

HB101 ENROLLED



1 HB101
2 AP6XQ77-2
3 By Representative Shirey (N & P)
4 RFD: Mobile County Legislation
5 First Read: 04-Feb-25
6 PFD: 29-Jan-25



HB101 Enrolled

1 Enrolled, An Act,

2

3 Relating to Mobile County; to authorize the sheriff to
4 establish procedures for using a credit card or debit card to
5 make purchases pursuant to procedures provided for in this
6 act.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

8 Section 1. (a) For purposes of this section, the
9 following terms have the following meanings:

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

12 (2) DEBIT CARD. A card issued by a bank in relation to
13 a checking or savings account authorized by law to be expended
14 at the discretion of the Mobile County Sheriff's Office.

15 (b) To provide for convenience in making purchases of
16 tangible personal property or services approved by the
17 sheriff, the Sheriff of Mobile County may establish procedures
18 to make certain purchases through the use of a credit card or
19 debit card issued to the Mobile County Sheriff's Office.

20 (c) The sheriff shall adopt written policies and
21 procedures governing the use of a credit card or debit card.
22 The policies and procedures, at a minimum, shall include each
23 of the following:

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

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



HB101 Enrolled

29 used.

30 (3) Procedures to ensure that the sheriff, or his or
31 her designee, has sole access to any credit card or debit
32 card, credit card or debit card numbers, access codes, or
33 security codes.

34 (4) Procedures to keep accurate records of all
35 purchases made with a credit card or debit card, which shall
36 be periodically reviewed during required audits.

37 (5) Procedures to ensure that all credit card or debit
38 card bills are carefully reviewed by the sheriff each month to
39 ensure that no unauthorized charges appear on the bill.

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

43 (d) The sheriff shall select a credit card or debit
44 card provider or providers taking into consideration each of
45 the following:

46 (1) Whether the credit card or debit card issuer
47 requires an annual fee for using the card.

48 (2) Whether the credit card or debit card issuer offers
49 rewards or rebates based upon purchases made using the
50 account.

51 (3) The interest rates, service charges, finance
52 charges, or late fees that will be assessed if a bill from the
53 credit card or debit card issuer is paid late or the balance
54 is not paid in full.

55 (4) Whether penalties or fees will be assessed against
56 the sheriff if the sheriff decides to terminate the credit



HB101 Enrolled

57 card or debit card.

58 (5) Any other consideration deemed relevant by the
59 sheriff.

60 (e) If a credit card or debit card provides rewards or
61 rebates based upon the use of the card, any rewards or rebates
62 earned from the card or cards shall be deposited in the
63 discretionary account of the Mobile County Sheriff's Office.

64 (f) The sole purpose of this section is to provide the
65 Sheriff of Mobile County a more efficient method of making
66 payment for authorized purchases of tangible property or
67 services. Nothing in this section shall authorize the Sheriff
68 of Mobile County to expend funds in excess of those otherwise
69 validly appropriated by law, nor shall anything in this
70 section authorize the Sheriff of Mobile County to establish a
71 debt of the Mobile County Commission.

72 Section 2. This act shall become effective June 1,
73 2025.



HB101 Enrolled

74
75
76
77
78
79
80
81
82
83
84
85
86
87
88
89
90
91
92
93
94
95
96
97
98
99
100
101
102
103
104
105

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-Feb-25.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

19-Mar-25

Passed