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9 A BILL  
10 TO BE ENTITLED  
11 AN ACT  
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13 Relating to Jefferson County; to amend Section 4 of  
14 Act 547 of the 1965 Regular Session (Acts 1965, p. 797), as  
15 amended, relating to civic center authority in the county; to  
16 provide further for the procedure for selecting members of the  
17 board.

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

19 Section 1. Section 4 of Act 547 of the 1965 Regular  
20 Session, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

21 "Section 4. There is hereby established in the  
22 County a public corporation for the purposes hereinafter  
23 specified, which corporation shall be vested with the powers  
24 conferred upon it by this act. The ~~said~~ public corporation is  
25 at times hereinafter referred to as "the Authority."

26 "Subject to the conditions and qualifications herein  
27 stated, the name of the ~~said~~ corporation shall be "Civic

1 Center Authority of the Cities and County of \_\_\_\_\_  
2 County" (In the blank space will be inserted the name of the  
3 County). The Board of Directors of the Authority may choose  
4 some name other than that above specified at any time it  
5 elects to do so; provided, however, that if the Board of  
6 Directors chooses any other name there shall be filed for  
7 record in the office of the Probate Judge of the County a copy  
8 of the resolution of the Board of Directors stating the name  
9 adopted by the Authority, which resolution shall be followed  
10 by a certificate signed by the ~~Chairman~~ Chair of the Board of  
11 Directors stating the date on which the resolution was adopted  
12 and stating that the copy of the resolution preceding ~~said the~~ the  
13 certificate is a true and correct copy of the resolution  
14 adopted by the Board of Directors. ~~The term "Legislative~~  
15 ~~Electoral College," as used in this Section, shall mean that~~  
16 ~~group of legislators who shall elect the elective members of~~  
17 ~~the Board of Directors of the Authority, which group of~~  
18 ~~legislators shall consist of the following: Each member of the~~  
19 ~~House of Representatives of the Legislature of Alabama from~~  
20 ~~that representative district in which the County is located~~  
21 ~~and each member of the State Senate from that senatorial~~  
22 ~~district in which the County is situated.~~

23 "The affairs of the Authority shall be managed and  
24 controlled by a Board of Directors consisting of nine members.  
25 One of ~~said the~~ the members shall be the mayor chief executive  
26 officer of the largest municipality in the county; at least  
27 two additional of ~~said the~~ the members shall be resident citizens

1 of the largest municipality in the county; one of ~~said the~~ the  
2 members shall be the President or ~~Chairman~~ Chair of the  
3 governing body of the county; and none of ~~said the~~ the members  
4 shall be a member of the ~~Legislative Electoral College~~  
5 Legislature. The remaining members shall be elected in the  
6 manner hereinafter prescribed; provided, however, that if  
7 there shall be a branch court house in the County, one of the  
8 members of the Board shall be a resident of the area served by  
9 ~~such the~~ the branch court house. The ~~Chairman~~ Chair of the Board  
10 of Directors shall be elected by ~~said the~~ the Board after all  
11 members of the Board shall have been elected and qualified ~~as~~  
12 such.

13 "Each of the seven elected board members shall serve  
14 a four-year term of office. A board member who is serving on  
15 the effective date of the act adding this language shall  
16 continue to serve as a board member for a four-year term  
17 commencing from the date his or her current term of office  
18 began. At the expiration of the board member's term, the  
19 incumbent members of the State Senate from Jefferson County  
20 and the incumbent members of the House of Representatives from  
21 Jefferson County serving at that time shall separately and  
22 alternatively elect a successor to the vacant directorship.  
23 The first vacancy to occur after the passage of this act shall  
24 be filled by the House of Representatives members with the  
25 second vacancy being filled by the Senate members. If a  
26 directorship held by an elected director becomes vacant during  
27 his or her term, the successor shall be elected by the Senate

1 or House of Representatives members based on members of the  
2 body that made the appointment to the seat that is vacant for  
3 the remainder of the term of the vacant position.

4 "Seven elected members of the Board of Directors  
5 shall hold specific seats on the board designated as seats 1  
6 through 7. The seats for the two directors whose terms expire  
7 in 2015 shall be designated as seats 1 and 2. The seats of the  
8 three directors whose terms expire in 2016 shall be designated  
9 as seats 3, 4, and 5. The seats of the two directors whose  
10 terms expire in 2018 shall be designated as seats 6 and 7. As  
11 these terms expire and new directors are elected, the members  
12 of the House of Representatives shall elect the director  
13 designated as seat 1 and the members of the Senate shall elect  
14 the director for seat 2, and thereafter the election shall be  
15 made on an alternating basis until appointments have been made  
16 for all seven elected seats. Thereafter, all succeeding  
17 appointments shall continue to be made on an alternating basis  
18 with the members of the Senate next electing the director  
19 designated as seat 1, the members of the House electing the  
20 director for seat 2, and so forth. Seat number 1 shall be  
21 designated as the seat to be occupied by a resident of the  
22 area served by the branch courthouse. Seats number 2 and  
23 number 3 shall be designated as the seats to be occupied by  
24 two resident citizens of the largest municipality in the  
25 county. No appointment to fill an expiring term may be made  
26 sooner than 120 days prior to the start of a new term. All

1 terms of office shall commence on October 1 and last for four  
2 years, ending on September 30.

