

1 SB101  
2 96675-1  
3 By Senator Bedford  
4 RFD: Finance and Taxation General Fund  
5 First Read: 27-MAY-08

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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would increase the application  
9 fees for admission to the state bar and distribute  
10 the fees to the Secretary of the Board of Bar  
11 Commissioners.

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13 A BILL  
14 TO BE ENTITLED  
15 AN ACT  
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17 To amend Section 34-3-3, Code of Alabama 1975,  
18 relating to application fees for the state bar, to increase  
19 those fees and distribute the fees to the Secretary of the  
20 Board of Bar Commissioners.

21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

22 Section 1. Section 34-3-3, Code of Alabama 1975, is  
23 amended to read as follows:

24 "§34-3-3.

25 "Applicants for admission to the bar not required by  
26 law to take an examination shall pay a fee to be set by the  
27 Board of Commissioners, but not to exceed ~~500.00~~ one thousand

1 five hundred dollars (\$1,500); applicants for admission who  
2 are bona fide residents of the State of Alabama who are  
3 required to be examined by the Board of Bar Examiners shall  
4 pay a fee to be determined by the Board of Commissioners not  
5 to exceed ~~\$400.00~~ one thousand dollars (\$1,000), and  
6 applicants for admission who are not bona fide residents of  
7 the State of Alabama who are required to be examined by the  
8 Board of Bar Examiners shall pay the same fee set for  
9 residence examinees, plus an additional sum to be determined  
10 by the Board of Commissioners not to exceed ~~\$500.00~~ seven  
11 hundred dollars (\$700). The Board of Commissioners shall not  
12 have the authority to increase the fee provided for in this  
13 paragraph for applicants who are bona fide residents of the  
14 State of Alabama or the additional fee for applicants who are  
15 not bona fide residents of the State of Alabama by more than  
16 ~~\$25.00~~ one hundred dollars (\$100) in any one calendar year.  
17 ~~Said Such fees shall become a part of the separate fund~~  
18 ~~provided for in Section 34-3-4. Such fees shall be paid to the~~  
19 ~~Treasurer, and the Treasurer's receipt therefor shall be filed~~  
20 ~~with the application be paid to the Secretary of the Board of~~  
21 Bar Commissioners."

22 Section 2. This act shall become effective  
23 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
24 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.