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Firearms (Constitutional Amendment) – Enacted 2013-267 - HB8 by Rep. Jones would provide that every citizen has a fundamental right to bear arms and that any restriction on this right would be subject to strict scrutiny and provide that a citizen cannot be compelled by international treaty or law from taking actions that prohibit, limit, or otherwise interfere with the fundamental right to bear arms.

Homebrewing (Unfunded Mandate) – Enacted 2013-204 - HB9 by Rep. McCutcheon – would allow adult persons to produce homebrewed beer, mead, cider, and wine in limited amounts for personal use; would prohibit a person convicted of a felony from homebrewing; and would provide for a Class C misdemeanor punishment for violations of this act.

Escapee Notification – Enacted 2013-305 - HB14 by Rep. Beckman would require the notification of other state and local agencies and the news media when an inmate escapes.

Homestead Exemptions (Unfunded Mandate) – Enacted 2013-295 - HB19 by Rep. Williams, J. would amend the existing code provisions providing for the homestead exemption provisions as amended by Act 2012-313 to restore the provisions in the exact same form as they existed prior to Act 2012-313 with two exceptions: the net federal income tax limitation for persons age 65 or over would continue to be $12,000 and the Department of Revenue would be authorized to further provide for evidence of eligibility other than a tax return for the exemption.

Sales Tax Exemption – Enacted 2013-442 - HB37 by Rep. Johnson, R would exempt food pantries which distribute food for charitable purposes from all state, county, and municipal sales and use taxes under certain conditions.

Tax Delinquent Surplus – Enacted 2013-370 - HB47 by Rep. Clouse would provide that only a person or entity who has redeemed property sold at a tax sale may receive the excess paid by a tax sale purchaser and the excess funds be held in escrow in the county treasury for three years until proper application for payment of the escrow is made and the excess shall be paid into the county general fund for use by the county if not claimed within 10 years.

Public School Flexibility Act – Enacted 2013-64 - HB84 by Rep. Fincher would authorize the establishment of innovative schools and school systems in the State of Alabama; allow the State Board of Education to enter into a school flexibility contract with a local school system to allow for programmatic flexibility or budgetary flexibility, or both, from state laws, including State Board of Education rules, regulations, and policies in exchange for academic and associated goals for students that focus on college and career readiness; require the local board of education to submit a document of assurance that the local board shall provide consistency in leadership and a commitment to the standards, assessments, and academic rigor expected in Alabama; require the local school system to submit a proposed innovation plan recommended by the local superintendent of education and approved by the local board of education to the State Superintendent of Education in order to qualify for innovation status; authorize the State Board of Education to promulgate any necessary rules and regulations as required for implementation.
Commercial Trucking (Unfunded Mandate) – Enacted 2013-207 - HB86 By Rep. Greer would include the requirement in state law that an operator of a commercial motor vehicle be in compliance with the Safety Fitness Procedures; Part 386, Rules of Practice for Motor Carrier, Broker, Freight Forwarding, and Hazardous Materials Procedures of federal regulations.

Unemployment Compensation Assessment – Enacted 2013-208 - HB90 by Rep. Williams, J. would delete the termination date of the six one-hundredths of one percent special assessment placed on wages paid to certain employees by employers for deposit into the Unemployment Compensation Fund and transferred to the Employment Security Enhancement Fund and change references to the Director of Industrial Relations to the Commissioner of Labor to reflect the merging of the departments.

E911 Statewide System – Enacted 2013-330 - HB92 by Rep. McCutcheon would create the Alabama First Responder Wireless Commission in order to ensure effective communication services for law enforcement and public health and safety personnel in responding to a terrorist attack, natural disaster, or other public emergency; provide for the membership of the commission and prescribe its powers and duties; create the First Responder Wireless Commission Fund for use by the Alabama First Responder Wireless Commission to create, implement, and operate a statewide wireless communications system and otherwise carry out its duties.

Alabama Trust Fund (Constitutional Amendment) – Enacted 2013-6 - HB94 by Rep. Love would enact The People's Trust Act, which would require the Legislature to repay all amounts transferred from the Alabama Trust Fund under Amendment 856 by not later than September 30, 2026, and would provide for the minimum cumulative amounts that must be repaid at the end of each fiscal year between the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026.

Red Tape Reduction Act – Enacted 2013-88 - HB101 by Rep. Weaver would require an agency that proposes a rule which may have an adverse impact on a business under certain conditions to prepare and file a Business Economic Impact Statement prior to the adoption of the rule, with the Joint Committee on Administrative Regulation Review; require agencies to review all agency rules every five years.


Housing Authorities – Enacted 2013-332 - HB144 by Rep. Tuggle would provide that the bonds would bear interest at a rate or rates payable at the time or times provided by the terms of the resolution or its trust indenture or mortgage; provide that the bonds would be sold by public or private sale as determined by the authority and any public sale of bonds would be conducted after notice has been published at least 10 days prior to the sale in a local newspaper under certain conditions and in a financial newspaper published in the City of New York, New York, or posted electronically on a website or other electronic or Internet service reasonably expected to be available to potential purchasers of the bonds.
Controlled Substances – Enacted 2013-256 - HB150 by Rep. McClendon would amend various sections of Article 10, Controlled Substances Prescription Database, of Chapter 2, Title 20 of the Code of Alabama 1975, to: Provide further for the membership of the Controlled Substances Prescription Database Advisory Committee; provide further for teleconferencing and video conferencing for the committee meetings; provide further for transmitting information on controlled substance prescriptions; provide further for access to the database and confidentiality of records in the database; and provide further for database funding.

Controlled Substances (Unfunded Mandate) – Enacted 2013-258 - HB152 by Rep. Weaver would prohibit the practice of deceptively obtaining the same or a similar controlled substance from two or more medical practitioners in a concurrent time period and provide criminal penalties for violations.

Education Trust Fund Budget – Enacted 2013-264 - HB166 by Rep. Love would make appropriations for the support, maintenance and development of public education in Alabama, for debt service, and for capital outlay for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014.

Ophthalmic Materials – Enacted 2013-333 - HB175 by Rep. McClendon would provide that ophthalmic materials dispensed by ophthalmologists shall be considered a sale subject to state sales tax.