3 "Upon the election of any director by the House of  
4 Representatives or the Senate, as the case may be, the Chair  
5 of local legislative delegation for the respective legislative  
6 body shall deliver a written certificate to the Clerk of the  
7 House or the Secretary of the Senate, as the case may be,  
8 advising that the individual has been elected to a designated  
9 director's seat. The Clerk of the House or Secretary of the  
10 Senate shall maintain the originals of the certificates as  
11 official records filed with that office. The chair of the  
12 legislative body shall also forward a copy of the filed  
13 certificate to the Executive Director of the Authority, who  
14 will file a copy of the certificate in the office of the judge  
15 of probate of the county in which the Authority is located.  
16 The certificate shall also be spread upon the official records  
17 or minutes of the Board of Directors of the Authority.

18 ~~"Within thirty days after this act, as amended,~~  
19 ~~becomes applicable to the County the Mayor of the county seat~~  
20 ~~and the President or Chairman of the governing body of the~~  
21 ~~County shall address a letter, signed by them jointly in their~~  
22 ~~respective official capacities, to each member of the~~  
23 ~~Legislative Electoral College requesting that the Legislative~~  
24 ~~Electoral College elect those members of the Board of~~  
25 ~~Directors of the Authority to be elected by the Legislative~~  
26 ~~Electoral College. As soon as practical after the members of~~  
27 ~~the Legislative Electoral College receive the said letters,~~

1 the Legislative Electoral College shall elect seven members of  
2 the Board of Directors of the Authority. If the legislative  
3 delegation has a chairman, said chairman shall send written  
4 notice to the member of the Legislative Electoral College,  
5 other than himself, notifying them of the time and place of  
6 the meeting to be held for the purpose of electing the members  
7 of the Board of Directors to be elected by the Legislative  
8 Electoral College, which time shall be not less than six days  
9 subsequent to the date on which the Chairman of the  
10 Legislative Delegation transmits said written notice to the  
11 members of the Legislative Delegation belonging to the  
12 legislative Electoral College. If the Legislative Delegation  
13 has no chairman, then the Senator of the senatorial district  
14 in which the County is situated shall give said written notice  
15 to the members of the legislative delegation. If there is more  
16 than one Senator from the County, then that Senator who has  
17 served the longest period in the Senate shall give the said  
18 notice; and if there is more than one Senator from the County  
19 and no Senator has seniority over the over Senator or  
20 Senators, then the oldest Senator shall give said notice. The  
21 Legislative Electoral College may elect the members of the  
22 Board of Directors to be elected by it either at the initial  
23 meeting held for that purpose or at some later meeting,  
24 provided, however, that if the election is at a later meeting,  
25 the time and place of such later meeting shall be fixed by a  
26 majority vote of the Legislative Electoral College at a  
27 meeting regularly call, or notice of the time and place of

1 such later meeting shall be given in the manner herein  
2 prescribed for giving the notice of the initial meeting of the  
3 Legislative Electoral College. The election by the Legislative  
4 Electoral College shall be by a majority vote of the Senators  
5 present and a majority vote of the members of the House of  
6 Representatives present. To be elected as a member of the  
7 Board of Directors, a person must receive both the vote of a  
8 majority of the Senators present and also the vote of a  
9 majority of the House members present. Two members of the  
10 Board of Directors of the Authority elected by the Legislative  
11 Electoral College shall serve for a term of two years, two  
12 members of the Board of Directors of the Authority elected by  
13 the Legislative Electoral College shall serve for a term of  
14 three years, and three members of the Board of Directors of  
15 the Authority elected by the Legislative Electoral College  
16 shall serve for a term of four years, as fixed by the  
17 Legislative Electoral College, which terms shall commence from  
18 the October 1 closest to the date on which they are elected.  
19 In the event that seven members of the Board of Directors were  
20 not initially elected or the terms of office of such members  
21 are not fixed by the Legislative Electoral College, a meeting  
22 shall be called in the same manner as hereinabove provided to  
23 elect the required additional member or members and to fix the  
24 terms of office of all elected members.

