales or uses conducted within  
14 the corporate limits, fees and penalties excluded. All taxes  
15 adopted pursuant to this section shall be levied and assessed.  
16 No levy or assessment of a tax adopted by ordinance after the  
17 effective date of the act amending this section shall take  
18 effect until a 30-day notice has been given of the adoption of  
19 the ordinance; provided, however, that no tax levy or  
20 assessment may be imposed under this section in an expanded  
21 police jurisdiction until the police jurisdiction expansion is  
22 effective under subsection (d) of Section 11-40-10. The notice  
23 given shall be the same as required for adoption of an  
24 ordinance in Section 11-45-8. Additionally, if available at no  
25 cost to the municipality, the 30-day notice shall be submitted

1 to the Atlas Alabama state website or any successor  
2 state-operated website providing information to businesses.  
3 Each municipality shall prepare an annual report which shall  
4 include an accounting of all revenues collected pursuant to  
5 this section in the expanded police jurisdiction after the  
6 effective date of the act amending this section and provide a  
7 list of the services provided by the municipality and a list  
8 of providers within the police jurisdiction. A copy of the  
9 annual report, which shall be completed within 90 days of the  
10 close of the fiscal year, shall be forwarded to the Office of  
11 Examiners of Public Accounts and shall be made available to  
12 the public.

13 "§11-52-30.

14 "(a) Except as otherwise provided herein, the  
15 territorial jurisdiction of any municipal planning commission  
16 shall include all land located in the municipality and all  
17 land lying within five miles of the corporate limits of the  
18 municipality and not located in any other municipality; except  
19 that, in the case of any nonmunicipal land lying within five  
20 miles of more than one municipality having a municipal  
21 planning commission, the jurisdiction of each municipal  
22 planning commission shall terminate at a boundary line  
23 equidistant from the respective corporate limits of such  
24 municipalities; ~~provided further, that in.~~ Any alterations of  
25 a municipal planning commission based upon annexation or

1 deannexation of property within the corporate limits of a  
2 municipality shall occur once a year on the first day of  
3 January and shall take effect for any annexations which were  
4 finalized on or before the preceding first day of October. In  
5 all counties having a population of 600,000 or more according  
6 to the 1950 federal census or any succeeding decennial federal  
7 census, the county planning and zoning commission shall be  
8 invested with the authority, except and unless the  
9 municipality or municipalities in question are actively  
10 exercising zoning jurisdiction and control within the police  
11 or five mile jurisdiction or, in the case of a municipality  
12 subsequently incorporated, within 180 days from the date of  
13 its incorporation; provided, further, that in all counties  
14 having a population of 600,000 or more inhabitants according  
15 to the 1950 federal census or any succeeding decennial federal  
16 census, the county commission of the county may establish  
17 minimum specifications and regulations governing the lay-out,  
18 grading, and paving of all streets, avenues, and alleys and  
19 the construction or installation of all water, sewer, or  
20 drainage pipes or lines in any subdivision lying wholly or  
21 partly in areas outside the corporate limits of any  
22 municipality in the counties and relating to subdivisions  
23 lying within the corporate limits of any municipality in the  
24 counties which has declined or failed to exercise zoning  
25 jurisdiction and control as provided in this section.

1           "(b) A municipal planning commission, by resolution  
2 properly adopted ~~regulation~~ no later than the first day of  
3 October of any year, may provide that, effective on the first  
4 day of January, the territorial jurisdiction of the municipal  
5 planning commission shall include all land lying within a  
6 radius less than the five miles permitted by this section. The  
7 ~~regulation~~ resolution shall establish the territory within  
8 which the municipal planning commission will exercise  
9 jurisdiction to a boundary line equidistant from the corporate  
10 limits of the municipality, except, that in the case of any  
11 nonmunicipal land lying within the territorial jurisdiction of  
12 more than one municipality with a municipal planning  
13 commission exercising jurisdiction outside the municipal  
14 corporate limits, the jurisdiction of each municipal planning  
15 commission shall terminate at a boundary line equidistant from  
16 the respective corporate limits of each municipality. A copy  
17 of the resolution altering the territorial jurisdiction shall  
18 be forwarded to the county commission within five days of  
19 adoption. Additionally, nothing in this subsection shall be  
20 construed to alter the provisions of Article 5 of Chapter 49,  
21 which require a municipality to assume responsibility for  
22 roads annexed into the municipality under certain  
23 circumstances.

