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3 HOUSE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT TO HB177
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8 On page 1, after line 11, insert the following:

9 This bill would also authorize the Alabama Office of
10 Information Technology to adopt a rule that allows any agency
11 under the purview of the office to accept electronic
12 signatures.
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14 On page 1, lines 18 and 22, delete "and 8-1A-18" and
15 insert in lieu thereof the following:

16 , 8-1A-18, and 8-1A-19
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18 On page 1, line 20, after "affairs" insert the
19 following:

20 ; and to authorize the Office of Information
21 Technology, by rule, to provide for the acceptance of
22 electronic signatures by any agency under the purview of the
23 office
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25 On page 3, line 27, delete the quote marks
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27 On page 3, after line 27, insert the following:

1 "§8-1A-19.

2 "(a) A governmental agency of this state which
3 adopts standards pursuant to Section 8-1A-18 may encourage and
4 promote consistency and interoperability with similar
5 requirements adopted by other governmental agencies of this
6 and other states and the federal government and
7 nongovernmental persons interacting with governmental agencies
8 of this state. If appropriate, those standards may specify
9 differing levels of standards from which governmental agencies
10 of this state may choose in implementing the most appropriate
11 standard for a particular application.

12 "(b) The Alabama Office of Information Technology,
13 by rule, may provide a procedure for any agency under the
14 purview of the office to create and retain electronic records,
15 convert written records to electronic records, and accept
16 electronic signatures. The rule shall satisfy the requirements
17 of Sections 8-1A-17 and 8-1A-18, shall be permissive, and may
18 not repeal, or alter, any existing or future agency rules
19 relating to electronic signatures or electronic records."