

Final Report – 2009 First Special Session

The House and Senate adjourned sine die on August 14, 2009, ending the special session called by Governor Bob Riley for the purpose of passing bills to help the Jefferson County financial situation. 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.

General Bills Passed

Public School and College Authority Bonds (SB1, Act 2009-813). To authorize Alabama Public School and College Authority to issue and sell its bonds as "qualified school construction bonds" under the provisions of the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; to amend Section 16-16-14 of the Code of Alabama 1975; to provide for the method of sale of bonds issued by the Authority under Section 3(b) of Act No. 98-373; to provide for the terms and conditions upon which such bonds may be issued; to authorize loans to local boards of education from proceeds of bonds; and to provide terms for the repayment of, and security for, such loans.

Unemployment Compensation – Extended Benefit Period Authorized (SB9, Act 2009-814). Relating to unemployment compensation; to amend Section 25-4-75, Code of Alabama 1975, to allow up to a 20-week extension of unemployment compensation benefits to qualified claimants who have exhausted all unemployment benefits beginning on or after February 1, 2009, and ending prior to January 1, 2010; to further provide the cost of extended benefits will be 100 percent federal sharing funds and no state unemployment trust fund funds will be expended on extended benefits.

Local Bills Passed

HB6, Act 2009-815 – Class 3 Municipalities (Montgomery) weed control

HB9, Act 2009-816 – Calhoun County abandoned, unclaimed or stolen property, and firearms in possession of Drug Task Force

HB12, Act 2009-817 – Houston County alcoholic beverage control

HB13, Act 2009-811 – Jefferson County occupational tax authorized

HB14, Act 2009-818 – Morgan County Solicitor's Fee

HB16, Act 2009-812 – Jefferson County financial operations and County Manager provided for

Annexation Bills Passed

HB4, Act 2009-810 – Argo