

1 HJR289
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3 By Representative Pringle
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 13-APR-16

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 REQUESTING THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE
4 LEGISLATURES TO REVIEW THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF EXAMINERS OF
5 PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.
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7 WHEREAS, the Department of Examiners of Public
8 Accounts (department) was created in 1947 as an entity under
9 the legislative branch of government under the supervision of
10 the Joint Legislative Committee on Public Accounts
11 (committee); and

12 WHEREAS, the duties of the department include
13 periodic reviews and audits of the finances, books, records,
14 and accounts of all state and county offices, officers,
15 bureaus, boards, commissions, corporations, agencies, and
16 departments, and to provide reports on expenditures,
17 contracts, and other audit findings found to be in violation
18 of the law; and

19 WHEREAS, the department receives significant funding
20 from the State of Alabama, including appropriations of
21 \$5,811,602 in state funds from the General Fund and \$6,266,034
22 from the Education Trust Fund for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, the committee has a responsibility to
25 ensure that the department operates as effectively and

1 efficiently as possible with the resources it has been given;
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3 WHEREAS, the National Conference of State
4 Legislatures (NCSL) has performed numerous legislative studies
5 and organizational reviews in Alabama and other states; and

6 WHEREAS, legislative leadership in both the House of
7 Representatives and the Senate has reached out to NCSL about
8 performing an organizational review of the Department; now
9 therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
11 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in support of the request of
12 the Joint Legislative Committee on Public Accounts, we request
13 NCSL to conduct an organizational review of the Department of
14 Examiners of Public Accounts, including a comparison of
15 similar operations and best practices in other states and a
16 review of the management practices, operations, procedures,
17 and structure of the department to improve its effectiveness,
18 accountability, and transparency.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we hereby direct the
20 Department of Examiners of Public Accounts to fully comply
21 with any requests made by the Joint Legislative Committee on
22 Public Accounts pursuant to its collaboration with the
23 National Conference of State Legislatures.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was adopted by the House 19-APR-16.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

21-APR-16

Adopted