

Final Report – 2008 First Special Session

The House and Senate adjourned sine die on May 27, 2008, ending the special session called by Governor Bob Riley for the purpose of passing a state education budget.

All of the business of the session was completed in five meeting days – the minimum time required by the State Constitution to pass a bill. Additional special sessions may be called this summer and fall.

General Bills Passed

Exclusion of Federal Tax Rebates from State Income Tax (HB56, Act 2008-549). To provide for an exclusion from Alabama individual income tax for federal tax rebates received in 2008 and to prohibit additional federal deductions or credits.

Education Budget (SB51, Act 2008-552). To 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, 2009.

ERS – Retirees and Beneficiaries – One-time Lump-sum Payment (SB108, Act 2008-555). To provide for a funded one-time lump-sum addition to the retirement benefits of certain retirees and beneficiaries of the Employees' Retirement System.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

HB45, Act 2008-506 – Baldwin County Wastewater

HB58, Act 2008-507 – Baldwin County Storm Water

SB14, Act 2008-508 – Education Trust Fund Rainy Day Account