Navigable Waterways (Unfunded Mandates) – Enacted 2013-348 - HB204 by Rep. Lee would provide that the term navigable waters would include canals; prohibit a person from anchoring, mooring, or abandoning a vessel in navigable waters so that it obstructs navigation and would provide for criminal penalties.


Motor Vehicles – Enacted 2013-400 - HB249 by Rep. McCutcheon would require the driver of a motor vehicle to yield the right-of-way and move over or slow down when approaching a garbage, trash, refuse, or recycling collection vehicle that is actively engaged in the collection of garbage, trash, refuse, or recycling materials.

Fire Authorities – Enacted 2013-334 - HB251 by Rep. McCutcheon would specify that the definition of "fire protection service" under the authorizing law includes searching for, testing, drilling for, installation of necessary access ways, and electric, gas, sewer, telephone, and water lines to, from, and for the construction, operation, and maintenance of buildings and accessory structures used for pumping from a well, a spring, a creek, a river or tributary thereof, a reservoir, or a tank, by an authority.
**Police Animals – Enacted 2013-421 - HB259 by Rep. DeMarco** would make it a crime to interfere or attempt to interfere with the duties of a police animal, a search and rescue animal, or the handler of a police animal or search and rescue animal; make it a crime to harass, assault, injure, cause the death, or attempt to harass, assault, injure, or cause the death of a police animal or search and rescue animal.

**Tax Exemption – Enacted 2013-372 - HB261 by Rep. Baker** would exempt the Alabama Wholesale Oil License Fee from exported gallons of oil and on transmix; clarify the definition of the terms "special fuel" and on "Two-Party Exchange;" define the terms "kerosene," "K-1 kerosene," and "associate jobber;" exempt K-1 kerosene refined in this state for immediate export from destination state taxes.

**Entertainment Districts (Class 5 Municipalities) – Enacted 2013-382 - HB269 by Rep. Williams, P** would provide that the governing body of a Class 3 municipality may establish up to five entertainment districts within its corporate limits.

**Aircraft Fuel (Tax Exemption) – Enacted 2013-200 - HB279 by McCutcheon** would provide for a refund of excise tax paid on purchases of aviation jet fuel made by air carriers conducting all-cargo operations engaged in international flights; exempts purchases of aviation jet fuel made by these air carriers from sales tax and exempts the use, storage or consumption of this jet fuel from the use tax.


**Child Abuse (Unfunded Mandate) – Enacted 2013-201 - HB301 by Rep. Drake** would clarify that school employees, teachers, and officials at both public and private K-12 schools are required to report; provide that any public or private employer who disciplines or penalizes an employee for reporting suspected child abuse or neglect is guilty of a Class C misdemeanor.

**Improvement Districts – Enacted 2013-373 - HB323 by Rep. Hill** would amend the Alabama Improvement District Act; provide further for the appointment and terms of the members of the board of directors of a district and would provide for the assessment of lands within a district; specify remedies for nonpayment of assessments; provide for reassessments and amendments to existing assessments, provide for the issuance of bonds by a district, and would provide for prospective and retroactive operation.

**Engineer Liability – Enacted 2013-401 - HB335 by Rep. Ison** would codify the existing common law of Alabama that, under prescribed circumstances, abates the civil liability of a person or entity that contracts with the State of Alabama, a county, or a local government to inspect, monitor, or observe the construction, repair, or maintenance of a highway, a road, or a street.

**Military Service Members – Enacted 2013-350 - HB338 by Rep. Lee** would facilitate the ability of discharged military service members to receive licensure and academic credit for military education, training, and experience; provide that a license of a service member would remain in good standing while the service member is on active duty and for six months thereafter.
Absentee Voting – Enacted 2013-202 - HB373 by Rep. Moore, B. would authorize the Secretary of State, by emergency rule, to provide for absentee voting by those qualified electors who have responded to an emergency situation away from their polling places.

Sales Taxes – Enacted 2013-205 - HB419 by Rep. DeMarco would provide for the Department of Revenue to grant certificates of exemption from sales and use taxes to contractors and subcontractors licensed by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors for the purchase of building materials and construction materials to be used in the construction of a building or other project, not to include a highway, road, or bridge project, for a governmental entity which is exempt from the payment of sales and use taxes; provide for the accounting for purchases and for enforcement for violations.

Tax Increment Districts – Enacted 2013-424 - HB455 by Rep. Davis would authorize a municipality or county to designate certain real property as a Major 21st Century Manufacturing Zone; provide requirements to qualify as a zone and provide that projects within the zone could be financed with ad valorem tax increments; provide that property within the zone would be developed for certain manufacturing purposes and would provide incentives for certain manufacturing projects that commit to develop or expand within the zone.

Pre-Trial Diversion Programs – Enacted 2013-361 - HB494 by Rep. Hill would allow any district attorney or municipality throughout the state without a local act to establish a discretionary pretrial diversion program and would set basic operating standards for the program. This bill would provide for judicial oversight into the approval of the disposition of the criminal charge. This bill would provide for the voluntary application of an offender, represented by an attorney, into the pretrial diversion program and that any agreement shall be approved by the court. This bill would provide for program fees and their distribution.

Public Education Employees – Enacted 2013-215 - HB506 by Rep. Love would increase the salaries of public K-12 education employees; require the Department of Finance, in consultation with the State Department of Education, to implement a program to purchase or provide a policy of education employee liability insurance to insure certificated personnel and support personnel employed by a local board of education and student teachers and would authorize the Department of Finance to implement and administer the provisions of this act.

Oil & Gas Proceeds – Enacted 2013-402 - HB514 by Rep. Grimsley would allow the proceeds of the four-cent excise tax on gasoline and lubricating oil distributed to counties to be used for vegetation management on the rights-of-way of county roads; clarify the uses for the four-cent excise tax and repeal an obsolete section of the Code of Alabama 1975.

