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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to Choctaw County; to provide for the assessment of additional court costs in certain civil, criminal, or quasi-criminal proceedings in the circuit court and district court and in any municipal court in Choctaw County; to provide that the costs, upon collection, shall be distributed to a special fund, designated as the "Jail Fund," in the county treasury to be expended by the county for paying the costs of maintaining, repairing, and operating the county jail and jail complex and for paying any indebtedness incurred for the construction of the county jail and jail complex.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) In Choctaw County, in addition to any court costs authorized to be collected, there shall be assessed an additional court cost of fifty dollars (\$50) in all civil cases filed in the circuit court and district court, except in cases filed in the small claims court the additional court costs shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25).

(b) In addition to any court costs authorized to be collected, there shall be assessed an additional court cost of fifty dollars (\$50) in all criminal and quasi-criminal cases



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29 brought in the circuit court and district court and in any
30 municipal court in Choctaw County.

31 (c) The court costs provided by this section shall not
32 apply to any filings by the district attorney or judge of
33 probate.

34 Section 2. All costs assessed pursuant to this act
35 shall be collected by the court clerk as other court costs are
36 collected and distributed to Choctaw County for deposit in a
37 special fund designated as the Jail Fund. All monies paid into
38 the Jail Fund shall be expended by the county exclusively for
39 the payment of the costs of maintaining, repairing, and
40 operating the county jail and jail complex and for paying any
41 indebtedness incurred for the construction of the county jail
42 and jail complex.

43 Section 3. This act shall be effective July 1, 2025,
44 provided a local constitutional amendment applicable to
45 Choctaw County authorizing additional court costs to be levied
46 in the county has been ratified prior to that date.