24           "(c) (1) If a county commission has adopted  
25 subdivision regulations pursuant to Chapter 24, those

1 subdivision regulations shall apply to the development of  
2 subdivisions within the territorial jurisdiction of a  
3 municipal planning commission outside the corporate limits of  
4 a municipality and shall be regulated and enforced by the  
5 county commission in the same manner and to the same extent as  
6 other subdivision development governed by the county's  
7 subdivision regulations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a  
8 county commission and the municipal planning commission may  
9 enter into a written agreement providing that the municipal  
10 planning commission shall be responsible for the regulation  
11 and enforcement of the development of subdivisions within the  
12 territorial jurisdiction of the municipal planning commission  
13 under the terms and conditions of the agreement. In order to  
14 be effective, the agreement shall be approved by a resolution  
15 adopted by the county commission, the municipal governing  
16 body, and the municipal planning commission of the  
17 municipality, respectively.

18 "(2) In those counties in which the county  
19 commission has adopted subdivision regulations pursuant to  
20 Chapter 24 and the municipal planning commission has been  
21 unsuccessful in reaching an agreement to exercise its  
22 jurisdiction as provided in subdivision (1), the governing  
23 body of the municipality and the municipal planning commission  
24 may override the county's enforcement of the regulation of

1 subdivisions within the planning jurisdiction by fully  
2 complying with all of the following requirements:

3 "a. The municipal governing body and the municipal  
4 planning commission shall each adopt separate resolutions  
5 expressing intent to exercise jurisdiction over the  
6 construction of subdivisions initiated after the effective  
7 date of the resolutions, despite the county commission's  
8 objections to the exercise of that authority.

9 "b. The municipal planning commission shall at all  
10 times thereafter employ or contract with a licensed  
11 professional engineer who shall notify the county commission  
12 of the initiation of subdivisions; conduct inspections of the  
13 construction of the subdivision; and shall certify, in  
14 writing, the compliance with the subdivision regulations  
15 governing the development of the subdivision.

16 "c. The county commission shall retain the authority  
17 to require a performance and maintenance bond from the  
18 developer, consistent with the requirements for the bonds in  
19 the county subdivision regulations, which shall be payable to  
20 the county.

21 "d. The county commission shall retain the authority  
22 to execute on the bond to make necessary improvements to the  
23 public roads and drainage structures of the subdivision while  
24 it remains in the unincorporated area of the county.

1            "e. The municipal governing body and the municipal  
2 planning commission exercising the authority granted in this  
3 subsection may thereafter withdraw their exercise of  
4 jurisdiction over future subdivisions located outside the  
5 corporate limits of the municipality after not less than six  
6 months' notice to the county commission. After withdrawal, the  
7 municipal planning commission of the municipality may not  
8 reinstate the authority granted in this subsection for 24  
9 months after the effective date of its withdrawal.

10            "(d) If a county commission has not adopted  
11 subdivision regulations pursuant to Chapter 24, the municipal  
12 planning commission shall have sole jurisdiction for the  
13 regulation and enforcement of the development of subdivisions  
14 within the territorial jurisdiction of the municipal planning  
15 commission.

16            "(e) If the municipal planning commission accepts  
17 responsibility for the development of a subdivision within its  
18 territorial jurisdiction as provided in subsection (c), the  
19 county commission shall not accept any roads or bridges within  
20 the subdivision for county maintenance unless the county  
21 engineer certifies to the county commission that the road or  
22 bridge meets the minimum road and bridge standards of the  
23 county. This section shall not apply to any roads or bridges  
24 which the county has accepted for maintenance prior to October  
25 1, 2012.