Public School & College Authority Bonds – Enacted 2013-345 - HB517 by Rep. Bracy would authorize the Alabama Public School and College Authority to sell and issue up to $20,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of bonds in addition to all other bonds previously issued by the authority for the purpose of providing funds to rebuild and equip Murphy High School in Mobile, Alabama, that suffered tornado damage on December 25, 2012.
Fiscal Year Established (Class 1 Municipality) – Enacted 2013-376 - HB523 by Rep. Givan would authorize the governing body of a Class 1 municipality to adopt an ordinance that would permit the city to adopt a fiscal year that begins on October 1 and ends on September 30 and provide specifications for transition to a new fiscal year.

Municipal Pretrial Diversion Programs – Enacted 2013-353 - HB648 by Rep. Jones would allow the governing body of any municipality to establish a discretionary pretrial diversion program and would set basic operating standards for the program.

Accountability Act of 2013 – Enacted 2013-265 - HB658 by Rep. Carns would amend the Alabama Accountability Act of 2013, to specify that no public or nonpublic school may be forced to enroll a student pursuant to the act.

Local Legislation

Municipal Court (Athens) – Enacted 2013-293 - HB138 by Rep. Williams (D) would allow a municipal judge or a municipal magistrate of the City of Athens in Limestone County may assess a defendant with a recall fee that shall be paid in order for a municipal judge or magistrate to recall a failure to appear or failure to comply warrant arising from any municipal ordinance violation or other offense brought against the defendant in the municipal court of the City of Athens.

Oil & Gas Severance Trust (Escambia County) – Enacted 2013-259 - HB163 by Rep. Baker would propose a local constitutional amendment relating to Escambia County to authorize the trustees of the Escambia County Oil and Gas Severance Trust to loan funds to Escambia County specifically for economic development and for roads and bridges and other capital projects in the county and to authorize other investments as otherwise provided for by local law.

Fort Payne Corporation Limits – Enacted 2013-296 - HB235 by Rep. Greeson would alter, rearrange, and extend the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Fort Payne in DeKalb County.

Alcoholic Beverages (Prattville) – Enacted 2013-297 - HB239 by Rep. Beckman Relating to the City of Prattville in Autauga and Elmore Counties; authorizing the city council to provide for the sale of draft beer, with certain exceptions, by retail licensees of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

Ad Valorem Tax Increase (City of Auburn) – Enacted 2013-321 - HB266 by Rep. Warren would authorize the governing body of the City of Auburn, Alabama, pursuant to Amendment 373 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to increase the rate at which there is levied and collected by the city, on all taxable property situated within the city, the special ad valorem tax for the support and furtherance of education which is authorized in Amendment 148 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to a rate, for any tax year of the city, which is equal to $1.40 on each one hundred dollars (14 mills on each dollar) of assessed value.

Alcoholic Beverages (New Brockton) – Enacted 2013-110 - HB294 by Rep. Moore, B. would authorize the sale of draft or keg beer or malt beverages by properly licensed retail licensees of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board upon the consent of the New Brockton Town Council.

Annexation of Property (Tuscaloosa & Northport) – Enacted 2013-298 - HB341 by England would alter, rearrange, and extend the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Tuscaloosa and the City of Northport in Tuscaloosa County to remove certain property from the corporate limits of the City of Tuscaloosa and add the property to the City of Northport.


Contracting with Sheriff (Cullman County) – Enacted 2013-301 - HB381 by Rep. Buttram would provide for contracting of police services by a municipality with the Sheriff of Cullman County; and to provide for compensation and distribution.


Volunteer School Security Forces (Franklin County) – Enacted 2013-268 - HB404 by Rep. Morrow would authorize the formation of volunteer emergency security forces at public schools in the county consisting of current and retired school employees and local citizens; to provide for the role of the sheriff and the chief of police in the training and supervision of emergency security forces; to provide for implementation of the act by each local board of education; and to provide for indemnification.

Polling Places (Baldwin County) – Enacted 2013-324 - HB406 by Rep. Faust would authorize the county commission or a municipal governing body to designate fire stations as polling places; and to prohibit designated fire stations from charging a fee.

Housing Authority (City of Montgomery) – Enacted 2013-326 - HB439 by Rep. Holmes would create and establish a personnel merit system for the authority; to provide for personnel rules, principles, and organization; to provide for classes of employment; and to establish a procedure for the hearing of decisions regarding appeals from an employee of the board regarding adverse job action.

Warrant Recall Fee (Mobile County) – Enacted 2013-339 - HB440 by Rep. Bracy provide for a warrant recall fee to allow a municipal magistrate or judge for the City of Saraland to recall, under certain conditions, a failure to appear warrant.
Civil Service Board (City of Jacksonville) – Enacted 2013-340 - HB445 by Rep. Brown would amend Section 45-8A-71.04 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the civil service board for employees of the city; to provide for the office of a board member to be deemed vacant for failure of the board member to attend meetings under certain conditions.

Librarians (City of Jacksonville) – Enacted 2013-341 - HB446 by Rep. Brown would remove any professional librarian employed by the city from the list of exemptions.

Confiscated Property (Madison County) – Enacted 2013-342 - HB451 by Rep. Johnson, W. would authorize a law enforcement agency to deliver to the circuit clerk certain seized currency that is the subject of a forfeiture proceeding; to require the clerk of court to deposit the currency in a federally insured financial institution; to specify that all or a portion of such currency seized may be deposited; to specify the conditions under which such currency maybe deposited; to specify the conditions of disbursement of the currency; and to provide for disbursement of the interest from deposits to the county general fund.

Pre-trial Diversion Program (City of Huntsville) – Enacted 2013-356 - HB452 by Rep. McCutcheon would allow the City of Huntsville to establish a discretionary pretrial diversion program and set basic operating standards for the program; to authorize the city to contract for services related to the pretrial diversion program; to establish eligibility requirements for participation in the program; to require a participant to enter into a written agreement stating the conditions of participation; to authorize the city council to establish fees assessed to a participant in the program; to provide for disbursement of fees; to provide for the indigency of an applicant; and to provide immunity to certain persons.

Recording Fees (Shelby County) – Enacted 2013-359 - HB480 by Rep. Hill would amend Section 7 of Act 248, of the 1975 Regular Session (Acts 1975, p. 778), as last amended by Act 2010-530, 2010 Regular Session (Acts 2010, p. 890), relating to the office of the judge of probate and providing for a special recording fee on real property and personal property instruments, so as to further provide for the fee and distribution of the additional fee.

