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1 Enrolled, An Act,

2 Relating to Fayette County; to authorize the sheriff to
3 establish procedures to use a credit card for official uses.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

5 Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the
6 term "credit card" means a line of credit issued by a domestic
7 lender or credit card bank.

8 (b) To provide for convenience in making purchases of
9 tangible personal property or services approved by the
10 sheriff, in Fayette County the sheriff may establish
11 procedures to make certain purchases through the use of a
12 credit card issued to the Fayette County Sheriff's Office. The
13 sheriff shall adopt written policies and procedures governing
14 the use of credit cards which, at a minimum, shall include
15 each of the following:

16 (1) A monetary limit on the amount of any individual
17 purchase which may be made with a credit card.

18 (2) A monetary limit on the total monthly amount that
19 may be purchased with a credit card taking into consideration
20 the monetary limit of the fund to be used to pay any credit
21 card charges.

22 (3) Procedures to ensure that the sheriff or his or her
23 designee has sole access to any credit card, credit card
24 number, access code, or security code.

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

28 (5) Procedures to ensure that all credit card bills are



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29 carefully reviewed by the sheriff each month to ensure that no
30 unauthorized charges appear on any bill.

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

34 (c) The sheriff shall select the credit card provider
35 or providers taking into consideration each of the following:

36 (1) Whether the credit card issuer requires an annual
37 fee to use the account.

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

40 (3) The interest rates, service charges, finance
41 charges, or late fees that may be assessed in the event a bill
42 from the credit card issuer is paid late or the balance is not
43 paid in full each month.

44 (4) Whether penalties or fees will be assessed against
45 the sheriff in the event he or she decides to terminate the
46 credit card account.

47 (5) Any other consideration deemed relevant by the
48 sheriff.

49 (d) In the event that a credit card provides rewards or
50 rebates based upon the use of the card, any rewards or rebates
51 earned from the card shall be deposited in the Law Enforcement
52 Fund or used for law enforcement purposes.

53 Section 2. This act shall become effective on June 1,
54 2025.

