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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would create the Legislative Data
9 Center Joint Committee to manage the operation of
10 the Alabama Legislative Data Center.

11 The bill would provide for the membership,
12 compensation, powers, and duties of the committee
13 and would transfer the functions of the center to
14 the committee.

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16 A BILL
17 TO BE ENTITLED
18 AN ACT

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20 Creating the Legislative Data Center Joint
21 Committee; to provide for the membership, powers,
22 compensation, and duties of the committee; and to transfer the
23 operation and management of the Alabama Legislative Data
24 Center to the committee.

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1 Section 1. (a) There is hereby created a permanent
2 legislative committee to be known as the Legislative Data
3 Center Joint Committee.

4 (b) The committee shall be composed of three members
5 of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of
6 the House and three members of the Senate appointed by the
7 President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Initial committee members
8 shall be appointed within 30 days following the completion of
9 the 2013 regular legislative session. Successor committee
10 members shall be appointed at the 2015 regular legislative
11 session and each four years thereafter.

12 (c) Within 10 days after the membership of the
13 committee is named, it shall convene at a place and time
14 designated by the Speaker of the House in written notice given
15 to each member at least five days in advance to select a chair
16 and vice chair from the membership. The committee shall meet
17 thereafter at the request of the chair or as its members shall
18 determine, in both cases upon written notice by the chair at
19 least five days in advance; provided, that the committee shall
20 meet at least once each three months.

21 (d) Actions of the committee may be made by a
22 majority of members present and voting at any meeting,
23 provided a quorum is in attendance. A quorum shall consist of
24 a total of any five members who are representatives of both
25 the House of Representatives and the Senate.

26 (e) Members of the committee may serve on the
27 committee during the term in which appointed, and, if

1 reappointed to the same house without a break in service to
2 that house, during the succeeding legislative term until his
3 or her successor is appointed.

4 (f) (1) Beginning with the effective date of this act
5 and ending immediately after the 2014 General Election,
6 members of the committee shall receive the same compensation
7 and expenses for attendance of each meeting of the committee
8 as do members of the Legislature for attendance at sessions of
9 the Legislature or for attendance of interim legislative
10 committee or subcommittee meetings, based upon the rates of
11 payment that are greater. Additionally, members of the
12 committee, for attendance of a meeting of the committee, shall
13 receive a mileage allowance based on the mileage rate allowed
14 by the Internal Revenue Code for income tax deductions per
15 mile in lieu of actual expenses for transportation. For
16 attendance at meetings outside the State of Alabama on
17 committee business, the members shall receive the same
18 compensation as do members of the Legislature, and actual,
19 necessary expenses and transportation expenses. All such
20 compensation and expenses authorized by this section shall be
21 paid from funds appropriated to the use of the committee.

22 (2) Beginning with the commencement of the next
23 legislative quadrennium immediately following the 2014 General
24 Election, members of the committee shall receive compensation
25 and expense allowance pursuant to Amendment 871 to the
26 Constitution of Alabama of 1901.

1 Section 2. (a) Beginning October 1, 2013, the
2 Legislative Data Center Joint Committee shall oversee and
3 manage the budget, the hiring of employees, and the functions
4 and duties of the Alabama Legislative Data Center.

5 (b) The committee shall succeed to and is vested
6 with all powers of the Legislative Data Center.

7 (c) The functions of the Alabama Legislative Data
8 Center are transferred to the Legislative Data Center Joint
9 Committee beginning upon the creation of the committee and
10 shall be fully transferred no later than September 30, 2013.

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