Subdivision Speed Limits (Shelby County) – Enacted 2013-360 - HB481 by Rep. Hill would provide for the speed limit and the setting of speed limits on county roads in a platted subdivision or development in the unincorporated areas of the county; and to specify that violations would be subject to existing penalties provided by law.

Pretrial Diversion Program (Geneva County) – Enacted 2013-343 - HB495 by Rep. Chesteen would allow municipalities in Geneva County that have a municipal court, city attorney, and police department to establish a discretionary pretrial diversion program and set basic operating standards for the program.

Sales Tax (Crenshaw County) – Enacted 2013-344 - HB497 by Rep. Newton, C. would authorize the county commission to levy a one-half percent sales and use tax increase to be distributed to the Association of Volunteer Fire Departments for eligible fire departments and emergency medical service organizations and to the county commission for public safety purposes.
Warrant Recall Fees (Town of Silverhill) – Enacted 2013-363 - HB504 by Rep. Faust provide for a warrant recall fee to allow a municipal magistrate or judge for the Town of Silverhill to recall, under certain conditions, a failure to appear warrant.

Business Licenses (Calhoun County) – Enacted 2013-377 - HB532 by Wood would establish a county business license for persons engaged in commercial door-to-door sales promotion of products or services for profit; to establish requirements for and the process to obtain a door-to-door sales license and the fees for the license; to provide penalties for violations; to amend Sections 45-8-70.01 and 45-8-241, Code of Alabama 1975; to provide an automobile allowance for the commissioner of licenses; to provide a citation fee for persons cited for failure to pay a county business license.

Public Employee Retirement (City of Montgomery) – Enacted 2013-533 - HB533 by Rep. Wren would combine, amend, and restate Act 2009-473, 2009 Regular Session (Acts 2009, p. 839), as amended, to change the retirement age, creditable service requirements, distribution options, employee contributions, and benefits for certain employees who become members of the system on or after October 1, 2013; implement a new cash balance plan for certain employees who become members of the system on or after October 1, 2013, provide certain employees who were members of the system before October 1, 2013, an option to elect to participate in the new cash balance plan, to authorize the board, with the mayor's approval, increase the number of years of creditable service to qualify for a disability retirement allowance or eliminate the disability retirement under any or all of the retirement plans; eliminate certain historical information no longer necessary; clarify the board's authority to hire outside legal advisors and auditors; provide minimum qualifications for the auditors hired by the system; add provisions required to comply with the Internal Revenue Code; update the method of calculating the contributions by the city; eliminate certain provisions dealing with mandatory retirement; and define and redefine certain terms applicable to the system.


Abandoned Property (Butler County) – Enacted 2013-379 - HB545 by Rep. Newton, C. would authorize the sheriff to sell certain abandoned, stolen, and unclaimed property at public auction; providing for such an auction and for the disposition of proceeds; and authorizing the sheriff to sell or destroy certain abandoned, stolen, or unclaimed firearms.

Abandoned Property (Wilcox County) – Enacted 2013-387 - HB553 by Rep. Colston would authorize the sheriff to sell certain abandoned, stolen, and unclaimed property at public auction; providing for such an auction and for the disposition of proceeds; and authorizing the sheriff to sell or destroy certain abandoned, stolen, or unclaimed firearms.

Sheriff’s Officers (Wilcox County) – Enacted 2013-388 - HB556 by Rep. Colston would provide that the sheriff may provide to a law enforcement officer of the sheriff's office, upon retirement, a retired badge and service pistol.


Official Duties (Baldwin County) – Enacted 2013-391 - HB568 by Rep. Davis would provide that the offices of the revenue commissioner, judge of probate, and sheriff shall not be assessed for monetary loss resulting from the performance of official duties for errors or mistakes made in good faith.

Corporate Limits (Town of Woodland) – Enacted 2013-392 - HB569 by Rep. Laird would alter, rearrange, and extend the boundary lines and corporate limits of the municipality of Woodland in Randolph County.

Sales Tax (Dallas County) – Enacted 2013-393 - HB571 by Rep. Melton would levy an additional sales tax on liquor sold in the county by entities licensed by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board; providing for the tax; and prescribing a delinquent monetary penalty for a violation of this act.

Marriage Ceremony - (St. Clair County) – Enacted 2013-394 - HB572 by Rep. McClendon would provide additional fees for marriage ceremonies performed by the Judge of Probate of St. Clair County.


Animal Disposal (Madison County) – Enacted 2013-416 - HB576 by Rep. Patterson would authorize the Madison County Commission to provide for the disposition of certain dead animals; and to provide for a fee.

Alcoholic Beverages (City of Boaz) – Enacted 2013-417 - HB577 by Rep. Rich would authorize the sale of draft or keg beer or malt beverages by properly licensed retail licensees of the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

Sherriff’s Deputies (Cherokee County) – Enacted 2013-418 - HB579 by Rep. Lindsey would provide that the sheriff may provide to a law enforcement officer of the sheriff’s office, upon retirement, a retired badge and service pistol.

Volunteer Fire Districts (Marshall County) – Enacted 2013-403 - HB582 by Rep. Rich would provide that the Marshall County Commission, under certain conditions, may establish volunteer fire districts for the purpose of preventing fires or for fire protection or for recognized scopes of practice of fire departments; to provide for the manner in which a district may be formed; to authorize a referendum in each fire district to provide funding for the district through
a fire protection service fee on each occupied residence, dwelling, or business; to provide for
certain exemptions for the service fee; to provide for the collection and distribution of the funds
derived from the service fee; to provide for the expending and accounting of funds; to provide
for the treatment of funds upon dissolution or abandonment of a volunteer fire district; and to
provide that the county shall be immune from certain liability.

License Inspector (Morgan County) – Enacted 2013-419 - HB591 by Rep. Collins provide
that the Morgan County Deputy License Inspector has the same power and authority as deputy
sheriffs and other law enforcement officers in this state if the inspector satisfies certain
certification and eligibility requirements.

