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3 By Representative Hall  
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1 minorities, including women, focusing on the improvement of  
2 the overall quality of life of minorities, specifically in the  
3 areas of education, health, economics, political participation  
4 and empowerment, housing, employment, civil rights, criminal  
5 justice, and race relations and to draft policy  
6 recommendations for addressing those issues.

7 "§36-13-51.

8 "(a) The office shall be managed by a Director of  
9 the ~~Governor's~~ Alabama Office of Minority Affairs, who shall  
10 be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The  
11 position of director shall be a Governor's cabinet position.

12 "(b) ~~The director may employ state Merit System and~~  
13 ~~non-Merit System staff~~ and prescribe the duties of employees  
14 for the office as he or she deems necessary to carry out the  
15 duties and functions of the office. All employees of the  
16 Governor who work in the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs  
17 on the effective date of the act adding this subsection shall  
18 be transferred to the Alabama Office of Minority Affairs with  
19 no loss of compensation or benefits. After the effective date  
20 of the act adding this subsection, the compensation of those  
21 employees shall be established by the director in an amount  
22 that does not exceed the amount of compensation paid to  
23 comparable Merit System classifications. All other employees  
24 of the office shall be employed pursuant to the state Merit  
25 System.

26 "(c) The director shall employ individuals in a  
27 manner to assure the office staff is inclusive and reflects

1 the racial, gender, geographic, urban, rural, and economic  
2 diversity of the state.

3 "§36-13-53.

4 "The Advisory ~~Board~~ Committee on Minority Affairs is  
5 created to act as a resource for the director in an advisory  
6 capacity. The ~~board~~ committee shall be comprised of  
7 representatives from various racial and ethnic communities,  
8 female representation, state government officials, and experts  
9 in education and work force. The ~~board~~ committee shall be  
10 appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

11 "§40-9F-38.

12 "(a) There is established the Historic Tax Credit  
13 Evaluating Committee, which shall review qualifying projects,  
14 approve credits for projects, and rank projects in the order  
15 in which the projects should receive tax credit reservations  
16 based on criteria established by the commission. The  
17 commission shall establish a review cycle for the committee  
18 beginning on January 1, 2018, provided that the committee  
19 shall meet at least quarterly unless no credits remain to be  
20 allocated. The Commissioner of Revenue shall be a ~~non-voting~~  
21 nonvoting member of the committee and provide advisory and  
22 technical support. The committee shall consist of the  
23 following:

24 "(1) The Director of the ~~Governor's~~ Alabama Office  
25 of Minority Affairs.

26 "(2) The Executive Director of the Alabama  
27 Historical Commission.

1           "(3) The Finance Director.

2           "(4) The Director of the Alabama Department of  
3 Economic and Community Affairs.

4           "(5) The Secretary of Commerce.

5           "(6) Two members of the Alabama House of  
6 Representatives, at least one of which shall be a member of  
7 the minority party, to be appointed by the Speaker of the  
8 House of Representatives.

9           "(7) Two members of the Alabama Senate, at least one  
10 of which shall be a member of the minority party, to be  
11 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

12           "(b) The Alabama Historical Commission shall adopt  
13 rules that shall set forth guidelines to be used by the  
14 committee in determining the allocation of credits. The  
15 guidelines shall set forth factors to be considered by the  
16 committee including: relative value of the proposed project to  
17 the particular community, including the maintenance of the  
18 historic fabric of the community; possible return on  
19 investment for the community in which the proposed project is  
20 located; the geographic distribution of projects; the  
21 likelihood of the project proceeding without the historic tax  
22 credit authorized in this article; and strength of local  
23 support for the proposed project. Included in the information  
24 to be required for the evaluation submitted in the application  
25 of any project shall be any additional tax credits or state,  
26 federal, or local government grants that the applicant expects  
27 to utilize for the construction of the project."

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

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