

1 HJR35  
2 173587-1  
3 By Representatives Williams (P) and McCutcheon  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 11-FEB-16

2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8 REQUESTING THAT ELECTED OFFICIALS NOT SEEK CAMPAIGN  
9 FUNDS OR LEGAL DEFENSE FUNDS WHILE THE ALABAMA LEGISLATURE IS  
10 IN REGULAR OR SPECIAL SESSION IN 2016.

11  
12 WHEREAS, Section 17-5-7(b) (2), Code of Alabama 1975,  
13 specifically provides:

14 "Provided, however, candidates for legislative and  
15 statewide office and their principal campaign committees may  
16 not accept, solicit, or receive contributions during the  
17 period when the Legislature is convened in session. For  
18 purposes of this section, the Legislature is convened in  
19 session at any time from the opening day of the special or  
20 regular session and continued through the day of adjournment  
21 sine die for that session"; and

22 WHEREAS, while the cited provision of law does not  
23 specifically prohibit the solicitation of funding for legal  
24 defense, the opinion of many members of the Legislature is  
25 that legal defense funding should also be prohibited during  
26 any legislative session; and

1                   WHEREAS, in order to reestablish the general  
2 public's trust and confidence in elected officials in Alabama,  
3 it is necessary for the Legislature to go on record as  
4 prohibiting the solicitation of funds for campaign finances or  
5 legal defense during sessions of the Legislature; now  
6 therefore,

7                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
8 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we hereby express our resolve  
9 to refrain from the solicitation of campaign funding and legal  
10 defense funding, and to decline acceptance of any such funding  
11 during any legislative session in Alabama during 2016.

12                   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we request the House  
13 and Senate to each adopt this resolution pursuant to a roll  
14 call vote.