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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. (a) This act shall be known and may be cited
22 as the Gulf of America Act.

23 (b) For all purposes within the State of Alabama, the
24 body of water that borders the coast of Alabama, previously
25 known as the Gulf of Mexico, shall be known as the "Gulf of
26 America." Any reference to the Gulf of Mexico shall be deemed
27 to be a reference to the Gulf of America.

28 Section 2. Beginning October 1, 2025, all state and



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local entities and their employees shall be required to do all of the following:

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

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

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

b. The requirements of paragraph a. shall not apply if compliance would impose an operational or financial burden on the state or local entity and their employees.

Section 3. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a public K-12 school or public institution of higher education from using the term "Gulf of Mexico" within a larger course of academic instruction when reasonable for historical purposes.

Section 4. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2026.