

Final Report on the 1998 Regular Session

The Alabama Legislature adjourned sine die at midnight on Monday, April 27, 1998. Both the General Fund and the Education Budgets received final passage on the last day.

A number of bills of interest to cities and towns have been passed this session. During the session, a total of 1699 bills were introduced and 385 received final passage. By comparison, in 1997, 1832 bills were introduced and 426 received final passage. Many of those receiving final passage were appropriation bills or local bills affecting a single county or municipality.

Final Status of the League Legislative Package

The 1998 Regular Session was successful for the League and its members. The Legislature approved several proposals in the League's 1998 Legislative Package. Those League bills that received final approval are:

CA - Unfunded Mandates (SB 233 by Sen. Little - Act 98-171). This League bill proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide that no general, special, or local law or state executive order, whose purpose or effect is to require a new or increased expenditure of funds held or disbursed by the governing body of a municipality or county, or an instrumentality thereof, shall become effective as to any municipality or county, or an instrumentality thereof, until approved by an ordinance enacted, or by a resolution adopted, by the governing authority of the affected municipality, county, or instrumentality, or until and as long as the Legislature appropriates funds for the purpose to the affected municipality, county, or instrumentality and only to the extent and amount such funds are provided, or until a law provides for a local source of revenue within the municipality, county, or instrumentality for the purpose and the municipality, county, or instrumentality is authorized to levy and collect such revenue. Several exceptions are provided by the proposed Amendment which will be presented for voter approval at the November 1998 General Election.

Joint Powers (HB 114 by Rep. Dukes - Act 98-471). This is a League bill authorizes counties and incorporated municipalities to enter into written contracts with each other to perform any services common to all contracting entities; to establish the requirements for the contracts; to specify the contents of the contracts; to provide that the contracts may not authorize the joint exercise of the power to tax or to zone property except as specifically authorized by this act; and to provide that this act shall not affect any other laws which allow joint contracts between public entities.

Bond Election Validation (SB 108 by Sen. Roberts - Act 98-368). This League bill ratifies certain bond elections previously held by municipalities.

Special Tax Elections Validation (SB 109 by Sen. Roberts - Act 98-369). This League bill ratifies certain special tax elections previously held by municipalities.

Incorporation Validation (SB 42 by Sen. Langford - Act 98-486). This League bill validates

any prior attempted incorporation elections held prior to the effective date of this act.

Annexation Validation (SB 43 by Sen. Langford - Act 98-487). This League bill validates and ratifies any annexation election held by any municipality prior to the effective date of the enactment of this act notwithstanding any procedural defect by the municipality.

The League wishes to thank the following persons for sponsoring or handling League bills this session: Senators Tommy Ed Roberts; Tom Butler; Ted Little; Charles Langford; Steve Windom; Lowell Barron; Wendell Mitchell; Larry Dixon and Representatives Steve Clouse; Mike Hill; Gerald Allen; Marcel Black; Bill Dukes; Greg Wren and Joe Carothers . Additional thanks go to Speaker Jimmy Clark, Speaker Pro Tem Seth Hammett, Lt. Governor Don Siegelman; and President Pro Tem Dewayne Freeman.

Several bills in the League package were not approved this session including bills relating to a new annexation procedure, abatement of nuisances, weed abatements, Class 3 city speed limit enforcement, utility relocation costs, and elected officials' retirement. Many of these measures will resurface in future sessions.

Status of Dangerous Legislation

Many bills considered during the 1998 Regular Session were adverse to the interests of municipal government. We are happy to report that those measures failed to pass this session. Those bills included measures to: require most municipalities to assume operation and maintenance of certain privately built sewer systems or lagoons; require municipalities to allow payroll deductions for any purpose; restrict application of city occupational taxes to residents of the city only; require state and local governments to provide space in new buildings for blind vendors; prohibit municipalities from withholding building permits or certificates of occupancy when a subcontractor has not obtained a city license; alter weight limits for log trucks and delivery trucks; propose a constitutional amendment for initiative and referendum on local issues; provide special due process for law enforcement officers that is not extended to other employees; propose a constitutional amendment to allow the recall of public officials; and to restrict the naming of public buildings by requiring legislative approval.

