

## HJR163 ENROLLED



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3 By Representatives Hill, Robbins  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 20-Mar-25



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 CREATING THE JOINT INTERIM STUDY COMMISSION ON COURT COSTS.  
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6 WHEREAS, court costs are inconsistent throughout the  
7 state; and

8 WHEREAS, a simple, standardized, and transparent set  
9 of court costs would be beneficial for the state; now  
10 therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is created the Joint  
13 Interim Study Commission on Court Costs to study court costs  
14 and make recommendations to make court costs more uniform  
15 throughout the state.

16 (a) The membership of the study commission shall  
17 consist of all of the following:

18 (1) The Chairs of the House of Representatives Ways  
19 and Means General Fund and Senate Finance and Taxation  
20 General Fund Committees.

21 (2) The Chairs of the House of Representatives  
22 Judiciary Committee and Senate Judiciary Committee.

23 (3) The ranking minority members of the House of  
24 Representatives Judiciary Committee and Senate Judiciary  
25 Committee.

26 (4) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of  
27 Alabama, or his or her designee.

28 (5) Three circuit judges appointed by the President



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of the Alabama Association of Circuit Court Judges.

(6) One district judge appointed by the President of the Alabama Association of District Court Judges.

(7) Two district attorneys appointed by the President of the Alabama District Attorneys Association.

(8) Three practicing attorneys appointed by the President of the Alabama State Bar.

(9) One circuit clerk appointed by the President of the Alabama Circuit Clerks Association.

(10) The Executive Director of the Association of County Commissions of Alabama, or his or her designee.

(11) The Executive Director of the Office of Prosecution Services, or his or her designee.

(b) The appointing authorities shall coordinate their appointments to assure study commission membership is inclusive and reflects the racial, gender, geographic, urban, rural, and economic diversity of the state.

(c) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Alabama, or his or her designee, shall serve as the chair of the study commission. The first meeting of the study commission shall be held at the call of the chair no later than 30 days after this resolution's passage. The task force may then meet as necessary to conduct business.

(d) The House of Representatives and the Legislative Services Agency shall provide administrative and other assistance for the work of the study commission as necessary.

(e) (1) The legislative members of the study



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57 commission shall be entitled to their legislative  
58 compensation, per diem, and travel expenses for each day  
59 they attend a meeting of the study commission in accordance  
60 with Section 49 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022.

61 (2) The nonlegislative members of the study  
62 commission shall serve without compensation but may be  
63 reimbursed for necessary expenses in attending meetings of  
64 the study commission according pursuant to the policies of  
65 their respective appointing authorities.

66 (f) The study commission shall prepare a report of  
67 its recommendations for proposed legislation to the  
68 Legislature not later than the fifth legislative day of the  
69 2026 Regular Session, at which point the study commission  
70 shall stand dissolved and discharged of any future duties  
71 and liabilities.

72 (g) Pursuant to Section 36-14-17.1, Code of Alabama  
73 1975, the study commission shall provide a notice of all  
74 meetings, the name of each member serving on the study  
75 commission, and a copy of its final report and any other  
76 documents produced by the study commission throughout its  
77 duration to the Secretary of State.

78 (h) Each appointing authority named herein shall be  
79 provided a copy of this resolution upon its passage.



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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 03-Apr-25.

John Treadwell  
Clerk

Senate

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**24-Apr-25**

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