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6 ESTABLISHING AN INTERIM ALABAMA JUDICIAL SYSTEM
7 STUDY COMMISSION.

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9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
10 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is established the
11 Interim Alabama Judicial System Study Commission.

12 (a) The commission shall be composed of the
13 following members:

14 (1) The Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court.

15 (2) Two members of the Appellate Courts of Alabama.

16 (3) Two circuit judges chosen by the President of
17 the Circuit Judges Association.

18 (4) Two district judges chosen by the President of
19 the District Judges Association.

20 (5) A circuit clerk chosen by the President of the
21 Circuit Clerks Association.

22 (6) Three practicing attorneys chosen by the
23 President of the Alabama State Bar Association.

24 (7) One person appointed by the Governor.

25 (8) One person appointed by the Speaker of the House
26 of Representatives.

1 (9) One person appointed by the President Pro
2 Tempore of the Senate.

3 (10) The Chairs of the Senate Finance and Taxation
4 Committee, General Fund, and the House Ways and Means
5 Committee, General Fund, or their designees.

6 (11) The Chairs of the Judiciary Committees of the
7 House of Representatives and the Senate, or their designees.

8 (12) The Director of the Administrative Office of
9 Courts.

10 (13) One member of the Alabama Lawyer's Association
11 appointed by the president of the association.

12 (14) One member of the Magic City Bar Association
13 appointed by the president of the association.

14 (b) The commission shall select one of its members
15 as chair.

16 (c) The Alabama Law Institute shall serve as staff
17 for the commission and shall assist the commission with
18 research and recommendations on the topics being studied and
19 shall draft any recommendations of the commission.

20 (d) The commission shall be charged with studying,
21 analyzing, and making proposals to the Legislature on the
22 following topics:

23 (1) The structure and function of the United
24 Judicial System, including the operations of the
25 Administrative Office of Courts.

1 (2) The jurisdictional structure of the judicial
2 system including jurisdiction of the courts by subject and
3 amount in controversy.

4 (3) Fees and costs associated with the
5 administration of the judicial system in Alabama including
6 court filing fees, convenience fees, and any other monies
7 collected in association with the filing and proceeding of
8 matters before the courts of Alabama, whether created by
9 statewide or local act.

10 (4) Compensation, retirement, and benefits of
11 judges, clerks, district attorneys, and all other employees
12 associated with the judicial system.

13 (5) Review the structure and purpose of the Judicial
14 Study Commission and the Judicial Compensation Commission.

15 (e) The commission shall report its findings,
16 conclusions, recommendations, and suggestions on these topics
17 no later than the third legislative day of the 2013 Regular
18 Legislative Session, where upon the commission shall stand
19 dissolved of any further duty or liability. The report shall
20 be published on the Alabama State Bar website, the
21 Administrative Office of Courts website, and also provided to
22 the Governor and the Finance Director.

23 (f) The members of the commission shall serve
24 without receiving any compensation, per diem, or expense
25 reimbursement.

1 (g) The membership of the commission shall be
2 inclusive and reflect the racial, gender, geographic,
3 urban/rural, and economic diversity of the state.

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