General Bills Passed

Alcoholic Content of Wines (HB 11 by Rep. Haney - Act 98-505). This bill amends Sections 28-3-1, 28-3-168, 28-6-1, and 28-7-2 of the Code of Alabama 1975, so as to alter the percentage of alcohol by volume in the definitions of table wine, fortified wine or vinous liquor, and native farm wine.

Code Distribution (HB 67 by Rep. Newton (D) - Act 98-676). To provide for the copyright, purchasing, distribution, price, compilations and ownership of the Code of Alabama.

Local Bills - Cost of Advertisement (HB 80 by Rep. Sanderson - Act 98-642). Under existing

law, the county commission pays the cost of advertising a local bill, except when the county commission is reimbursed by a municipality. This bill amends Section 11-13-6, Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for the reimbursement to the county commission for paying the cost of advertising a proposed local law raising revenue when and if the proposal becomes law.

Penalty for Driving With License Revoked (HB 90 by Rep. Parker (T) - Act 98-470). This bill would provide for the impoundment of a motor vehicle operated by a person whose driver's license or driving privilege is cancelled, suspended, or revoked for any reason. This bill would provide exceptions for certain emergencies, and would provide the procedure for the impoundment. This bill would provide immunity to the law enforcement officer. This bill would create a lien on the motor vehicle on behalf of the towing company; and repeal the "Safe Streets Act of 1995."

Class 6 Cities - Tax Abatement (HB 117 by Rep. Carns - Act 98-318). To permit class 6 cities to grant partial or complete exemptions from real estate ad valorem taxes imposed by such cities, except real estate ad valorem taxes allocated for educational purposes, for a period of not more than 15 years, for parcels of land located within the cities; and to grant partial or complete exemptions from occupational license fees, for a period of not more than 15 years, to persons employed within the cities.

Energy Cost Savings Contracts (HB 148 by Rep. Graham - Act 98-663). To authorize governmental units to enter into guaranteed energy cost savings contracts.

Tax Exemption - Internet Systems (HB 160 by Rep. Hinshaw - Act 98-654). This bill exempts Internet systems from the definition of "computer exchange service" for utility gross receipts tax and utility service use tax purposes.

Incentive Awards (HB 172 by Rep. Dean - Act 98-614). Last year a law was enacted to allow the mayor to give certain cash or non-cash awards to employees of the municipality for exemplary performance or for innovations that significantly reduce costs or result in outstanding improvement in services to the public. This bill exempts certain municipal programs in existence prior to the enactment of the law.

Class 5 Cities - Dothan (HB 189 by Rep. Clouse - Act 98-290). This bill amends the procedures for filling vacancies in the membership of the Commission in a Class 5 city with a Mayor/Commission/City Manager form of government.

Code Distribution (HB 222 by Rep. Newton (D) - Act 98-279). To provide for the printing and distribution of the Code of Alabama.

RSA - Evaluation of Assets (HB 234 by Rep. Fuller - Act 98-385). This bill amends the laws relating to the Retirement Systems of Alabama as to funding, evaluation of assets on market value, amortization of unfunded liability, value of real property, purchase for prior service, and bonus years for troopers.

Education Budget (HB 235 by Rep. Fuller - Act 98-504). This bill is the State Education Budget.

Teacher Pay Raise (HB 237, Act 98-510). This bill provides a cost-of-living increase for education employees.

Communication Districts (HB 312 by Rep. Turnham - Act 98-338). This bill supplements the existing E-911 provisions of Chapter 98 of Title 11, Code of Alabama 1975, by establishing a wireless enhanced emergency 911 system. This bill would establish a cost recovery fund to reimburse emergency communication districts and commercial mobile radio service providers for expenses and costs related to the establishment and the operation of the system. This bill would establish a Commercial Mobile Radio Service Emergency Telephone Services Board and authorize the board to establish, maintain, and administer the fund. The bill would provide for restricted use of the number 911 and provide methods for responding to emergency calls.

