

Mooresville, Alabama
January 2, 1934

Senator R. H. Walker
C/o Limestone Democrat
Athens, Alabama

Dear Mr. Walker:

Sometime ago you were kind enough to say that you would introduce a bill in the next Legislature to relieve me of the unjust taxation and license which I am now having to pay to the city of Decatur on my property at Whiteside. I am sure that you are familiar with the fact that Whiteside is paying a city, county, state and federal gasoline tax and also paying one-half of city license on Sandwich Shop, general mercantile business, tires, automobile accessories, auto repair, chewing tobacco, pool table, cold drinks, cigarettes and 2 gasoline pumps.

My brother, Addison, has prepared a bill which I am enclosing. I wish that you would make any changes that you think necessary and introduce the bill at the next legislature.

I am watching your race for speaker of the house with interest and hope that you will be successful.

Assuring you of my appreciation and best wishes for the new year, I am,

Cordially,

Gilbert G. White

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AN ACT

To amend an Act Entitled: "An Act to Authorize all cities and towns within the State of Alabama to fix and collect licenses for any business, trade or profession done outside the corporate limits but within the police jurisdiction thereof."

Approved September 6, 1927.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

That the Act of the Legislature of Alabama approved September 6, 1927, entitled: "An Act to Authorize all cities and towns within the State of Alabama to fix and collect licenses for any business, trade or profession done outside the corporate limits but within the police jurisdiction thereof," be amended to read as follows:

Section 1. That any city or town within the State of Alabama may fix and collect licenses for any business, trade or profession done within the police jurisdiction of such city or town and without the corporate limits thereof; provided, however, that the amount of such license shall not be more than one-half the amount charged and collected as a license for like business, trade or profession done within the corporate limits of such city, fees and penalties excluded; and provided, further, that no city or town shall be authorized to require or exact the payment of a license for any business, trade or profession engaged in or carried on beyond the limits of the county in which such city or town is located, whether within the police jurisdiction of such city or town, or not. Provided, further that this Act shall not have the effect to repeal or modify the limitations provided by Sections 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 2162, of the Code of Alabama of 1923, relating to railroads, express companies, sleeping car companies, telegraph companies, telephone companies and public utilities.