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2 QNLNH41-1  
3 By Representative Gidley  
4 RFD: State Government  
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4 SYNOPSIS:

5           This bill would prohibit any government entity  
6           from using the term "West Bank" to refer to Judea and  
7           Samaria in any official government document.

8           This bill would also provide a mechanism for the  
9           head of a government entity to waive the prohibition.

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12                           A BILL  
13                           TO BE ENTITLED  
14                           AN ACT

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16           Relating to state government; to prohibit any  
17           government entity from using the term "West Bank" to refer to  
18           Judea and Samaria; to provide a waiver from the prohibition;  
19           and to provide Legislative findings.

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

21           Section 1. The Legislature finds and declares the  
22           following:

23           (1) The regions known as Judea and Samaria are the  
24           ancestral heartland of the Jewish people, comprising the  
25           historical, spiritual, and geographical core of the Land of  
26           Israel.

27           (2) The names "Judea" and "Samaria" are the  
28           historically, biblically, and legally accurate terms for the



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region. "Samaria" derives from the city established by King Omri, as recorded in 1 Kings 16:24. "Judea" refers to the territory of the Tribe of Judah, which included Jerusalem, Hebron, and surrounding regions.

(3) The use of the term "West Bank" is a deliberate attempt to erase the Jewish identity of Judea and Samaria and to obscure the deep historical, religious, and legal connections of the Jewish people to the land.

Section 2. (a) For the purposes of this act, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) GOVERNMENT ENTITY. The state, including any subdivision, agency, or instrumentality thereof.

(2) JUDEA AND SAMARIA. The land liberated by Israel from Jordan during the 1967 Six-Day War by its historical name of "Judea and Samaria," with the land south of Jerusalem being considered "Judea" and the land north of Jerusalem being considered "Samaria."

(3) OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT MATERIAL. Any guidance, rule, material, briefing, press release, communication, or work product document prepared by a government entity.

(b) No government entity may:

(1) Use the term "West Bank" to refer to Judea and Samaria in any official government material; or

(2) Use state funds to create an official government material that refers to Judea and Samaria as "West Bank."

(c) The executive head of a government entity may waive the prohibition provided in subsection (b) if he or she does both of the following:



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57 (1) Determines that it is in the interests of the state  
58 to waive the prohibition.

59 (2) No later than 30 days after the date on which he or  
60 she determines it is in the interests of the state to waive  
61 the prohibition, submits a written explanation of the waiver  
62 to:

63 a. The Legislature, if the Legislature is in session;  
64 or

65 b. The Legislative Council, if the Legislature is not  
66 in session.

67 Section 3. This act shall become effective on October  
68 1, 2026.