Archives Building Bond Issue (HB 317 by Rep. Clark (J) - Act 98-245). This bill creates the Building Renovation Finance Authority for the purpose of issuing bonds for an addition to and renovation of the State Archives Building.

Prisons Bond Issue (HB 339, Act 98-375). This bill authorizes issuance of additional bonds to finance prisons.

Tax Exemption - Mobile Optimist Club (HB 424 by Rep. Buskey - Act 98-126). To exempt the sale of Christmas trees sold from the tree lot of the Mobile Optimist Club from the payment of all county and municipal sales and use taxes and gross receipts taxes.

Criminal Littering (HB 432 by Rep. Turner - At 98-494). This bill would increase the minimum fine upon the first conviction for criminal littering to \$250, and provides that the fine be \$500 upon a second or any subsequent conviction.

DOT - APA Exemption (HB 449 by Rep. McDaniel - Act 98-508). Under existing law, state agencies are generally required to follow specified procedures under the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act (AAPA) to adopt a new rule or regulation. The definition of rule under the act exempts certain types of regulations, standards, or statements of agencies which may otherwise be classified as rules under the act. This bill exempts from the definition of rule under the AAPA standards, specifications, codes, plans, manuals, and publications relating to the design, construction, repair, and maintenance of highways, roads, and bridges under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation and provides for the exemption to be retroactive to the effective date of the AAPA.

City Boards of Education (HB 515 by Rep. Vance - Act 98-627). This bill changes the date appointed members of city boards of education take office to the first regular board meeting in June following their appointment.

Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 (HB 520 by Rep. Penry, Act 98-502). To amend Sections 40-2A-10, 40-18-2, 40-18-5, 40-18-6, 40-18-8, 40-18-13, 40-18-14, 40-18-15, 40-18-25, 40-18-27, 40-18-30, 40-18-31, 40-18-33, 40-18-34, 40-18-35, 40-18-35.1, 40-18-39, 40-18-74, and 40-18-81, Code of Alabama 1975, to conform the state income tax code to certain provisions of the federal "Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997" and the federal "Taxpayer Browsing Protection Act of 1997"; to add new Sections 40-18-14.2, 40-18-14.3, 40-18-15.1, and 40-18-15.2; to repeal Sections 29-1-8.1, 40-18-12, 40-18-18, 40-18-84, 40-18-120, and 40-18-121, Code of Alabama 1975, which are obsolete; to broaden the use of the optional short form for individual taxpayers; to provide conformity to the federal treatment of amortization of intangibles; to revise withholding tax filing requirements; to revise corporate apportionment and allocation language to conform with Alabama Multistate Tax Compact rules; and to establish a retroactive effective date for act provisions adopting a corresponding Internal Revenue Code change; to provide for an election to file annual Alabama consolidated corporate income tax returns, in conformity with federal income tax rules, so that corporate groups that file federal consolidated income tax returns may likewise treat all their corporate subsidiaries as one corporation when filing a corporate income tax return with the Department of Revenue; to provide for a graduated user fee to be paid annually by corporate groups electing to file an Alabama consolidated income tax return; and to provide a delayed effective date for the consolidated return and time value of money provisions.

Municipal Government Capital Improvement Fund (HB 531 by Rep. Fuller - Act 98- 499). Under existing law, payments are made from the State General Fund to the County Government Capital Improvement Fund and the Municipal Government Capital Improvement Fund on January 2 of the fiscal year. This bill would change the date of payment from January 2 to April 15 of the fiscal year.

UC - Education Benefits (HB 535 by Rep. McDaniel - Act 98-364). Under existing law, it is unclear if services performed by an inmate of a penal institution are considered to be employment for unemployment compensation purposes. This bill clarifies that those services are not to be deemed employment. Currently, it is also unclear if educational benefits paid by an employer on behalf of an employee are considered wages for unemployment compensation purposes. This bill will also specify that those educational benefits are not deemed to be wages.

Commercial Drivers License (HB 725 by Rep. Johnson (R) - Act 98-493). This bill requires compliance with regulations adopted under the United States Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1984. It prohibits persons from operating a commercial motor vehicle in the state or from failing to maintain required records or reports in violation of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations as prescribed by the U.S. Department of Transportation. It further provides that no law enforcement officer may make an arrest or issue a citation under this act unless he or she has satisfactorily completed, as part of his or her training, the basic course of instruction developed by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance.

Tax Exemption - Service Guild of Birmingham HB 738 by Rep. Turnham - Act 98-380). This bill exempts the Service Guild of Birmingham, Incorporated, Early Intervention Program,

from any state, county, and municipal sales and use taxes.

Retirement - Prior Credit (HB 746 by Rep. Thomas (J) - Act 98-655). Under existing law, when a local governmental entity elects to become an employer participant in the Employees' Retirement System, it may exclude a certain class of its employees from participating in the system and the system remains closed to the class until the employer notifies the system that it wants them included prospectively as members of the system. This bill will reopen the Employees' Retirement System to allow certain members, who were once excluded by their local unit employers from participating in the system, to purchase credit in the system for the period of service for which they had been excluded.

Class 1 Cities - License Tax (HB 883 by Rep. Hawkins - Act 98-628). Current law authorizes a Class 1 municipality to incorporate an authority to provide public transportation services. The authority may, upon the passage of a referendum in the counties it proposes to serve, levy a one-quarter percent privilege license tax on gross sales or gross receipts to fund the public transportation services provided by the authority. This bill will reduce the rate of the privilege license tax which may be levied against any person, firm or corporation selling automotive vehicles from 1/4 percent to 1/32 percent.

School Taxes (HB 898 by Rep. Carothers - Act 98-361). This bill provides that, in the case of any tax, other than an ad valorem tax, levied for school purposes, the authority for the tax shall continue until the payment in full of any refunding obligations related to the originally specified bonds, warrants, or other obligations.

Alabama Revolving Loan Fund Authority (SB 5 by Sen. Freeman - Act 98-195). This bill authorizes the incorporation of the Alabama Revolving Loan Fund Authority and would authorize the Authority to issue up to \$12,000,000 in bonds for the purpose of making grants of revolving loan funds to the several regional planning and development commissions.

State Employees Pay Raise (SB 17 by Sen. Freeman - Act 98-134). This bill provides a cost-of-living increase for state employees.

Retirement - COLA (SB 36 by Sen. Mitchem - Act 98-272). This bill provides a cost-of-living increase to certain retirees and beneficiaries under the Employees' Retirement System.

Community Notification Act (SB 86 by Sen. Armistead - Act 98-489). Currently, the Community Notification Act provides for the community notification of the release of criminal sex offenders. This bill provides definitions and procedures for before and upon release of criminal sex offenders. This bill also provides for procedures for community notification and establishes residence restrictions. It provides for penalties for violations and procedures for verification of a released criminal sex offender's address. This bill gives immunity to the state, its subdivisions, or its officers and employees from any cause of action arising under the Community Notification Act.

Class 1 City - Racetracks (SB 166 by Sen. McClain - Act 98-128). This bill relates to racetracks located in a Class 1 city.

Tax Exemptions - Contractors (SB 185 by Sen. Butler - Act 98-600). Under existing law, purchases of tangible personal property by contractors for use in constructing industrial development projects which qualify for a tax abatement are not exempt from state and local sales and use taxes. This bill exempts the aforementioned purchases of tangible personal property by contractors from state and local sales and use taxes.

General Fund Budget (SB 228 by Sen. Freeman - Act 98-496). This bill is the State General Fund Budget.

Pepper Spray (SB 303 by Sen. Denton, Act 98-488). To prohibit the use of pepper spray in the commission of a crime or against a law enforcement officer.

Subpoenas - Law Officers (SB 358 by Sen. Mitchell - Act 98-507). This bill provides that neither law enforcement investigative reports nor the testimony of a law enforcement officer shall be subject to a civil or administrative subpoena prior to the disposition of the criminal matter under investigation.

