

SB306 INTRODUCED



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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would provide for a chair of the county commission to be elected countywide in any county in which the county commission is currently composed of four county commissioners and the chair of the county commission is currently rotating among these county commissioners. The chair of the county commission would first be elected for a two-year term in 2024 and thereafter for four-year terms commencing in 2026.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to any county in which the county commission is currently composed of four county commissioners and the chair of the county commission is currently rotating among these commissioners; to provide for the election of the chair of the county commission on a countywide basis as an additional member of the commission commencing with the general election in 2024; to provide for terms; and to provide for the salary and duties of the chair of the county commission.



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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

30 Section 1. Section 11-3-1.3 is added to the Code of
31 Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

32 §11-3-1.3

33 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 11-3-1 or
34 any other law to the contrary, in any county in which, on the
35 effective date of this act, the county commission is composed
36 of four county commissioners and the chair rotates among these
37 members of the county commission on a rotating basis,
38 effective at the general election in 2024 and thereafter, the
39 chair of the county commission shall be elected countywide as
40 an additional member of the county commission. Upon the
41 election and qualification of chair of the county commission
42 pursuant to this section, any provision for the existing
43 members of the county commission to serve on a rotating basis
44 shall not apply.

45 (b) The initial term of the elected chair shall be for
46 two years and a successor shall be elected at the general
47 election in 2026, and every four years thereafter, to serve a
48 term concurrent with the terms of the other four members of
49 the county commission. The term of the chair shall commence in
50 November after the election at the same time provided for
51 members of a county commission.

52 (c) The elected chair of the county commission shall
53 serve on a full-time basis and shall perform all of the duties
54 of a chair of a county commission provided by general law or
55 any local law applicable to the county. The elected chair may
56 vote in any matter coming before the commission.



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57 (d) The elected chair provided for by this section
58 shall receive an annual salary based on the same salary
59 schedule as a circuit judge. The salary schedule shall be
60 applied to the chair in the same manner as the salary schedule
61 is applied to a circuit judge, including any provisions for
62 adjustments based on years of service.

63 (e) This section shall not affect the salary or the
64 annual basic compensation of the remaining four members of the
65 county commission.

66 Section 2. All laws or parts of laws which conflict
67 with this act are repealed.

68 Section 3. This act shall become effective immediately
69 following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its
70 otherwise becoming law.