Sheriff Expense Allowance (Monroe County) – Enacted 2013-404 - HB597 by Rep. Shiver
would provide for the expense allowance and compensation of the sheriff.

would allow retired law enforcement officers to serve on a part-time basis as school resource
officers in schools in Etowah County; and to require part-time school resource officers to be
certified by the Alabama Peace Officers’ Standards and Training Commission but to waive
certification and recertification requirements relating to physical qualifications and continuing
education other than firearms and use-of-force training.

Judge of Probate (Dallas County) – Enacted 2013-426 - HB601 by Rep. Colston would
provide for a salary increase for the judge of probate.

Oil & Gas Severance Tax (Baldwin County) – Enacted 2013-327 - HB609 by Rep. McMillan
would amend Section 45-2-245.20 of the Code of Alabama 1975, to authorize
Baldwin County to borrow from the Baldwin County Oil and Gas Severance Tax Trust Fund and
the trustees to loan the trust fund to Baldwin County.

Revenue Commissioner (Madison County) – Enacted 2013-427 - HB616 by Rep. Ball would
provide for the establishment of a consolidated and unified system for assessment and collection
of taxes under the supervision of an elected county official designated as the county revenue
commissioner; providing for the election, power, duties, term of office, and compensation of the
official; abolishing the offices of tax assessor and tax collector; and providing that the
substantive provisions of the act shall become effective on approval of the electors.

TVA Disbursement (DeKalb County) – Enacted 2013-405 - HB621 by Rep. Greeson would
amend Section 45-25-160.03, Code of Alabama 1975, providing for the distribution of certain
TVA in-lieu-of-taxes payments received by the county; to further increase the share going to the
DeKalb County Economic Development Authority for the fiscal years beginning October 1,

Incorporation Limits (City of Tuskegee) – Enacted 2013-406 - HB622 by Rep. Warren
would amend Act 79-132 of the 1979 Regular Session (Acts 1979, p.238), annexing certain
property to the city; to provide that the annexation of one of the tracts does not affect the police
jurisdiction of the city.
Jail Store Proceeds (Bibb County) – Enacted 2013-407 - HB623 by Rep. Weaver would authorize the sheriff to operate a jail store for prisoners in county custody; providing for the deposit of the proceeds in the county general fund earmarked for an increase in salaries in the sheriff’s department.


Special Recording Fees (Fayette County) – Enacted 2013-408 - HB630 by Rep. Boman amend Section 8 of Act 86-309 and Sections 1 and 2 of Act 90-191, now appearing as Section 45-29-83.47, Code of Alabama 1975, to increase the special recording and indexing fee and to provide for additional filings upon which the judge of probate shall collect the fee.

Solid Waste Fees (Wilcox County) – Enacted 2013-409 - HB633 by Rep. Colston would provide for the tax assessor, tax collector, and judge of probate to assist the county commission in the collection of solid waste fees.

Sheriff Expense Allowance (Geneva County) – Enacted 2013-410 - HB634 by Rep. Chesteen would provide for the compensation and expense allowance of the sheriff; and to provide for retroactive effect.

Prisoner Transport Fee (Jefferson County) – Enacted 2013-411 - HB636 by Rep. Todd would provide under certain conditions for the assessment of a prisoner transport fee on a prisoner for expenses incurred in transporting a prisoner, due to an outstanding misdemeanor warrant, to the municipal jail for the City of Irondale.

Pretrial Diversion Program (City of Irondale) – Enacted 2013-429 - HB638 by Rep. Todd would allow the City of Irondale to establish a discretionary pretrial diversion program and set basic operating standards for the program.

Pretrial Diversion Program (City of Fultondale) – Enacted 2013-430 - HB644 by Rep. Treadaway would allow the City of Fultondale to establish a discretionary pretrial diversion program and set basic operating standards for the program.

Pretrial Diversion Program (City of Hoover) – Enacted 2013-431 - HB645 by Rep. Williams, J. would allow the City of Hoover to establish a discretionary pretrial diversion program and set basic operating standards for the program.

Pretrial Diversion Program (St. Clair County) – Enacted 2013-432 - HB649 by Rep. McClendon would a municipality principally located in St. Clair County; to allow a municipality principally located in St. Clair County to establish a discretionary pretrial diversion program and set basic operating standards for the program.
Corporate Limits (City of Springville) – Enacted 2013-433 - HB650 by Rep. McClendon would alter, rearrange, and extend the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Springville in St. Clair County.

Tax Exemption (Calhoun County) – Enacted 2013-434 - HB654 by Rep. Wood would exempt the East Alabama Community Development Corporation operating in the county from any county and municipal sales and use taxes.

TVA Payments (Jackson County) – Enacted 2013-435 - HB656 by Rep. Johnson, W. would amend and reenact Section 1 of Act 79-473, 1979 Regular Session, as amended by Act 99-550, and Act 2012-421, so as to provide for the appropriation of funds received by the county from payments made in lieu of taxes by the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Retirement (Tuscaloosa County) – Enacted 2013-436 - HB661 by Rep. Poole amend Act 99-568 of the 1999 Regular Session (Acts 1999, p. 1220), as last amended by Act 2012-450 of the 2012 Regular Session, providing a retirement system for police officers and firefighters of the city; to amend Section 7.04, relating to the duties of the board; to further provide for the investments of the board.


Pension System (Jefferson County) – Enacted 2013-438 - HB663 by Rep. Treadaway would amend Act No. 556 of the Regular Session of the Legislature of Alabama of 1959, as amended by Act 2011-584 of the 2011 Regular Session to provide for a new member of the City of Birmingham Firemen's and Policemen's Supplemental Pension System Board of Managers, authorize the Board of Managers to appoint a temporary secretary, amend the investment powers of the Board of Managers to include interest of private investment, private investment funds, alternative investments and exclude direct investments in real estate and add a new Section 8.3 to Act No. 556 of the Regular Session of the Legislature of Alabama of 1959.