Counties Less than 25,000 - Tipping Fees (SB 436 by Sen. Bedford, Act 98-610). This bill provides that a county having a population of 25,000 inhabitants or less which voluntarily operates a landfill as defined in section 22-27-2 (8) of the Code of Alabama 1975, may charge a tipping fee for the use of the county landfill.

Sales and Use Tax Reform - Simplification (SB 456 by Sen. Mitchell - Act 98-192). This bill provides a more uniform system of municipal and county taxation. It authorizes municipal and county governments to levy sales, use, rental, and lodgings taxes which must parallel the state sales, use, rental, and lodgings taxes except for the rate of tax. This bill provides that the filing of sales and use tax returns shall be simplified by increasing the threshold amount for filing quarterly from \$10 to \$200 when the monthly state sales and use tax collection averages less than \$200 per month during the preceding calendar year; would provide that a standard form be developed and used for reporting and payment of county and municipal sales, use, rental, and lodgings taxes administered by the Department of Revenue; would provide that a standard form be developed and used for reporting and payment of those sales, use, rental, and lodgings taxes levied by or on behalf of self-administered municipalities and counties; would provide that the Department of Revenue shall distribute the tax revenues derived from the city and county taxes it collects in an expedited manner; and establishes a delayed effective date.

Sales and Use Tax Reform - Audits (SB 478 by Sen. Butler - Act 98-191). This bill amends the Alabama Taxpayers' Bill of Rights and Uniform Revenue Procedures Act to further provide for the auditing process conducted by the state, counties, municipalities, and private auditing firms. It would provide for the issuance of expedited revenue rulings to municipalities, counties, or taxpayers regarding local tax questions. This bill prohibits contingent fee arrangements for appeals and hearings officers and also prohibits the state, a county, or a municipality from

charging taxpayers with the cost of sending auditors or other agents to a taxpayer's place of business, except in limited circumstances. This bill authorizes the exchange of audit information concerning a taxpayer between government entities and the charging of a fee for information exchanges, but prescribes a penalty for wrongful disclosure of taxpayer information.

It require the licensing and bonding of private auditing or collecting firms working on behalf of local governments and would impose continuing professional education requirements on private auditors. This bill provides procedures for issuing refunds to taxpayers after an audit, limitations on the frequency of audits, written disclosure to the taxpayer of the government entities represented by the auditor, and certain other taxpayer audit protections.

Driving Without a License (SB 566 by Sen. Hale - Act 98-671). Under current law, all fines, penalties, or forfeitures imposed for driving with a revoked, suspended, or cancelled driver's license or driving without a driver's license together with reports concerning the disposition of each case are required to be sent by the clerk of each municipal, district, or circuit court to the Director of Public Safety. A judge who fails to make the reports or remit the funds as required is subject to criminal penalties. This bill provides that proceeds from fines, penalties, or forfeitures for driver's license violations will be forwarded to the State Comptroller who will be responsible for disbursing the funds. The bill deletes the criminal penalties for judges. The bill amends the recent amendment to Section 32-6-18 of the Code which assessed an additional penalty of \$50 for driving without a driver's license so as to provide that the additional \$50 penalty shall be assessed in all criminal and quasi-criminal proceedings in municipal, district, and circuit courts, including but not limited to, final bond forfeitures, municipal ordinance violations, wherein the defendant is adjudged guilty or pleads guilty and in all juvenile delinquency and youthful offender adjudications. It further provides that all fines, penalties, or forfeitures imposed in municipal ordinance cases shall be distributed to the general fund of the respective municipality. The additional \$50 penalty shall be sent to the State Comptroller to be deposited as follows: \$25 to the traffic Safety Trust Fund and \$25 to the Peace Officers Standard and Training Commission Fund.

