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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 To authorize the Sheriff of Morgan County to establish
4 procedures to make limited purchases using a credit card or
5 debit card provided the proper procedures are followed.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

7 Section 1.(a) For purposes of this act, the following
8 words have the following meanings:

9 (1) CREDIT CARD. A line of credit issued by a domestic
10 lender or credit card bank.

11 (2) DEBIT CARD. A card issued by a bank in relation to
12 a checking or savings account held by the Morgan County
13 Sheriff's Office.

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

22 (1) A monetary limit on the amount of any individual
23 purchase which may be made with a credit card or debit card.

24 (2) A monetary limit on the total monthly amount that
25 may be purchased with a credit card or debit card taking into
26 consideration the monetary limit of the discretionary fund
27 used.

28 (3) Procedures to ensure that the sheriff has sole



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29 access to any credit card or debit card, credit card or debit
30 card numbers, access codes, or security codes.

31 (4) Procedures to keep accurate records of all
32 purchases made with a credit card or debit card which shall be
33 periodically reviewed during required audits.

34 (5) Procedures to ensure that all credit card and debit
35 card bills are carefully reviewed by the sheriff each month to
36 make sure that no unauthorized charges appear on the bill.

37 (6) Procedures to ensure that all credit card and debit
38 card bills are paid in full on a timely basis each month to
39 avoid service charges, late fees, or interest payments.

40 (7) The sheriff shall select the credit card or debit
41 card provider or providers taking into consideration each of
42 the following:

43 a. Whether the credit card or debit card issuer
44 requires an annual fee for utilizing the card.

45 b. Whether the credit card or debit card issuer offers
46 rewards or rebates based upon purchases made utilizing the
47 account.

48 c. What interest rates, service charges, finance
49 charges, or late fees will be assessed in event a bill from
50 the credit card or debit card issuer is paid late or the
51 balance is not paid in full.

52 d. Whether penalties or fees will be assessed against
53 the sheriff in the event he or she decides to terminate the
54 credit card or debit card.

55 e. Any other consideration deemed relevant by the
56 sheriff.



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57 (c) In the event the credit card or debit card provides
58 rewards or rebates based upon the use of the card, any rewards
59 or rebates earned from the card or cards shall be deposited in
60 the Sheriff's Discretionary Fund of Morgan County.

61 Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately
62 following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its
63 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 25-Apr-23.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

17-May-23

Passed