

## HB220 ENROLLED



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3 By Representative Hill (N & P)  
4 RFD: Local Legislation  
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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

7 Section 1. (a) For purposes of this section, the  
8 following terms 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 authorized by law to be expended  
13 at the discretion of the St. Clair County 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 St. Clair County may establish  
17 procedures to make certain purchases through the use of a  
18 credit card or debit card issued to the St. Clair County  
19 Sheriff's Office.

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(4) Whether penalties or fees will be assessed against the sheriff if the sheriff decides to terminate the credit card or debit card.



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

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

64 (f) The sole purpose of this section is to provide the  
65 Sheriff of St. Clair 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 St. Clair County to expend funds in excess of those  
69 otherwise validly appropriated by law, nor shall anything in  
70 this section authorize the Sheriff of St. Clair County to  
71 establish a debt of the St. Clair County Commission.

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



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and  
was passed by the House 27-Feb-25.

John Treadwell  
Clerk

Senate

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**01-Apr-25**

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