Alcoholic Beverages (Jefferson County) – Enacted 2013-346 - HB671 by Rep. Scott would create the Jefferson County Wine Franchise Jobs Protection Act to provide for business relations between suppliers and wholesalers of wine; to require written agreements setting forth in full the supplier's agreement with the wholesaler, and designating a specific exclusive sales territory; to provide for prohibited acts by the supplier and by the wholesaler; to provide for conditions of amendment, modification, resignation, cancellation, termination, failure to renew, or refusal to continue the agreement; to provide for the transfer of wholesaler's business, for the establishment of nondiscriminatory, material, and reasonable qualifications and standards by suppliers, and prohibit interference with the transfer upon compliance with those standards; to provide for reasonable compensation upon supplier's violation of the act, including a method of voluntary arbitration; to provide for civil actions for violations, damages, and venue; to provide for the burden; to provide that the wholesaler may not waive rights set forth in this act; to provide that the act relates to existing and future agreements, transferee of wholesaler under written agreement, and supplier's successor; to provide that this act is cumulative; and to provide that this act shall be effective on January 1, 2013.

Wind Turbines (Baldwin County) – Enacted 2013-440 - HB676 by Rep. Davis authorize the Baldwin County Commission to regulate the permitting, construction, placement, and operation of wind turbines, wind mills, wind farms and any other wind-generated energy production facilities or equipment operated, in whole or in part, by wind in the unincorporated areas of Baldwin County, Alabama; to authorize the Baldwin County Commission to establish standards, specifications, criteria, and conditions on the permitting, construction, placement, and operation of wind turbines, wind mills, wind farms, and any other wind-generated energy production facilities or equipment operated, in whole or in part, by wind in the unincorporated areas of Baldwin County; to authorize and allow the Baldwin County Commission to determine the appropriate locations where wind turbines, wind mills, wind farms, and any other wind-generated energy production facilities or equipment operated, in whole or in part, by wind may be located or allowed and to prohibit the same, if deemed necessary by the Baldwin County Commission; to authorize and allow the Baldwin County Commission to establish remedies and penalties for the violation of any laws, ordinances, rules, or regulations adopted pursuant to this act; to authorize the Baldwin County Commission to determine the terms and conditions of any exceptions and exemptions from the provisions of any laws, ordinances, rules, or regulations adopted pursuant to this act; and to provide that the authority granted to the Baldwin County Commission pursuant to this act shall be in addition to, and not in substitution of, any powers or authority granted to the Baldwin County Commission pursuant to any other laws, rules or regulations.


Private Water Utilities - Enacted 2013-247 - SB35 by Senator Fielding would authorize small private water systems purchasing water from a municipal water system in a Class 8 municipality to elect to be exempt from regulation of the Public Service Commission and subject to regulation by the municipality.

Educational Accountability & Intervention Act – Enacted 2013-310 - SB60 by Senator Brewbaker would establish the Educational Accountability and Intervention Act of 2013; clarify the authority of the State Board of Education, through the State Superintendent of Education, to exercise direct control over the decision making and operational functions of city and county boards of education when such boards are placed under educational intervention by action of the State Board of Education; repeal existing statutes that are in conflict with or are otherwise inconsistent with this bill.

Criminal Tampering – Enacted 2013-74 - SB66 by Senator Reed would further define criminal tampering in the first degree to include threatening an individual with a deadly weapon or instrument or dangerous animal with the intent to obstruct the operation of a utility.

Establishment of Manufacturing Zones – Enacted 2013-51 - SB96 by Senator Orr would authorize a municipality to designate certain real property as a Major 21st Century Manufacturing Zone. This bill would provide requirements to qualify as a zone and provide that projects within the zone could be financed with ad valorem tax increments; provide that property within the zone would be developed for certain manufacturing purposes and would provide incentives for certain manufacturing projects that commit to develop or expand within the zone.

General Fund Budget – Enacted 2013-173 - SB100 by Senator Orr would provide for the transfer of certain state funds into the State General Fund to help offset the costs of services provided by agencies which receive appropriations from the State General Fund.

Prisoner Litigation Reform Act – Enacted 2013-115 - SB106 by Senator Orr would create the Alabama Prisoner Litigation Reform Act to establish guidelines and procedures for all pro se civil actions brought by prisoners incarcerated in any state or local correctional facility in this state, including procedures related to monetary judgment awards, discovery, and oral argument requests; require a prisoner to exhaust certain administrative remedies prior to filing a pro se civil action; require prisoners to demonstrate physical injury in order to assert a claim under state law for mental or emotional damage; provide for the repayment of certain court costs by prisoners proceeding in forma pauperis and would provide additional requirements for prisoners proceeding in forma pauperis; require the Alabama Department of Corrections and other entities providing correctional services to adopt procedures for resolving certain claims by pro se prisoners; provide for the maintenance of certain records in civil actions filed by prisoners; provide that any damages awarded to a prisoner would be first paid to satisfy any outstanding restitution orders; provide procedures for certain suits involving prison conditions to be resolved by a three-judge panel.
Federal Government Leases – Enacted 2013-78 - SB142 by Senator Orr amends Section 11-101A-8, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the powers of county and municipal corporations whose corporate purpose is to provide buildings, facilities, and other property for lease and use by the United States of America; to expand the powers of those corporations to include expending funds in support of federal facilities located in the state.

General Fund Budget – Enacted 2013-263 - SB143 by Senator Orr bill makes appropriations for the ordinary expenses of the executive, legislative and judicial agencies of the State, for other functions of government, for debt service, and for capital outlay for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014.

Certificate of Needs – Enacted 2013-192 - SB151 by Senator Whatley would specify that the transfer of a certificate of need by lease issued to a limited liability company or other legal entity by lease, sale, or other transaction involving an existing health care facility, health maintenance organization, or institutional health service does not require a new or additional CON; apply retroactively when an amendment to the CON law was enacted which had previously been interpreted as authorizing the transfers without a new CON.

Coalition Against Domestic Violence – Enacted 2013-116 - SB152 by Senator Coleman would make an appropriation of $196,978 from the State General Fund to the Coalition Against Domestic Violence for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, requires an operations plan and an audited financial statement prior to the release of any funds, and requires quarterly and end of year performance reports.

Municipal Utility Contracts – Enacted 2013-117 - SB153 by Senator Beasley would authorize the governing body of a municipality to enter into agreements with private companies, registered as service contract providers pursuant to statute, to provide ancillary service contracts to residential utility customers with the endorsement of the municipality; authorize the governing body to apply any fees it receives pursuant to such an agreement to its general revenue fund.

