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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to Chilton County; to authorize the Board of Commissioners of Chilton County 911 to establish procedures for the Director of Chilton County 911 to make purchases using a credit card or debit card issued to Chilton County 911 under certain conditions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

(1) BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. The Board of Commissioners of Chilton County 911.

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

(3) DEBIT CARD. A card issued by a bank in relation to a checking or savings account authorized by law to be expended at the discretion of Chilton County 911.

(4) DIRECTOR. The Director of Chilton County 911.

(b) To provide convenience in making purchases of tangible personal property or services by Chilton County 911, the Board of Commissioners of Chilton County 911 may adopt procedures to make certain purchases using a credit card or



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29 debit card issued to Chilton County 911. The procedures, at a
30 minimum, shall include each of the following:

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

33 (2) A monetary limit on the total monthly amount that
34 may be purchased with a credit card or debit card, taking into
35 consideration the monetary limit of the discretionary fund
36 used.

37 (3) Procedures to ensure that the Director of Chilton
38 County 911, or the assistant director if designated by the
39 director, has sole access to any credit card or debit card,
40 credit card or debit card numbers, access codes, or security
41 codes.

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

45 (5) Procedures to ensure that all credit card or debit
46 card bills are carefully reviewed by the director each month
47 to ensure that no unauthorized charges appear.

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

51 (c) The director shall select a credit card or debit
52 card provider or providers taking into consideration each of
53 the following:

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

56 (2) Whether the credit card or debit card issuer offers



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57 rewards or rebates based upon purchases made using the
58 account.

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

63 (4) Whether penalties or fees will be assessed against
64 the director in the event he or she decides to terminate the
65 credit card or debit card.

66 (5) Any other consideration deemed relevant by the
67 board of commissioners.

68 (d) In the event a credit card or debit card provides
69 rewards or rebates based upon the use of the card, any rewards
70 or rebates earned from the card or cards shall be deposited in
71 the discretionary account of Chilton County 911.

72 (e) The sole purpose of this section is to provide
73 Chilton County 911 a more efficient method of making payment
74 for authorized purchases of tangible property or services.
75 Nothing in this section authorizes Chilton County 911 to
76 expend funds in excess of those otherwise validly appropriated
77 by law or authorizes Chilton County 911 to establish a debt of
78 Chilton County or the Chilton County Commission.

79 Section 2. This act shall become effective on June 1,
80 2025.