1           "(f) If the county commission is responsible for the  
2 regulation and enforcement of a subdivision development within  
3 the territorial jurisdiction of a municipal planning  
4 commission outside the corporate limits of a municipality, the  
5 recording of any map or plat related to the subdivision shall  
6 be governed by Chapter 24.

7           "(g) If the municipal planning commission is  
8 responsible for the regulation and enforcement of a  
9 subdivision development within the territorial jurisdiction of  
10 the municipal planning commission outside the corporate limits  
11 of the municipality, no map or plat of any subdivision shall  
12 be recorded, and no property shall be sold referenced to the  
13 map or plat, until and unless it has been first submitted to  
14 and approved by the municipal planning commission, pursuant to  
15 Section 11-52-32 and its adopted procedures, and then  
16 certified by the county engineer or his or her designee as  
17 follows within 30 days of being submitted to the county  
18 engineer: "The undersigned, as County Engineer of the County  
19 of \_\_\_\_\_ of Alabama, hereby certifies on this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
20 of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, that the \_\_\_\_\_ Planning Commission  
21 approved the within plat for the recording of same in the  
22 Probate Office of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Alabama."

23           "(h) Approval by the county engineer pursuant to  
24 this subsection shall not constitute approval in lieu of or on  
25 behalf of any municipality with respect to subdivision

1 development regulated and enforced by the municipal planning  
2 commission, wherein all maps or plats must be first submitted  
3 to and approved by the municipal planning commission or other  
4 appropriate municipal agency exercising jurisdiction over the  
5 subdivision.

6 "(i) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted as  
7 allowing a municipal planning commission or a municipality to  
8 exercise the power of eminent domain outside of its corporate  
9 limits.

10 "(j) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted as  
11 allowing a municipal planning commission or a municipality to  
12 levy taxes or fees outside of its corporate limits.

13 "(k) Nothing in this section shall limit or impair  
14 the authority of a municipality to regulate the construction  
15 of buildings within the police jurisdiction of the  
16 municipality, including, but not limited to, the issuing of  
17 building permits, the inspection of building construction, and  
18 the enforcement of building codes.

19 "(l) Nothing in this section shall be construed to  
20 grant the county commission or county engineer the authority  
21 to regulate subdivision development or approve maps or plats  
22 for any developments within the corporate limits of a  
23 municipality."

1                   Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
2                   first day of the third month following its passage and  
3                   approval by the 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

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and was passed by the House 23-APR-15, as amended.

Jeff Woodard  
Clerk

Senate  
House

19-MAY-15  
02-JUN-15

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APPROVED 6-5-2015

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GOVERNOR

Alabama Secretary Of State

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HOUSE ACTION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE RESOLUTION AS REQUIRED IN SECTION C OF ACT NO. 81-889 WAS ADOPTED AND IS ATTACHED TO THE BILL, H.B. 377

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JEFF WOODARD, Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE NOTICE & PROOF IS ATTACHED TO THE BILL, H.B. AS REQUIRED IN THE GENERAL ACTS OF ALABAMA, 1975 ACT NO. 919.

JEFF WOODARD, Clerk

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

House Conferees

SENATE ACTION

DATE: 4/23 2015  
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This Bill was referred to the Standing Committee of the Senate on C + MG and was acted upon by such Committee in session and is by order of the Committee returned therefrom with a favorable report w/amend(s) 1 w/sub 1 by a vote of years 11 nays 8 abstain      this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2015  
Paul Sanford, Chairperson

DATE: 5-14 20      
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RE-REFERRED  RE-COMMITTED   
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I hereby certify that the Resolution as required in Section C of Act No. 81-889 was adopted and is attached to the Bill, HB 377

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PATRICK HARRIS,  
Secretary