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3 By Senator Singleton
4 RFD: County and Municipal Government
5 First Read: 04-Apr-24



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 Relating to the Legislature; to add Section 29-4-7 to
5 the Code of Alabama 1975; to provide that the Secretary of the
6 Senate, the Clerk of the House of Representatives, the
7 Director of the Legislative Services Agency, and the Chief
8 Examiner of the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts may
9 expend any available funds to further the mission of the
10 agencies in certain circumstances; to allow an agency,
11 department, board, bureau, commission, committee, institution,
12 corporation, authority, or office of this state may expend
13 public funds to further the mission of the agencies in certain
14 circumstances; to amend Section 29-1-19 and Section 29-1-19.1,
15 as last amended by Act 2023-224, 2023 Regular Session, Code of
16 Alabama 1975, to clarify the particular spaces in the Capitol
17 and other buildings to which the Clerk of the House of
18 Representatives, the Secretary of the Senate, and the Director
19 of the Legislative Services Agency have access; and to
20 authorize the Legislature to control the entire portion of
21 certain streets near the State Capitol complex in the City of
22 Montgomery when those streets are closed by the City of
23 Montgomery.

24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

25 Section 1. Section 29-4-7 is added to the Code of
26 Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

27 §29-4-7

28 The Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House of



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29 Representatives, the Director of the Legislative Services
30 Agency, and the Chief Examiner of the Department of Examiners
31 of Public Accounts may expend any available funds to purchase
32 promotional items, items to recognize achievements or
33 otherwise award staff, items to commemorate persons recognized
34 by the Legislature, and to purchase meals for staff during
35 training and while the Legislature is in legislative session
36 with a certification that the staff were required or expected
37 to work extended hours or through a regular meal time. Meals
38 and other items provided pursuant to this section shall be
39 limited to amounts that comply with United States Internal
40 Revenue Service guidance on de minimis fringe benefits.

41 Section 2. An agency, department, board, bureau,
42 commission, committee, institution, corporation, authority, or
43 office of this state may expend public funds for the purchase
44 of promotional items of nominal value for the purpose of
45 carrying out its statutory duties, items to commemorate
46 persons recognized for achievement or exceptional performance,
47 and to purchase meals for staff during training or extended
48 work sessions. Meals and other items provided pursuant to this
49 section shall be limited to amounts that comply with United
50 States Internal Revenue Service guidance on de minimis fringe
51 benefits.

52 Section 3. Section 29-1-19 and Section 29-1-19.1, as
53 last amended by Act 2023-224, 2023 Regular Session, Code of
54 Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

55 "§29-1-19

56 (a) The House of Representatives shall have the use of



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57 all offices, rooms, corridors, lavatories, and other usable
58 space located on the second floor in the south wing of the
59 Capitol. The Senate shall have the use of all offices, rooms,
60 corridors, lavatories, and other usable space located on the
61 second floor in the north wing of the Capitol. All of ~~said~~
62 this space shall be for the use of the Legislature, ~~and the~~
63 committees, members, officers, and employees thereof. The
64 Clerk of the House shall have and exercise custody, control,
65 and care of the space ~~herein-designated~~ in this subsection for
66 the use of the House of Representatives, and the Secretary of
67 the Senate shall have and exercise custody, control, and care
68 of the space ~~herein-so~~ designated for the use of the Senate.

69 (b) In addition, the Secretary of the Senate shall have
70 and exercise full custody, control, and care of the Senate
71 chamber and the rooms adjacent thereto on the south side
72 thereof, and the Clerk of the House shall have and exercise
73 full custody, control, and care of the hall of the House of
74 Representatives and the rooms adjacent thereto on the north
75 side thereof, and rooms 213 and 214, and, while the
76 Legislature is in session, room 216, in the Capitol building.
77 The Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House shall
78 jointly have custody, control, and care of all rooms on the
79 third floor of the Capitol for the use of the Legislature.

80 (c) In addition, whenever it is deemed necessary for
81 the Legislature to convene at any place outside of the
82 Capitol, the Clerk of the House shall have the use of and
83 exercise full custody, control, and care of all offices,
84 rooms, corridors, lavatories, and other usable space ~~on the~~



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85 ~~floor of the building in which~~ assigned to or occupied by the
86 ~~House of Representatives meets or occupies; and;~~ the Secretary
87 of the Senate shall have the use of and exercise full custody,
88 control, and care of all offices, rooms, corridors,
89 lavatories, and other usable space on the floor of the
90 ~~building in which~~ assigned to or occupied by the Senate; ~~meets~~
91 ~~or occupies~~ and the Clerk of the House, the Secretary of the
92 Senate, and the Director of the Legislative Services Agency
93 shall have the use of and exercise full custody, control, and
94 care of all offices, rooms, corridors, lavatories, and other
95 usable space jointly used or occupied by joint legislative
96 staff."

97 "§29-1-19.1

98 (a) The Legislature of the State of Alabama may control
99 the usage of a certain portion of those streets adjacent to
100 the State Capitol complex in the City of Montgomery and the
101 grounds of the State Capitol building, viz: That portion of
102 King Street and Pelham Street, lying between Union and Ripley
103 Streets ~~(over which the city has relinquished control)~~; the
104 parking lot located across Union Street to the rear of the
105 Capitol building between the administrative building and
106 highway building and bounded by Union, Ripley, and King
107 Streets and McDowell Lee Lane owned by the Legislative Council
108 of the State of Alabama; the parking facilities connected to
109 and adjacent to the former Highway Department Building and now
110 designated "the Alabama State House"; all of that lot bounded
111 by Washington, Jackson, and Ripley Streets and McDowell Lee
112 Lane owned by the ~~State of Alabama~~ Retirement Systems of



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113 Alabama; and the driveway and parking spaces on the grounds
114 surrounding the Capitol itself, all the aforesaid being
115 exclusive of any right-of-way or rights-of-way or parking
116 facilities ~~now controlled by the City of Montgomery.~~

117 (b) The Legislature may exercise control over the usage
118 of the areas through the joint parking committee created by
119 Act No. 8, Organizational Session 1975, or its successor, or
120 by subsequent legislative action; and the chief of services of
121 the division of services shall work in cooperation with the
122 Legislature regarding any action taken by the Legislature as
123 hereby authorized.

124 (c) If any street adjoining property controlled by the
125 Legislature as described in subsection (a) is closed by the
126 City of Montgomery, the Legislature gains control of the
127 entirety of the street, and the Legislature shall grant
128 adjacent and surrounding property owners unimpeded access to
129 their property."

130 Section 4. This act shall become effective on October
131 1, 2024.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 16-Apr-24
I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed
the Senate, as amended.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
Passed: 02-May-24

By: Senator Singleton