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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Alabama House of  
9 Representatives is not required to record its  
10 proceedings.

11 This bill would require the Alabama House of  
12 Representatives to audio record its proceedings and  
13 those of the Committee on Ways and Means General  
14 Fund and the Committee on Ways and Means Education;  
15 would provide that a copy of the proceedings, upon  
16 request, be available at cost; and would provide  
17 that a copy be provided to the Department of  
18 Archives and History.

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20 A BILL  
21 TO BE ENTITLED  
22 AN ACT  
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24 Relating to the Alabama House of Representatives;  
25 requiring the audio recording of its proceedings and those of  
26 the Committee on Ways and Means General Fund and the Committee

1 on Ways and Means Education and the providing of a copy of  
2 such proceedings.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

4 Section 1. (a) The Alabama House of Representatives  
5 shall record in audio the proceedings of the House of  
6 Representatives and those of the Committee on Ways and Means  
7 General Fund and the Committee on Ways and Means Education  
8 while in formal session. The comments of the presiding officer  
9 from the chair of the presiding officer and the comments of  
10 the members speaking from the podium shall be included in the  
11 audio recording.

12 (b) An audio copy of the proceedings as specified in  
13 subsection (a), upon request, shall be available at cost to  
14 any person. A copy of the proceedings shall be provided to the  
15 Department of Archives and History.

16 (c) The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall  
17 promptly take appropriate action to implement this section.  
18 Costs incurred shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the  
19 Alabama House of Representatives or as otherwise provided.

20 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
21 first day of the third month following its passage and  
22 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.