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9 A BILL  
10 TO BE ENTITLED  
11 AN ACT  
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13 Relating to Jefferson County; to provide further for  
14 the commission form of government in the county and the duties  
15 of the members of the county commission; to provide for the  
16 employment of a county manager to carry out the administrative  
17 and ministerial functions of the county government; to provide  
18 the duties of the county manager; to provide for the term and  
19 compensation of the county manager; and to amend Section 4 of  
20 Act 97-147 of the 1997 Regular Session (Acts 1997, p. 188),  
21 relating to the members of the county commission.

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

23 Section 1. (a) This bill applies only to Jefferson  
24 County.

25 (b) Effective beginning of the next term of office  
26 after the effective date of this act, the members of the  
27 county commission shall employ a county manager for a six-year

1 term of office. The county manager shall be responsible for  
2 the administration of all departments under the county  
3 commission and for the proper administration of all affairs  
4 under the jurisdiction of the county commission. The county  
5 manager shall have those powers and duties that are necessary  
6 to carry out the administrative and ministerial duties of the  
7 county. The salary of the county manager shall be set by the  
8 county commission and shall be based on the experience,  
9 education, and any other relevant considerations.

10 (c) The county manager shall appoint, subject to any  
11 merit system, all department heads. The primary function of  
12 the county commission shall be governmental and legislative.  
13 The county commission shall provide guidance, direction,  
14 advice, and recommendations for establishing the policies of  
15 the various departments, divisions, and agencies of the  
16 county, but shall not be responsible for the day-to-day  
17 administration of county government.

18 Section 2. Section 4 of Act 97-147 of the 1997  
19 Regular Session (Acts 1997, p. 188) is amended to read as  
20 follows:

21 "Section 4. Each commissioner shall reside in the  
22 district at least six months before he or she qualifies for  
23 office and during his or her tenure. The president of the  
24 commission shall be elected by the members of the commission  
25 ~~and the commission shall assign the duties and jurisdiction of~~  
26 ~~each commissioner."~~

1                   Section 3. All laws or parts of laws which conflict  
2 with this act are repealed.

3                   Section 4. This act shall become effective  
4 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
5 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.