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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, certain items are considered election expenses that must be reimbursed to counties by the state.

This bill would include additional items that are considered election expenses that must be reimbursed to counties by the state.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to elections; to provide for additional items that are considered election expenses that must be reimbursed to counties by the state.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 17-16-2, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§17-16-2

As used in this chapter, the term "expenses" shall include the following items and any other items approved as reimbursable expenses by the Election Expense Reimbursement Committee pursuant to Section 17-16-2.1:

- (1) The compensation and mileage provided by law for



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29 election officials.

30 (2) The compensation provided by law for the clerk or
31 other official acting as absentee election manager.

32 (3) The cost of necessary training and associated
33 travel expenses as approved by the county commission for any
34 individual appointed as the absentee election manager pursuant
35 to Section 17-11-2.

36 ~~(3)~~ (4) The costs of ballots, supplies, and other
37 materials or equipment necessary for election officials to
38 conduct elections as required by law and as certified by the
39 judge of probate as chief election official of the county.

40 (5) The costs incurred by the county commission in
41 using electronic poll books pursuant to Section 17-4-2.1,
42 including essential support equipment, software updates,
43 populating the electronic poll books prior to each election,
44 maintenance of the electronic poll books, and any other
45 expenses necessary to comply with rules adopted by the
46 Secretary of State pursuant to Section 17-4-2.1.

47 (6) The costs incurred by the county commission in
48 using electronic voting machines, including, but not limited
49 to, the transport of electronic voting machines, essential
50 support equipment, software updates, maintenance of the
51 electronic voting machines, and storage of electronic voting
52 machines in non-governmental facilities.

53 (7) The costs incurred by the county commission for
54 rental payments to a facility used as a polling place.

55 ~~(4)~~ (8) The costs of absentee ballots, supplies,
56 postage, and other materials required by law to be furnished



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57 to the absentee election manager.

58 ~~(5)~~ (9) The cost of preparing and furnishing the lists
59 of qualified electors to the election officials as required by
60 law.

61 ~~(6)~~ (10) The cost of publishing any notice or other item
62 related to any election and required by law, including, but
63 not limited to, the publication of notice of any election and
64 any voter lists.

65 (b) This section shall apply to each primary and
66 general election beginning with the election on November 5,
67 2024."

68 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
69 1, 2024.