25 "The person who under the terms hereof is to give  
26 notice of meeting of the Legislative Electoral College shall  
27 notify the Mayor or chief executive officer of the largest



1       ~~municipality in the county and the President or Chairman of~~  
2       ~~the governing body of the County who the Legislative Electoral~~  
3       ~~College elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the~~  
4       ~~Authority.~~

5               ~~"When the Mayor or chief executive officer of the~~  
6       ~~largest municipality in the county and the President or~~  
7       ~~Chairman of the governing body of the County shall have been~~  
8       ~~notified of the election of the members of the Board of~~  
9       ~~Directors to be elected by the Legislative Electoral College,~~  
10       ~~the said mayor and the said President or Chairman shall by~~  
11       ~~letter signed by them jointly notify the members of the Board~~  
12       ~~of Directors elected by the Legislative Electoral College of~~  
13       ~~the time and place of the first meeting of the Board of~~  
14       ~~Directors of the Authority. The Board of Directors shall fix~~  
15       ~~the time and place at which they shall meet for the purpose of~~  
16       ~~electing a Chairman of the Board; and the said members shall~~  
17       ~~give such notice as is deemed appropriate by them of the time~~  
18       ~~and place of said meeting.~~

19               ~~"The Board of Directors shall elect a Chairman Chair~~  
20       ~~of the Board and he who shall serve as Chairman Chair until~~  
21       ~~his term as a member of the Board, which he is serving at the~~  
22       ~~time of his election as Chairman Chair, expires. The Chairman~~  
23       ~~Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors~~  
24       ~~and the Chairman Chair shall have a vote the same as any other~~  
25       ~~member of the Board of Directors.~~

26               ~~"No person shall be elected as a member of the Board~~  
27       ~~of Directors of the Authority unless he is a qualified elector~~

1 of the County. Not more than one member of the Board of  
2 Directors elected by the Senate members or House members or by  
3 the Directors shall hold any public office; ~~provided that this~~  
4 ~~restriction shall not apply to the first members so elected.~~

5 "The members of the ~~said~~ Board of Directors shall  
6 serve without compensation except that they shall be  
7 reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in and about the  
8 performance of their duties hereunder.

9 ~~"In case a directorship held by an elected director~~  
10 ~~become vacant during his term his successor shall be elected~~  
11 ~~in the same manner in which he was elected. The successor~~  
12 ~~shall be deemed to be elected for the remainder of the term~~  
13 ~~during which the vacancy occurred; provided, however, that if~~  
14 ~~a person is elected to any vacant directorship during the last~~  
15 ~~six months of the any term of such directorship, he shall be~~  
16 ~~deemed elected for the remained of such term and for the next~~  
17 ~~succeeding term of such directorship. In the event the~~  
18 ~~Legislative Electoral College shall fail for any reason to~~  
19 ~~elect within sixty days after this Act, as amended, becomes~~  
20 ~~applicable to the County the members of the Board of~~  
21 ~~Directors, which this act provides said Electoral College~~  
22 ~~shall elect, then in that event the two ex officio members of~~  
23 ~~the Board (they being the Mayor or chief executive officer of~~  
24 ~~the largest municipality in the county and the President or~~  
25 ~~Chairman of the governing body of the County) and any other~~  
26 ~~member or members of the Board of Directors theretofore~~  
27 ~~elected shall elect such members of the Board of Directors to~~

1 ~~fill the directorship which the electoral college fails to~~  
2 ~~fill.~~ In the event a vacancy on the Board of Directors occurs  
3 which is to be filled by the Legislative Electoral College  
4 pursuant to this act members of the House or Senate as is  
5 appropriate fail fails for any reason to fill ~~said~~ the vacancy  
6 within sixty (60) days from the date of the occurrence of ~~said~~  
7 the vacancy, the remaining members of the Board of Directors  
8 shall elect a member of the Board to fill ~~said~~ the vacancy.

9 "After ~~March 1, 1986, the seven elected members of~~  
10 ~~the Board of Directors shall no longer be elected by the~~  
11 ~~Legislative Electoral College. After said date, whenever a~~  
12 ~~Board member's term expires or his seat becomes vacant during~~  
13 ~~a term, the incumbent members of the state Senate from~~  
14 ~~Jefferson County and House of Representatives from Jefferson~~  
15 ~~County shall hereafter separately and alternatively elect~~  
16 ~~successors to vacant directorships with the Senate members~~  
17 ~~filling the first vacancy after such date and the House~~  
18 ~~members filling the second vacancy after such date. In case a~~  
19 ~~directorship held by an elected Director becomes vacant during~~  
20 ~~his or her term, the successor shall be elected by the Senate~~  
21 ~~or House members, as the case may be, for the remainder of the~~  
22 ~~term during which such vacancy occurred; provided, however,~~  
23 ~~that if a person is elected to any vacant directorship during~~  
24 ~~the last six months of any term of such directorship, he shall~~  
25 ~~be deemed elected for the remainder of such term and for the~~  
26 ~~next succeeding term of such directorship. In the event a~~  
27 ~~vacancy shall occur on the Board of Directors by resignation,~~

1 ~~death or expiration of a Board member's term, said vacancy~~  
2 ~~shall be filled by the Legislative delegation, as set out~~  
3 ~~above, and if said legislative delegation fails for any reason~~  
4 ~~to fill said vacancy within sixty (60) days from the date of~~  
5 ~~the occurrence of said vacancy, the remaining member of the~~  
6 ~~Board of Directors shall fill said vacancy."~~

7           Section 2. This act shall become effective  
8 immediately upon its passage and approval by the Governor, or  
9 its otherwise becoming law.