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

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- 1 <u>Enrolled</u>, 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
- 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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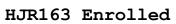


- 29 of the Alabama Association of Circuit Court Judges.
- 30 (6) One district judge appointed by the President of
- 31 the Alabama Association of District Court Judges.
- 32 (7) Two district attorneys appointed by the President
- 33 of the Alabama District Attorneys Association.
- 34 (8) Three practicing attorneys appointed by the
- 35 President of the Alabama State Bar.
- 36 (9) One circuit clerk appointed by the President of
- 37 the Alabama Circuit Clerks Association.
- 38 (10) The Executive Director of the Association of
- 39 County Commissions of Alabama, or his or her designee.
- 40 (11) The Executive Director of the Office of
- 41 Prosecution Services, or his or her designee.
- 42 (b) The appointing authorities shall coordinate their
- 43 appointments to assure study commission membership is
- 44 inclusive and reflects the racial, gender, geographic,
- 45 urban, rural, and economic diversity of the state.
- 46 (c) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of
- 47 Alabama, or his or her designee, shall serve as the chair of
- 48 the study commission. The first meeting of the study
- 49 commission shall be held at the call of the chair no later
- 50 than 30 days after this resolution's passage. The task force
- 51 may then meet as necessary to conduct business.
- 52 (d) The House of Representatives and the Legislative
- 53 Services Agency shall provide administrative and other
- assistance for the work of the study commission as
- 55 necessary.
- (e) (1) The legislative members of the study

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- commission shall be entitled to their legislative
 compensation, per diem, and travel expenses for each day
 they attend a meeting of the study commission in accordance
- 60 with Section 49 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022.
- (2) The nonlegislative members of the study
 commission shall serve without compensation but may be
 reimbursed for necessary expenses in attending meetings of
 the study commission according pursuant to the policies of
 their respective appointing authorities.
- (f) The study commission shall prepare a report of
 its recommendations for proposed legislation to the
 Legislature not later than the fifth legislative day of the
 2026 Regular Session, at which point the study commission
 shall stand dissolved and discharged of any future duties
 and liabilities.
- (g) Pursuant to Section 36-14-17.1, Code of Alabama
 1975, the study commission shall provide a notice of all
 meetings, the name of each member serving on the study
 commission, and a copy of its final report and any other
 documents produced by the study commission throughout its
 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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	and was p	assed by the House 03-Apr-25.	
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