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3 By Senators Smitherman, Dunn, Ward and Bedford  
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8 ESTABLISHING THE GREATER BIRMINGHAM DRINKING WATER  
9 COMMISSION.

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11 WHEREAS, an ample quantity and excellent quality of  
12 drinking water supply sources are essential for residents of  
13 the Greater Birmingham; and

14 WHEREAS, a study is necessary as to the present and  
15 future health and economic prosperity afforded to residents of  
16 Greater Birmingham as connected to the quantity and quality of  
17 municipal drinking water supplies; now therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Greater Birmingham  
20 Drinking Water Commission is hereby established consisting of  
21 the following members:

22 (a) (1) One member of the Senate appointed by the  
23 Senate President Pro Tempore. The Senate President Pro  
24 Tempore shall designate this member to co-chair the committee.

25 (2) One member of the House of Representatives  
26 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The

1 Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate this  
2 member to co-chair the committee.

3 (3) The Director of the Alabama Department of  
4 Environmental Management, or his or her designee.

5 (4) The Division Chief of the Office of Water  
6 Resources of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community  
7 Affairs, or his or her designee.

8 (5) The Director of the Alabama Surface Mining  
9 Commission, or his or her designee.

10 (6) The Director of the Geologic Survey of Alabama,  
11 or his or her designee.

12 (7) The Mayor of the City of Birmingham, or his or  
13 her designee.

14 (8) One citizen of Alabama who is a member of the  
15 Birmingham Regional Chamber of Commerce (Birmingham Business  
16 Alliance).

17 (9) One member of the Birmingham Water Works Board,  
18 or a designee of the board.

19 (10) One citizen of Alabama who is a member of the  
20 Birmingham Citizens Advisory Board.

21 (11) One citizen of Alabama with a Master's Degree  
22 in Public Health for Environmental Health and Toxicology, with  
23 minimum two years' field experience.

24 (b) The commission shall have the following duties  
25 and responsibilities:

1           (1) Secure the present and future health and  
2 economic prosperity of Greater Birmingham by assessing the  
3 quantity and quality of area drinking water supply sources.

4           (2) Generate and communicate findings through the  
5 establishment of a minimum of 10 forums open to the public  
6 before January 1, 2015.

7           (3) Submit a report of its findings and  
8 recommendations to the Governor, the Senate President Pro  
9 Tempore, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on or  
10 before January 1, 2015, and submit a copy of its report to all  
11 legislators and the Secretary of State at which time the  
12 committee shall terminate and stand dissolved and discharged  
13 from any further duties and liabilities.

14           (c) Each member of the committee may receive a daily  
15 expense allowance in the amount permitted by law as well as  
16 the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state  
17 employees. Legislators serving on the committee shall receive  
18 their regular legislative compensation, per diem, and travel  
19 expenses for each day they attend a meeting of the committee.  
20 Not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) shall be paid out  
21 of funds appropriated to the use of the Legislature by means  
22 of warrants drawn by the Comptroller or the State Treasurer to  
23 the committee.