

1 HB470
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3 By Representative Scott
4 RFD: County and Municipal Government
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would require the governing body
9 of a county or municipality to provide online
10 access to its annual budget and to submit the
11 budget to the Department of Examiners of Public
12 Accounts.

13 This bill would require the governing body
14 of a county or municipality to approve its budget
15 prior to the beginning of its fiscal year.

16 This bill would require the Department of
17 Examiners of Public Accounts to provide online
18 access to the annual budget of a county or
19 municipality that does not have a website and keep
20 a database of county and municipal budgets to
21 ensure that each county and municipality complies
22 with this act.

23 This bill would authorize a circuit judge of
24 the judicial circuit in which the county or
25 municipality is located to compel the county or
26 municipality to submit an annual budget to the

1 Department of Examiners of Public Accounts within a
2 time period prescribed by the circuit judge.

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4 A BILL
5 TO BE ENTITLED
6 AN ACT

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8 Relating to counties and municipalities; to require
9 the governing body of a county or municipality to provide
10 online access to its annual budget and to submit the budget to
11 the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts; to require the
12 governing body of a county or municipality to approve its
13 budget prior to the beginning of its fiscal year; to require
14 the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts to provide
15 online access to the annual budget of a county or municipality
16 that does not have a website and keep a database of county and
17 municipal budgets to ensure that each county and municipality
18 complies with this act; and to authorize a circuit judge of
19 the judicial circuit in which the county or municipality is
20 located to compel the county or municipality to submit an
21 annual budget to the Department of Examiners of Public
22 Accounts within a time period prescribed by the circuit judge.
23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

24 Section 1. (a) The governing body of a county or
25 municipality shall approve its budget prior to the beginning
26 of the fiscal year of the county or municipality.

1 (b) The governing body of a county or municipality
2 shall provide online access to its annual budget and submit
3 the budget to the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts
4 on or before the beginning of the fiscal year.

5 (c) The Department of Examiners of Public Accounts
6 shall keep a database of the annual budget of each county and
7 municipality and ensure that each county and municipality
8 complies with this act.

9 (d) If a county or municipality does not have a
10 website, the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts shall
11 publish the budget of the county or municipality on the
12 website of the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts.

13 (e) If a county or municipality fails to submit a
14 budget as required under this act, a circuit judge of the
15 judicial circuit in which the county or municipality is
16 located may compel the county or municipality to submit an
17 annual budget to the Department of Examiners of Public
18 Accounts within a time period prescribed by the circuit judge.

19 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
20 first day of the third month following its passage and
21 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.