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ENROLLED, An Act,

Relating to the Secretary of State; to amend Section 36-14-1, Code of Alabama 1975, to allow the Secretary of State to provide digital copies of all bills, resolutions, and memorials electronically to the Legislature; and to eliminate the binding requirement.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 36-14-1, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§36-14-1.

"It is the duty of the Secretary of State:

"(1) To keep the state seal, the original statutes and public records of the state, and the records and papers belonging to the Legislature, keeping the papers of each house separate.

"(2) To attest commissions and all other public documents from the executive of the state and, when necessary, to affix the seal of the state thereto and to certify the same in his or her official capacity.

"(3) To record, in books proper for that purpose, all grants and patents issued by the state.

"(4) To keep all books, maps, and other papers appertaining to the survey of lands belonging to the state and the books and papers belonging to the land office.

1           "(5) To keep in his or her office the books, maps,  
2 and field notes of the late surveyor general of the United  
3 States for this state which are public archives of the state  
4 and, upon application, to give certified copies of the same,  
5 which shall be received in evidence in any of the courts of  
6 this state.

7           "(6) On application and the payment of lawful fees,  
8 to certify copies of all records, grants, papers, and laws of  
9 the several states or of the United States.

10           "(7) To make annually, by September 30, a verified  
11 and itemized account of all money and fees received in his or  
12 her office and of all payments and disbursements made, which  
13 must be reported to and filed with the Governor, and  
14 transmitted to the next succeeding Legislature.

15           "(8) To give notice to the district attorneys of the  
16 respective circuits or counties of all officers who fail to  
17 file their bonds in his or her office or make returns of  
18 elections within the time prescribed.

19           "(9) To procure the acts and resolutions of the  
20 Legislature.

21           "(10) To ~~receive from the state printer 10~~  
22 ~~additional~~ maintain electronically digital copies of all  
23 bills, joint resolutions, and memorials ~~printed~~ by order of  
24 either house of the Legislature ~~and, on the adjournment of~~  
25 ~~each session of the Legislature, to have one of each of such~~

1 ~~copies bound together in a cheap form and file them and the~~  
2 ~~copies not bound in his or her office.~~

3           "(11) On entering into the contract provided for in  
4 Section 11-3-25, to furnish to the county commissions, from  
5 the records now in his or her office, exact copies of the  
6 field notes of the original surveys of all the lands in their  
7 respective counties, which shall be books of proper size to be  
8 supplied by such courts, at the close of which he or she shall  
9 append his or her certificate as to the correctness thereof  
10 under the Great Seal of the State.

11           "(12) To procure from the general land office in  
12 Washington, D.C., complete lists of the entries of public  
13 lands in Alabama, so as to be enabled to complete the Alabama  
14 state tract books in his or her office to date, the expense  
15 attending the procurement of which to be paid upon his or her  
16 certificate to the Comptroller, or who shall draw a warrant on  
17 the Treasurer.

18           "(13) To procure lists of entries of public lands in  
19 this state annually, so as to comply with subdivision (14),  
20 the expense to be paid as provided in subdivision (12).

21           "(14) To enter on the tract books, by October 1 of  
22 each year, a list of all the lands (not already so entered)  
23 sold by the United States, and to make out and furnish each  
24 ~~probate judge~~ judge of probate, by January 1 of each year, a  
25 register or statement showing all the lands so sold in the

1 county of ~~such~~ the judge and not embraced in any register or  
2 statement previously furnished.

3 "(15) To file all deeds or leases ~~heretofore~~ given  
4 or which may be ~~hereafter~~ given conveying real property to the  
5 State of Alabama, or any of its departments, agencies,  
6 commissions, boards, institutions, or public corporations  
7 brought into existence by act of the Legislature, except tax  
8 sales deeds, in the office of the Secretary of State. The  
9 Secretary of State shall promptly record the deeds so filed in  
10 his or her office by writing, typewriting, photostat, or by  
11 electronic format and shall preserve the deeds as recorded in  
12 a well-bound book if not stored in electronic format. The  
13 Secretary of State shall be required to furnish a certified  
14 copy of all deeds filed for record in his or her office to any  
15 department, agency, commission, board, institution, or public  
16 corporation created by act of the Legislature, when any such  
17 department, agency, commission, board, institution, or public  
18 corporation formed or created by act of the Legislature  
19 desires a certified copy of such deed.

20 "(16) To perform such other duties as he or she is  
21 or may be required by law to perform.

22 "(17) To implement a central filing system that  
23 complies with regulations ~~promulgated~~ adopted by the Secretary  
24 of the United States Department of Agriculture pertaining to  
25 central filing of liens on farm products."

1                   Section 2. This act shall become effective  
2 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
3 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

