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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to Montgomery County; to authorize the judge of probate to establish procedures to make limited purchases using a credit card.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

(b) To provide for convenience in making purchases of tangible personal property or services approved by the judge of probate, the Judge of Probate of Montgomery County may establish procedures to make purchases through use of a credit card issued to the Montgomery County Probate Court's Office. The judge of probate may adopt written policy and procedures governing the use of credit cards which, at a minimum, shall include each of the following:

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

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



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29 (3) Procedures to ensure that only the judge of probate
30 or his or her designee have access to any credit card, credit
31 card numbers, access codes, or security codes.

32 (4) Procedures to keep accurate records of all
33 purchases made with a credit card, which shall be periodically
34 reviewed during required audits.

35 (5) Procedures to ensure that all credit card bills are
36 carefully reviewed by the judge of probate each month to
37 ensure that no unauthorized charges appear on the bill.

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

41 (7) The judge of probate shall select the credit card
42 provider or providers taking into consideration each of the
43 following:

44 a. Whether the credit card issuer requires an annual
45 fee for using the card.

46 b. Whether the credit card issuer offers rewards or
47 rebates based upon purchases made using the account.

48 c. What interest rates, service charges, finance
49 charges, or late fees will be assessed in the event a bill
50 from the credit card issuer is paid late or the balance is not
51 paid in full.

52 d. Whether penalties or fees will be assessed against
53 the judge of probate in the event he or she decides to
54 terminate the credit card.

55 e. Any other consideration deemed relevant by the judge
56 of probate.



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57 (c) In the event a credit card provides rewards or
58 rebates based upon the use of the card, the earned rewards or
59 rebates shall be deposited in the Judge of Probate Fund.

60 Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately.