



1 HB478

# ACT #2024 - 427

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3 By Representative Hammett (N & P)

4 RFD: Local Legislation

5 First Read: 23-Apr-24





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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 Relating to Covington County; to provide for a booking  
4 fee to be imposed on each person booked into the Covington  
5 County Detention Center and subsequently convicted of a crime;  
6 to provide for the collection of the booking fee; and to  
7 provide for the distribution of the revenues derived from the  
8 booking fee.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

10 Section 1. In Covington County, a booking fee in the  
11 amount of thirty dollars (\$30) shall be assessed against and  
12 collected from each person booked or incarcerated in the  
13 Covington County Detention Center as a county inmate and  
14 subsequently convicted. The fee assessed pursuant to this act  
15 shall be in addition to any fines, court costs, or other  
16 charges imposed. The fee shall not apply to a defendant or  
17 inmate housed in the detention center on behalf of a  
18 municipality.

19 Section 2. The booking fee imposed by this act shall be  
20 assessed against a defendant upon conviction by a court of law  
21 where the defendant is convicted. The clerk of the court shall  
22 enter the amount of the fee as provided in this act on the  
23 docket sheet and shall collect the fee in the same manner and  
24 the same time as court costs, except the sheriff may collect  
25 the fee pursuant to Section 5. The clerk of the court shall  
26 notify the sheriff monthly of the booking fees imposed against  
27 defendants during the prior month.

28 Section 3. The revenues derived from the booking fee



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29 shall be submitted to the Covington County Sheriff's  
30 Department Law Enforcement Fund to be used by the Sheriff of  
31 Covington County for jail operations including, but not  
32 limited to, training fees, salaries, equipment, jail  
33 operational expenses, or other law enforcement uses as  
34 determined by the sheriff to best meet the needs of his or her  
35 agency.

36 Section 4. In any case where the booking fee provided  
37 by this act is not paid or withheld pursuant to Section 5, the  
38 district attorney of the county may assist in the collection  
39 of the fees in the same manner as court-ordered monies. In  
40 addition, the sheriff may contract for the collection of the  
41 fees and pay a portion of the fees as a cost for collection.

42 Section 5. Upon receipt of notice of assessment of the  
43 booking fee against a defendant, the sheriff may withhold  
44 funds equal to the amount of the booking fee from any funds  
45 held while a person is incarcerated in the Covington County  
46 Detention Center and those funds may be applied toward any  
47 assessment of a booking fee pursuant to this act. The sheriff  
48 shall provide notice monthly to the clerk of the court of the  
49 booking fees withheld from defendants during the prior month.

50 Section 6. Any revenues derived from this act shall be  
51 in addition to other funding sources for the Covington County  
52 Detention Center and the Covington County Sheriff's Department  
53 and shall not reduce or replace any funding from any other  
54 sources.

55 Section 7. This act shall become effective on the first  
56 day of the first month following the ratification of an



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57 amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, proposed at  
58 the 2024 Regular Session, authorizing the Legislature to  
59 provide for additional court costs in Covington County and to  
60 provide for the distribution of the proceeds.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and was passed by the House 30-Apr-24.

John Treadwell  
Clerk

Senate

09-May-24

Passed

APPROVED

5-16-2024

TIME

3:00 pm

GOVERNOR

Alabama Secretary Of State

Act Num....: 2024-427  
Bill Num....: H-478

Recv'd 05/17/24 09:17amKCW

DATE: 4-30 2024  
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This Bill was referred to the Standing Committee of the Senate on LLI

and was acted upon by such Committee session and is by order of the Committee returned therefrom with a favorable report w/amd(s)        w/sub        w/eng sub by a vote of        yeas        nays        abstain

this 2nd day of May 2024  
Patrick Harris, Chair

DATE: 5-2 2024  
 RF RD2  CAL

I hereby certify that the Resolution required in Section C of Act No. 81-88 was adopted and is attached to the Bill  
 HB 428  
 YEAS 38 NAYS 0

PATRICK HARRIS  
 Secretary

DATE: 5-9-24 RD 3 at len  
 PASSED  PASSED AS AMENDED

YEAS 38 NAYS 0  
 And was ordered returned forthwith to the House

PATRICK HARRIS  
 Secretary

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**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**  
 This bill having been referred by the House to its standing committee on Local Legislation was acted upon by such committee in session, and returned therefrom to the House with the recommendation that it be Passed, w/amend(s)        w/sub this 25 day of April, 2024.  
John Treadwell, Chair

DATE: 4-25 2024  
 RF RD 2 CAL

DATE:        20        
 RE-REFERRED  RE-COMMITTED   
 Committee       

DATE:        20        
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 Committee       

I hereby certify that the Resolution as required in Section C of Act No. 81-889 was adopted and is attached to the Bill,  
 HB 428  
 YEAS 45 NAYS 0

JOHN TREADWELL,  
 Clerk

FURTHER HOUSE ACTION (OVER)

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