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9 A BILL
10 TO BE ENTITLED
11 AN ACT
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13 Relating to Houston County; to provide for a
14 transaction fee on certain tag transactions in the county; to
15 provide for distribution of the proceeds for emergency medical
16 services; and to provide a referendum.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

18 Section 1. (a) In Houston County, the Houston County
19 Judge of Probate shall collect a tag transaction fee in the
20 amount of five dollars (\$5) for each motor vehicle tag,
21 excluding utility trailers, issued or renewed in the county.
22 The fee shall not apply to tag transfers and replacement
23 transactions. The tag transaction fee shall be in addition to
24 any other fees authorized by law.

25 (b) (1) Three percent of the proceeds from the fees
26 collected pursuant to subsection (a) shall be retained by the

1 judge of probate to be used for the operation of his or her
2 office.

3 (2) Except as provided in subsection (d), the
4 remainder of the proceeds from the fees collected pursuant to
5 subsection (a) shall be distributed to the Houston County
6 Commission to be further distributed to the Houston County EMS
7 Association for further distribution to EMS transport
8 providers and the Dothan Fire Department, EMS Division.

9 (c) The proceeds distributed by the county
10 commission pursuant to subdivision (b)(2) shall be used solely
11 to provide emergency medical services in the county including
12 salaries, equipment, supplies, matching funds, training, or
13 other purposes directly related to the providing of emergency
14 medical services. The proceeds may not be used for
15 construction or maintenance of facilities.

16 (d) Notwithstanding subsection (b), the county
17 commission, by resolution adopted upon a majority vote, may
18 use a portion of the funds to contract with private emergency
19 medical services if the county determines that contracts with
20 private emergency medical services are necessary.

21 Section 2. Section 1 of this act shall become
22 operative only if approved by a majority of the qualified
23 electors of Houston County who vote in an election to be held
24 on the day designated by the Judge of Probate of Houston
25 County. The notice of the election shall be given by the judge
26 of probate, and the election shall be held, conducted, and the
27 results canvassed in the manner as other county elections. The

1 election shall be held in conjunction with the 2020 general
2 election. The question shall be "Do you favor the adoption of
3 Act _____, of the _____ Session of the Alabama
4 Legislature? YES _____ NO _____." The county shall pay any
5 costs and expenses not otherwise reimbursed by a governmental
6 agency which are incidental to the election. If a majority
7 votes cast in the election are "Yes," Section 1 of this act
8 shall become operative January 1 following approval. If the
9 majority of the votes are "No," this act shall be repealed and
10 shall have no further effect. The judge of probate shall
11 certify the results of the election to the Secretary of State.

12 Section 3. This act shall become effective on the
13 first day of the third month following its passage and
14 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.