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3 SJR24 ESTABLISHING THE ALABAMA-IRELAND TRADE COMMISSION. 4 5 6 WHEREAS, the contributions of Ireland to our civilization have been enormous: through her missionaries 7 8 and scholars, her achievements in science, literature, the 9 arts, entrepreneurship, and music, and not least in the back-breaking labor borne by her sons and daughters without 10 11 number who helped build our nation, all of which are the 12 achievements of a people who only officially joined the 13 family of nations 100 years ago; and WHEREAS, generations of Irish Alabamians and their 14 15 descendants have left a lasting mark on our state and its heritage, such as pioneering educator Margaret Murray 16 Washington, faithful witness Reverend James Coyle, and 17 Heisman Trophy winner Pat Sullivan; and 18 19 WHEREAS, as our respective economies increasingly diversify in the global economy, both the State of Alabama 20 21 and the Republic of Ireland now participate in the global economy, with the value of Alabama's exports to Ireland 22 23 increasing nearly 75 percent in 2021-2022 alone, while Irish companies such as James Hardie and CHR are investing 24 25 directly in Alabama and its workers, we believe that our 26 economic and cultural relationship with Ireland should no longer be taken for granted; now therefore, 27

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- BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Alabama-Ireland Trade
 Commission is created to foster closer ties of friendship
 between the State of Alabama and the Republic of Ireland.
- 32 (a) The Alabama-Ireland Trade Commission shall be 33 comprised of the following members:
- 34 (1) A majority member and a minority member of the 35 Senate, to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the 36 Senate, with preference to be given to any senator who is a 37 member of the American Irish State Legislators Caucus or a 38 sponsor of this resolution.
- 39 (2) A majority member and a minority member of the 40 House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of 41 the House of Representatives, with preference to be given to 42 any representative who is a member of the American Irish 43 State Legislators Caucus or a sponsor of this resolution.
- 44 (3) The Chair of the Senate Fiscal Responsibility and 45 Economic Development Committee, or his or her designee.
- 46 (4) The Chair of the House of Representatives
 47 Economic Development and Tourism Committee, or his or her
 48 designee.
- 49 (5) The Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries, 50 or his or her designee.
- 51 (6) The Secretary of Commerce, or his or her designee.
- 53 (7) The Director of the Alabama Port Authority, or 54 his or her designee.



- 55 (8) An individual recognized for his or her private 56 sector experience in international trade and exports to be 57 appointed by the Governor.
- (9) An individual who is active in Irish-American
 cultural and civic affairs, and who has a history of
 cooperation in the legislative process, to be appointed by
 the Lieutenant Governor.
- (10) Two individuals from public higher education who
 have experience or professional or academic interest in
 Alabama-Ireland trade relations, to be appointed
 respectively by the Chancellor of The University of Alabama
 System and the President of Auburn University.
- 67 (11) The President of the Business Council of 68 Alabama, or his or her designee.
- (12) The Alabama State Director of the NationalFederation of Independent Business, or his or her designee.
- 71 (13) Up to 11 individuals active in international 72 trade or business, economic development, and cultural 73 exchange, to be appointed by the Government of Ireland.

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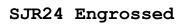
- (b) (1) The appointing authorities on behalf of the State of Alabama shall coordinate their appointments to assure the study commission membership is inclusive and reflects the racial, gender, geographic, urban, rural, and economic diversity of the state.
- 79 (2) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall 80 call the first meeting of the commission to be held at a 81 date no later than September 20, 2024, at which the members 82 shall elect a chair from among the legislative membership



- 83 and assign study and reporting responsibilities to the
- members.
- 85 (3) The legislative members of the commission shall
- 86 be entitled to their legislative compensation, per diem, and
- 87 travel expenses for each day they attend a meeting of the
- 88 commission pursuant to Section 49 of the Constitution of
- 89 Alabama of 2022.
- 90 (4) The non-legislative members of the commission
- 91 from the State of Alabama shall serve without compensation
- 92 but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses in attending
- 93 commission meetings pursuant to the policies of the
- 94 respective appointing authority.
- 95 (c)(1) The commission shall meet as necessary to
- 96 conduct its business.
- 97 (2) A quorum for a meeting shall be 14 members.
- 98 (3) After the first meeting, the commission may meet
- 99 by electronic means.
- 100 (d) The purpose of the commission shall be to
- 101 accomplish the following:
- 102 (1) Advance bilateral trade and investment between
- 103 the State of Alabama and the Republic of Ireland.
- 104 (2) Encourage mutual investment in the State of
- 105 Alabama and the Republic of Ireland, especially in
- 106 infrastructure and human capital.
- 107 (3) Promote sustained business, educational, and
- 108 cultural exchanges, and policy issues of mutual benefit,
- 109 between the State of Alabama and the Republic of Ireland.



110	(e) The commission shall annually report to the
111	Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of
112	Representatives, and the Secretary of Commerce, no later
113	than the third day of the Regular Session of the Legislature
114	on the number of times it met during the preceding 12 months
115	and shall include minutes of its meetings, with any interim
116	recommendations or requests that may assist its work.
117	(f) Pursuant to Section 36-14-17.1, Code of Alabama
118	1975, the commission shall provide to the Secretary of State
119	a notice of all meetings, the name of each member serving on
120	the commission, and a copy of all reports and written
121	recommendations produced throughout the duration of the
122	commission.
123	(g) The Senate and the Legislative Services Agency
124	shall provide administrative and professional services as
125	needed to the commission.
126	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon enactment of this
127	resolution, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall
128	transmit a copy of this resolution to Senator Mark Daly,
129	Seanad Eireann; Ms. Caoimhe Ni Chonchuir, Consul General of
130	Ireland in Atlanta; Mr. Leo Clancy, Chief Executive Officer
131	of Enterprise Ireland; and Mr. Michael Lohan, Chief
132	Executive Officer of IDA Ireland.





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147	Patrick Harris,
148	Secretary.
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