Obscenity (SB 607 by Sen. Butler - Act 98-467). Under existing law, it is a crime to subject minors to certain obscene material. This bill will provide a civil remedy for the abatement of obscene nuisances and establish the procedures for enforcement. The bill will also provide that material not otherwise deemed obscene may be obscene if it is offered for prurient appeal. The bill will increase penalties for habitual offenders of the obscenity laws. This bill will also prohibit the operation of adult enterprises within certain distances of areas frequented by minors. The bill prohibits the employment of minors in establishments that sell or display material that depicts nudity or sexual acts. The bill requires that material which contains nudity or depicts a sexual act be placed in a certain location. The bill provides that the procurement or preparation of an advertisement for obscene materials will be a crime. The bill further provides that if material is found to be obscene in one proceeding in a judicial circuit it would be obscene in the entire judicial circuit. The bill also prohibits the showing of the human genitals, pubic area, or buttocks. The bill requires special licensing of establishments that operate certain adult-related businesses and provides penalties.

Class 4 City - ABC Licenses (SB 637 by Sen. Poole - Act 98-342). This bill amends Ala. Code 28-1-7(1975), Act 96-52, which prohibits the issuance of licenses by the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board in a Class IV municipality organized pursuant to Ala. Code 11-44B-1, et seq.(1975), without the approval of the governing body of the municipality, to clarify the nature of the appeal to the circuit court as well as other minor issues.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

- HB 116, Act 98-387 -- Limestone County officials in Employees' Retirement System
- HB 195, Act 98-412 -- Agriculture Development Authority
- HB 318, Act 98-378 -- Agriculture Development Authority
- HB 378, Act 98-390 -- Walker County Boards
- HB 381, Act 98-108 -- Winston County officials in Employees' Retirement System
- HB 437, Act 98-413 -- Alabama State Parks System Improvement Corporation
- HB 603, Act 98-410 -- Geneva County officials in Employees' Retirement System
- HB 708, Act 98-257 -- Covington County officials in Employees' Retirement System
- HB 724, Act 98-386 -- Limestone County court costs
- HB 737, Act 98-389 -- Conecuh County court costs
- HB 777, Act 98-393 -- Conecuh County officials in Employees' Retirement System
- HB 779, Act 98-388 -- Pickens County court costs
- HB 781, Act 98-400 -- Lee County and Opelika economic development
- HB 815, Act 98-394 -- Washington County officials in Employees' Retirement System
- HB 824, Act 98-395 -- Marengo County economic development
- HB 837, Act 98-337 -- Forensic Sciences Bond Authority
- HB 849, Act 98-411 -- Bibb County court costs
- HB 871, Act 98-408 -- Bibb County officials in Employees' Retirement System
- HB 908, Act 98-399 -- Baldwin county annexations
- HB 945, Act 98-397 -- Clarke County officials in Employees' Retirement System
- HB 954, Act 98-398 -- Autauga County officials in Employees' Retirement System
- HB 972, Act 98-402 -- Cleburne County officials in Employees' Retirement System
- HB 975, Act 98-403 -- Fayette County court costs
- SB 560, Act 98-379 -- Lee County and Opelika economic and industrial development
- SB 604, Act 98-409 -- To establish the Alabama Religious Freedom Amendment prohibiting the burdening of the freedom of religion unless the government demonstrates that it has a compelling interest in doing so and that the interest is achieved by the least restrictive means; to provide a claim or defense and relief against government violation
- SB 627, Act 98-283 -- Elmore County officials in Employees' Retirement System
- SB 630, Act 98-284 -- Anniston Board of Education
- SB 631, Act 98-405 -- To authorize any city with a population of 150,000 or more, with the approval of the electors of the city, to establish trust funds for the long term benefit of the city and its citizens
- SB 655, Act 98-308 -- Randolph County officials in Employees' Retirement System
- SB 677, Act 98-406 -- Cherokee County officials in Employees' Retirement System
- SB 684, Act 98-401 -- Fayette County court costs

