

1 SB256
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3 By Senator Orr
4 RFD: Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the various clerks and
9 registers of the circuit and district courts are
10 required to collect fines, fees, and court costs
11 and remit them to the appropriate agency,
12 department, or fund as required by law.

13 This bill would require the clerks and
14 registers of the circuit and district courts to
15 forward all fines, fees, and court costs collected
16 under state law to the State Comptroller.

17 This bill would require the State
18 Comptroller to deposit those fines, fees, and court
19 costs to the credit of the appropriate agency or
20 fund.

21 This bill would require the State
22 Comptroller to maintain and make available a
23 monthly report of all fines, fees, and court costs
24 collected by the clerks and registers of the
25 courts.

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27 A BILL

1 TO BE ENTITLED

2 AN ACT

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4 To amend Section 12-19-22, Code of Alabama 1975 to
5 require the clerks and registers of the courts to forward all
6 fines, fees, and court costs collected under state law to the
7 State Comptroller; and to require the State Comptroller to
8 maintain and make available a monthly report of all fines,
9 fees, and court costs collected by the clerks and registers of
10 the courts.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

12 Section 1. Section 12-19-22 is amended to read as
13 follows:

14 "§12-19-22.

15 "(a) (1) In all cases filed in the district or
16 circuit court on or after January 16, 1977, fines, costs and
17 fees shall be assessed and distributed according to this
18 chapter.

19 "(2) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any
20 circuit court clerk, district court clerk, or register of the
21 circuit clerk shall forward all collected fines, forfeitures,
22 prepaid docket fees, costs of court, and other fees, except
23 for those fees described in Section 12-19-20 or fees imposed
24 by local law, to the State Comptroller no less than once a
25 month and not later than the fifteenth day of each month. All
26 monies received by the State Comptroller shall be deposited in
27 the State Treasury to the credit of the appropriate fund or

1 agency to be remitted to the appropriate agency or fund as
2 provided by law. The State Comptroller shall maintain and make
3 available the monthly report, as provided for in Section
4 12-1-19.

5 "(b) In all cases filed prior to January 16, 1977,
6 in the circuit court or courts abolished by Acts 1975, No.
7 1205, all fines, costs and fees shall be assessed and
8 distributed according to law in existence on date of filings,
9 including moneys collected on or after January 16, 1977.

10 "(c) All costs, fees and other funds collected by
11 courts abolished by Acts 1975, No. 1205 and in the possession
12 of clerks of such courts on January 15, 1977, shall be
13 transferred to the circuit clerk of each county pursuant to
14 rules of the Supreme Court."

15 Section 2. This act shall become effective on
16 October 1, 2017 following its passage and approval by the
17 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.