

HB236 ENROLLED



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 Relating to Calhoun County; to authorize the sheriff
4 and commissioner of licenses to obtain and use a credit card
5 for official uses.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

7 Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the
8 term "credit card" means a line of credit issued by a domestic
9 lender or credit card bank.

10 (b) To provide for convenience in making purchases of
11 tangible personal property or services approved by the
12 sheriff, in Calhoun County the sheriff may establish
13 procedures to make certain purchases through the use of a
14 credit card issued to the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office. The
15 sheriff shall adopt written policies and procedures governing
16 the use of credit cards which, at a minimum, shall include
17 each of the following:

18 (1) A monetary limit on the amount of any individual
19 purchase which may be made with a credit card.

20 (2) A monetary limit on the total monthly amount that
21 may be purchased with a credit card taking into consideration
22 the monetary limit of the fund to be used to pay any credit
23 card charges.

24 (3) Procedures to ensure that the sheriff has sole
25 access to any credit card, credit card number, access code, or
26 security code.

27 (4) Procedures to keep accurate records of all
28 purchases made with a credit card which shall be periodically



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29 reviewed during required audits.

30 (5) Procedures to ensure that all credit card bills are
31 carefully reviewed by the sheriff each month to ensure that no
32 unauthorized charges appear on any bill.

33 (6) Procedures to ensure that all credit card bills are
34 paid in full on a timely basis each month to avoid service
35 charges, late fees, or interest payments.

36 (c) The sheriff shall select the credit card provider
37 or providers taking into consideration each of the following:

38 (1) Whether the credit card issuer requires an annual
39 fee to use the account.

40 (2) Whether the credit card issuer offers rewards or
41 rebates based upon purchases made using the account.

42 (3) The interest rates, service charges, finance
43 charges, or late fees that may be assessed in the event a bill
44 from the credit card issuer is paid late or the balance is not
45 paid in full each month.

46 (4) Whether penalties or fees will be assessed against
47 the sheriff in the event he or she decides to terminate the
48 credit card account.

49 (5) Any other consideration deemed relevant by the
50 sheriff.

51 (d) In the event that a credit card provides rewards or
52 rebates based upon the use of the card, any rewards or rebates
53 earned from the card shall be deposited in the Law Enforcement
54 Fund or redeemed for a legitimate public purpose.

55 Section 2. (a) For the purpose of this section, "credit
56 card" means a line of credit issued by a domestic lender or



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57 credit card bank, and "commissioner" means the Commissioner of
58 Licenses in Calhoun County.

59 (b) To provide for convenience in making purchases of
60 tangible personal property or services approved by the
61 commissioner, the commissioner may establish procedures to
62 make certain purchases through the use of a credit card issued
63 to the commissioner. The commissioner shall adopt written
64 policies and procedures governing the use of credit cards
65 which, at a minimum, shall include each of the following:

66 (1) A monetary limit on the amount of any individual
67 purchase which may be made with a credit card.

68 (2) A monetary limit on the total monthly amount that
69 may be purchased with a credit card taking into consideration
70 the monetary limit of the fund to be used to pay any credit
71 card charges.

72 (3) Procedures to ensure that the commissioner has sole
73 access to any credit card, credit card number, access code, or
74 security code.

75 (4) Procedures to keep accurate records of all
76 purchases made with a credit card which shall be periodically
77 reviewed during required audits.

78 (5) Procedures to ensure that all credit card bills are
79 carefully reviewed by the commissioner each month to ensure
80 that no unauthorized charges appear on any bill.

81 (6) Procedures to ensure that all credit card bills are
82 paid in full on a timely basis each month to avoid service
83 charges, late fees, or interest payments.

84 (c) The commissioner shall select the credit card



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85 provider or providers taking into consideration each of the
86 following:

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89 (2) Whether the credit card issuer offers rewards or
90 rebates based on purchases made using the account.

91 (3) The interest rates, service charges, finance
92 charges, or late fees that may be assessed in the event a bill
93 from the credit card issuer is paid late or the balance is not
94 paid in full each month.

95 (4) Whether penalties or fees will be assessed against
96 the commissioner in the event he or she decides to terminate
97 the credit card account.

98 (5) Any other consideration deemed relevant by the
99 commissioner.

100 (d) In the event that a credit card provides rewards or
101 rebates based on the use of the card, any rewards or rebates
102 earned from the card shall be credited against the balance of
103 the credit card account or redeemed for a legitimate public
104 purpose.

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



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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 passed by the House 18-Apr-23.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

04-May-23

Passed