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8 CREATING THE BLACKBELT INFRASTRUCTURE LEGISLATIVE
9 COMMITTEE.

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11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Blackbelt Infrastructure
13 Joint Legislative Committee is created. The committee shall be
14 composed of three Senate members, one Senate member to be
15 appointed by the Lieutenant Governor and two Senate members to
16 be appointed by the Senate Committee on Assignments; and three
17 House members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House.
18 These six members shall be voting members of the committee.
19 Four additional nonvoting members shall include a
20 representative of the Alabama Department of Commerce, the
21 Department of Transportation, and the Bureau of Tourism and
22 Travel, each to be appointed by the chief administrative
23 officer of the respective department or agency. The chair and
24 vice chair of the committee shall be elected at the first
25 meeting by the members of the committee. The committee shall
26 meet upon the call of the chair. Meetings and public hearings
27 may be conducted by the committee at any location in the State

1 of Alabama. The committee shall study all facets of
2 infrastructure needs in the Blackbelt counties of the State;
3 how best to meet those needs; and the appropriate types of
4 infrastructure in the Blackbelt to encourage and facilitate
5 industrial development.

6 Upon the request of the chair, the Secretary of the
7 Senate and the Clerk of the House shall provide necessary
8 clerical assistance for the work of the committee. The
9 committee shall report its findings, conclusions, and
10 recommendations to the Legislature not later than the 10th
11 legislative day of the 2015 and 2016 Regular Sessions. The
12 committee shall stand dissolved and discharged of any further
13 duties and liabilities after its 2016 reporting. Through the
14 2014 General Election, each legislative member of the
15 committee shall be entitled to his or her regular legislative
16 compensation, his or her per diem, and travel expenses for
17 each day he or she attends a meeting of the committee.
18 Immediately after the 2014 General Election, members shall
19 receive compensation and expense reimbursement as provided by
20 Amendment 871 to the State Constitution. Compensation and
21 expense allowance shall be paid out of any funds appropriated
22 to the use of the Legislature. Notwithstanding the foregoing,
23 no legislative member shall receive additional legislative
24 compensation or per diem when the Legislature is in session or
25 if a legislative member is being paid any other payments on
26 the same dates for attendance of other state business. The
27 total expenditures of the committee shall not exceed five

1 thousand dollars (\$5,000) per fiscal year for each fiscal year
2 of its existence.