SB 685, Act 98-407 -- Franklin County officials in Employees' Retirement System

Local Bills

HB 31, Act 98-230 -- Regulation of topless dancing by Autauga County and cities therein
 HB 185, Act 98-100 -- Autauga County Fire Protection Tax
 HB 213, Act 98-125 -- Conecuh County revenue commissioner
 HB 221, Act 98-131 -- Conecuh County sales and use taxes
 HB 313, Act 98-241 -- Cleburne County court costs
 HB 314, Act 98-242 -- Cleburne County severance taxes
 HB 320, Act 98-99 -- Hoover ad valorem tax for schools
 HB 392, Act 98-120 -- Barbour County one-stop tag purchase
 HB 470, Act 98-239 -- Butler County gasoline tax
 HB 471, Act 98-240 -- Butler County court costs for jail
 HB 472, Act 98-287 -- Butler County ad valorem tax for fire protection
 HB 522, Act 98-607 -- Madison County regulation of nude dancing with alcohol sold
 HB 667, Act 98-288 -- Pike County sales and use taxes
 HB 706, Act 98-659 -- Shelby County lodgings tax
 HB 709, Act 98-310 -- Albertville Municipal Utilities Board
 HB 742, Act 98-292 -- Baldwin County Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages
 HB 773, Act 98-619 -- Mobile police jurisdiction
 HB 774, Act 98-584 -- Chilton County revenue commissioner
 HB 775, Act 98-657 -- Conecuh County lodgings tax
 HB 778, Act 98-311 -- Marshall County court costs
 HB 788, Act 98-286 -- Montgomery County alcoholic beverages
 HB 833, Act 98-591 -- Macon County Economic Development Authority
 HB 858, Act 98-351 -- Northport ad valorem tax
 HB 859, Act 98-647 -- Autauga County court costs
 HB 866, Act 98-302 -- Police jurisdiction in Autauga County
 HB 870, Act 98-307 -- Huntsville Utility Board
 HB 882, Act 98-658 -- Covington County lodgings tax
 HB 889, Act 98-350 -- Tuscaloosa Firemen's and Policemen's Pension Fund
 HB 901, Act 98-565 -- Cordova police
 HB 903, Act 98-566 -- Tuscaloosa Public Library Board
 HB 916, Act 98-662 -- Jefferson County industrial development
 HB 918, Act 98-595 -- Elmore County sales and use tax
 HB 921, Act 98-480 -- Pickens County sales and use tax
 HB 928, Act 98-622 -- Gadsden Police and Fire Department residency requirements
 HB 951, Act 98-653 -- Geneva County court costs
 HB 952, Act 98-582 -- Coosa County court costs
 HB 957, Act 98-579 -- Baldwin County court costs
 HB 968, Act 98-632 -- Walker County and Jasper joint effort for park construction
 HB 1000, Act 98-665 -- Baldwin County planning and zoning
 SB 81, Act 98-416 -- Fyffe court costs for law enforcement

SB 283, Act 98-127 -- Jefferson County Progress Authority
SB 302, Act 98-129 -- Perry County issuance fees on motor vehicles, etc.
SB 319, Act 98-122 -- Franklin County oil and gas severance tax
SB 343, Act 98-298 -- Mobile County court costs
SB 494, Act 98-282 -- Bayou La Batre corporation to develop harbors and water facilities
SB 579, Act 98-281 -- Macon County Economic Development Authority
SB 629, Act 98-306 -- Anniston Board of Education
SB 652, Act 98-473 -- Gadsden Police and Fire Department residency requirements
SB 680, Act 98-649 -- Geneva County tags by mail

Annexation Bills

HB 88, Act 98-229 -- Auburn
HB 178, Act 98-59 -- Springville
HB 687, Act 98-296 -- Fort Payne
HB 796, Act 98-312 -- Winfield
HB 812, Act 98-570 -- Sylacauga
HB 822, Act 98-623 -- Saraland
HB 832, Act 98-572 -- Springville
HB 904, Act 98-629 -- Foley
HB 905, Act 98-635 -- Foley
HB 906, Act 98-630 -- Foley
HB 925, Act 98-626 -- Foley
HB 953, Act 98-624 -- Courtland, North Courtland
HB 967, Act 98-597 -- Mobile, Saraland
HB 969, Act 98-625 -- Foley
HB 971, Act 98-636 -- Brookwood
HB 977, Act 98-634 -- Spanish Fort
SB 129, Act 98-102 -- Auburn
SB 584, Act 98-415 -- Prichard
SB 641, Act 98-314 -- Florence, St. Florian