Private Investigation Board (Unfunded Mandate) – Enacted 2013-306 - SB172 by Senator Hotlzclaw would regulate and license the practice of private investigation by private investigators; define terms; create the Alabama Private Investigation Board and provide for its membership, meetings, officers, powers, and duties; and would prohibit persons from acting as a private investigator without a license, subject to criminal punishment as a Class A misdemeanor.

Alabama Athletic Commission (Unfunded Mandate) – Enacted 2013-285 - SB174 by Senator Allen would rename the Alabama Boxing and Mixed Martial Arts Act as the Alabama Boxing, Wrestling, and Mixed Martial Arts Act; define the terms professional wrestling and tough man contest; authorize the Alabama Athletic Commission to regulate professional wrestling and tough man contests in the same manner as boxing and mixed martial arts.

Alabama Highway Finance Authority – Enacted 2013-80 - SB192 by Senator Bussman would increase the corporation's borrowing authority to not more than $25 million in aggregate principal amount of bonds outstanding at any time for the purpose of financing the state's share of the cost of constructing roads, bridges, and related improvements funded in part by the federal
government or to match federal funds for local roadway, bridge, and related improvements awarded through the Rural Assistance Match Program and administered by the Alabama Department of Transportation.

**Unemployment Overpayment – Enacted 2013-312 - SB201 by Senator Bussman** would specify the circumstances under which the unemployment compensation account of an employer may be charged for overpayment of unemployment compensation made to a claimant.

**MEETING CANCELLATION – Enacted 2013-308 - SB214 by Senator Waggoner** would authorize the presiding officer of a municipal council to cancel a meeting if the presiding officer receives written notice that a quorum will not be present.

**Gulf State Park – Enacted 2013-222 - SB231 by Senator Pittman** would authorize the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, subject to the approval of the Governor and a majority of the Joint Legislative Committee on State Parks, to enter into projects agreements at Gulf State Park to provide criteria for proposals submitted to the department for the enhancement of the park.

**Durable Medical Equipment (Sales Tax Exemption) – Enacted 2013-443 - SB240 by Senator Beasley** would specify that the sale of durable medical equipment; prosthetics and orthotics devices; and medical supplies, as defined under the Medicare program, that are sold pursuant to a valid prescription and billed to a third party payer would be exempt from any state, county, and municipal sales and use taxes and would provide retroactive application.

**Childcare Providers (Unfunded Mandate) – Enacted 2013-287 - SB258 by Senator Figures** would prohibit child and incapacitated person day care providers from leaving a child or incapacitated person unattended in a motor vehicle, unless the child or incapacitated person is supervised by a person of a certain age, and would determine penalties for a first, second, or subsequent conviction when the child or incapacitated person is injured or fatally injured.

**Highway Bonds – Enacted 2013-266 - SB260 by Senator Whatley** would propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to increase the total amount of bonding authority granted under Amendment 666 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended; to provide for additional payments from the Alabama Trust Fund to fund any bonds issued; to provide for competitive bidding of the bonds; to require the Bond Commission to contract with businesses or individuals which reflect the racial and ethnic diversity of the state; and to provide for the use of the proceeds for maintenance of Alabama National Guard armories.

**Personal Information Disclosure – Enacted 2013-172 - SB268 by Senator Scofield** would expand the protection against disclosure of certain personal identifying information to include employees of the criminal justice sector employed at any level of government within the state.

**Firearms – Enacted 2013-283 - SB286 by Senator Beason** would consolidate certain preemption language regarding the authority of counties and municipalities to regulate certain activity related to firearms and would provide civil remedies for persons adversely affected by unauthorized action of a county or municipality relating to firearm regulation.
Tobacco Master Settlement – Enacted 2013-289 - SB287 by Senator Williams would provide for transfer to the State General Fund during fiscal year 2014 of certain anticipated tobacco revenues.


Teachers’ Retirement System of Alabama – Enacted 2013-239 - SB303 by Senator Allen would alter the membership of the Board of Control of the Teachers’ Retirement System of Alabama.

Medicaid Agency – Enacted 2013-261 - SB340 by Senator Reed would provide for the delivery of health care services under the Medicaid program on a managed care basis through the Medicaid Agency or through regional care organizations or alternate care providers that would operate in not more than eight geographic Medicaid regions.

Bail Bonds – Enacted 2013-193 - SB361 by Senator Holley would define multiple charges arising out of the same incident to be acts that took place on the same date and at the same location and proximate time; provide that the person executing a bond or the clerk of the court has 30 days from execution of the bond to collect the bail bond fee.

Resource Officers – Enacted 2013-288 - SB383 by Senator Brewbaker would authorize a local board of education to employ persons as school security personnel or school resource officers and would allow such persons employed as school security personnel or school resource officers, with certain qualifications, to carry firearms while on duty.

Campaigns & Elections – Enacted 2013-311 - SB445 by Senator Taylor would amend the Fair Campaign Practices Act; lower contribution threshold amounts; allow designated representatives to file reports; clarify that certain legislative caucuses are not covered by the act; clarify persons subject to violations of the act; change the legislative session prohibition on fundraising to apply to legislative and statewide candidates; clarify allowable spending amounts for dinners and functions; provide for refund and return of contributions; change deadlines for reports; provide further for municipal candidates; move certain provisions of Title 10A to Title 17; clarify and eliminate corporate contribution limits consistent with administrative procedure and certain legal interpretations of law; remove private foundation limits in the PAC to PAC ban; clarify responsible person in PAC to PAC ban; allow certain transfers between state and local political party organizations; transfer certain enforcement provisions from Chapter 17 of Title 17 to Chapter 5 of Title 17; provide further for venue of prosecutions; and provide further for regulation of legislative caucuses.

Retired Investigators – Enacted 2013-315 - SB456 by Senator Williams would provide that any person employed as an investigator by the Ninth Judicial Circuit who serves for 10 years or more and leaves the office in good standing shall receive, at the district attorney's discretion, his
or her service pistol and badge; to provide that investigators for the District Attorney of the Ninth Judicial Circuit shall be hired pursuant to general law; and to repeal Section 45-10-80, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to arrest and service of search warrants by investigators for the District Attorney of the Ninth Judicial Circuit.

**Local Legislation**

**Alcoholic Beverage Sales (Anniston) – Enacted 2013-285 - SB182 by Senator Marsh** would authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages within the city limits each day of the week by properly licensed clubs and retail licensees of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board and to provide for the off-premises sale of alcoholic beverages; to authorize the governing body of the city to regulate the selling of alcoholic beverages to the general public by properly licensed retailers.

**Annexation of Property (City of Alabaster) – Enacted 2013-225 - SB249 by Senator Ward** would alter, rearrange, and extend the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Alabaster in Shelby County.

**Water Ordinances (Limestone County) – Enacted 2013-226 - SB295 by Senator Holtzclaw** would repeal Act 2008-76, 2008 Regular Session (Acts 2008, p. 97), authorizing the county commission to adopt ordinances to protect and conserve water, water supplies, and water usage outside the corporate limits of any municipality in the county.

**Sheriff Qualifications (Baldwin County) – Enacted 2013-227 - SB312 by Senator Pittman** would provide certain additional qualifications for persons serving as sheriff; and to provide for continuing education for a sheriff.

**Red Light Automation (City of Center Point) – Enacted 2013-228 - SB325 by Senator Coleman** would authorize automated traffic safety law enforcement in the City of Center Point, Alabama, as a civil violation; providing certain procedures to be followed by the City using automated photographic traffic enforcement.

**Credit Card Usage (Lee County) – Enacted 2013-229 - SB327 by Senator Whatley** authorize the Lee County Commission to adopt a supplemental purchasing process for purchasing personal property otherwise authorized by the county; and to provide that the purchasing process may include the use of vendor store cards and other forms of procurement cards.

**Corporate Limits (City of Weaver) – Enacted 2013-314 - SB338 by Senator Marsh** would alter, rearrange, and extend the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Weaver in Calhoun County.

**Corporate Limits (City of Foley) – Enacted 2013-230 - SB357 by Senator Pittman** would alter, rearrange, and extend the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Foley in Baldwin County.
Corporate Limits (City of Foley) – Enacted 2013-231 - SB358 by Senator Pittman would alter, rearrange, and extend the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Foley in Baldwin County.

Corporate Limits (City of Foley) – Enacted 2013-232 - SB359 by Senator Pittman would alter, rearrange, and extend the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Foley in Baldwin County.

Court Costs (Clay County) – Enacted 2013-233 - SB369 by Senator Dial would remove the Clay County Commission's authorization to impose this fee on any case filed in a municipal court in Clay County and authorize the governing body of a municipality to impose the same fee on each civil and criminal case filed in the municipal court; provide that the municipal court fee would be retained by the municipality where collected.

Court Costs (Baldwin County) – Enacted 2013-234 - SB394 by Senator Pittman amend Section 45-2-80.60, Code of Alabama 1975, to increase the amount of additional court costs assessed and collected from persons incarcerated in the county jail.

Corporate Limits (City of Fairhope) – Enacted 2013-235 - SB395 by Senator Pittman would alter, rearrange, and extend the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Fairhope in Baldwin County.

Official Duties (Baldwin County) – Enacted 2013-254 - SB396 by Senator Pittman would provide that the offices of judge of probate and revenue commissioner shall not be assessed for monetary loss resulting from the performance of official duties for errors or mistakes made in good faith, up to a certain annual maximum amount per office.

Court Costs (Baldwin County) – Enacted 2013-236 - SB398 by Senator Pittman would amend Section 45-2-80.87 of the Code of Alabama 1975, authorizing additional court costs in the county, to further provide for the expiration of the court costs.

Boating Regulations (Lee County) – Enacted 2013-237 - SB410 by Senator Dial provide for a no-wake zone within 100 feet of a dock or pier on the waters of Lake Harding.

Leasing Tax (Baldwin County) – Enacted 2013-243 - SB420 by Senator Pittman would amend Section 45-2-244.183 of the Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for the use of the portion of the proceeds from a privilege or license tax on the leasing or renting of tangible personal property distributed to the Historic Blakeley Authority.

Sunday Sales (City of Dothan) – Enacted 2013-238 - SB425 by Senator Smith allow the City of Dothan in Dale, Henry, and Houston Counties; to authorize the sale of certain alcoholic beverages in the city on certain days and providing for a referendum.
Corporate Limits (City of Florence) – Enacted 2013-244 - SB434 by Senator Irons would alter, rearrange, and extend the boundary lines and corporate limits of the City of Florence in Lauderdale County.

Pretrial Diversion Program (City of Alabaster) – Enacted 2013-317 - SB467 by Senator Ward would allow the City of Alabaster to establish a discretionary pretrial diversion program and set basic operating standards for the program.

TVA Payments (Jackson County) – Enacted 2013-318 - SB468 by Senator McGill would amend and reenact Section 1 of Act 79-473, 1979 Regular Session, as amended by Act 99-550, and Act 2012-421, so as to provide for the appropriation of funds received by the county from payments made in lieu of taxes by the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Alcoholic Beverages (Mobile County) – Enacted 2013-262 - SB473 by Senator Figures allow a person who is on active duty, in active reserve status, or retired from the Armed Forces of the United States, or the dependent of such person, to have a reasonable quantity of alcoholic beverages purchased from a military liquor store or in-state liquor store; to provide certain findings and declarations; and to provide for a civil penalty for a violation of this act.

Zoning Board of Adjustment (City of Mobile) – Enacted 2013-253 - SB475 by Senator Figures would provide that in any Class 2 municipality, the zoning board of adjustment would be composed of the same number of members as the city council. In the Class 2 municipality in this state, the city council is composed of seven members; provide that the concurring vote of five members would be required for certain zoning appeals or decisions.

Transaction Fee (Chilton County) – Enacted 2013-319 - SB476 by Sen. Ward increases the transaction fees paid to certain county officials when computer generated business is transacted in their offices.

Sex Offenders (Morgan County) – Enacted 2013-320 - SB477 by Sen. Orr relates to sex offenders in Morgan County.