Week 5 Update

The Legislature convened for the eighth, ninth, and tenth legislative days of the Regular Session this week.

The House Ways and Means General Fund Committee gave a favorable report to SB68 by Sen. Chambliss, which reopens the State Police Plan and modifies the State Police Tier II retirement benefits. This bill is pending third reading in the House for final passage.

Senate committees gave favorable reports to two bills:

- HB66 by Rep. Lovvorn, which removes the deadline to purchase hazardous duty time for prior uncredited FLC service; and
- SB174 by Sen. Orr, which exempts from the return to work laws compensation received by a retired law enforcement for hours worked as a school resource officer for extracurricular activities.

The House also passed three local bills, which now move to the Senate for consideration, including:

- HB93 by Rep. Clouse, which proposes a constitutional amendment to allow mayors in Dale County to participate in ERS;
- HB119 by Rep. Mooney, which proposes a constitutional amendment to allow county commissioners in Shelby County to participate in ERS; and
- HB233 by Rep. Almond, which authorizes the City of Tuscaloosa to elect for its fire and police retirement plan to join ERS.