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10 Baker, Pringle, Whitt, Paramore, Reynolds, Stubbs, Bolton,

11 Mooney, Hulsey, Sells, Ingram, Rigsby, Robbins

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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 This bill would rename the Gulf of Mexico as the
6 "Gulf of America."

7 This bill would also require all state and local
8 entities and all employees of those entities to observe
9 and implement the name change where practicable.
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12 A BILL
13 TO BE ENTITLED
14 AN ACT
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16 Relating to the Gulf of Mexico; to rename the Gulf of
17 Mexico as the "Gulf of America"; and to require all state and
18 local entities and all employees of those entities to observe
19 and implement the name change, where practicable.

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

21 Section 1. For all purposes within the State of
22 Alabama, the body of water that borders the coast of Alabama,
23 previously known as the Gulf of Mexico, shall be known as the
24 "Gulf of America." Any reference to the Gulf of Mexico shall
25 be deemed to be a reference to the Gulf of America.

26 Section 2. Beginning July 1, 2025, all state and local
27 entities and their employees shall be required to do all of
28 the following:



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29 (1) Refer to the body of water that borders the coast
30 of Alabama as the "Gulf of America."

31 (2) Reflect the "Gulf of America" terminology in all
32 newly created maps, documents, educational materials,
33 websites, official communications, and other resources.

34 (3)a. Make reasonable efforts to update all
35 pre-existing resources owned by state and local entities,
36 including, but not limited to, official state maps, documents,
37 educational materials, websites, and communications under
38 their jurisdiction to reflect the name change where
39 practicable.

40 b. The requirements of paragraph a. shall not apply if
41 compliance would impose an undue burden, meaning significant
42 difficulty or expense, on the state or local entity and their
43 employees.

44 Section 3. This act shall become effective on July 1,
45 2025.