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135232-1:n:12/19/2011:JET/th LRS2011-5852 1 2 3 5 6 7 SYNOPSIS: This bill would make revisions to the 8 Beason-Hammon Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen 9 10 Protection Act, the comprehensive immigration law 11 passed during the 2011 Regular Session and signed 12 by the Governor on June 9, 2011. 13 This bill would clarify the provision 14 15

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barring aliens who are unlawfully present from attending a public postsecondary institution.

This bill would repeal the provisions making the rental of a dwelling to an alien who is unlawfully present criminal harboring, create an exemption for certain religious activities from the criminal harboring and transporting provisions, repeal the provision making it a crime to encourage or induce an alien to reside in this state, repeal the provisions making it a crime to conspire to transport an unauthorized alien, and require the harboring provision to be interpreted in the same manner that federal courts interpret the parallel harboring provision.

This bill would allow an alien who is

unlawfully present to make bail if detained after a

stop for failure to demonstrate lawful presence or

citizenship.

This bill would provide business entities and employers in this state with an option to use federal E-Verify or a valid Alabama driver's license or identification card to verify the immigration status and eligibility of an employee.

This bill would also provide subcontractors on a project paid for by state contract, grant, or incentive with an option to use federal E-Verify or a valid Alabama driver's license or identification card to verify the immigration status and eligibility of an employee.

This bill would clarify that the provision governing the transfer of aliens who are unlawfully present to federal custody only applies to unauthorized aliens already in custody.

This bill would specify that the provision barring the state from contracting with aliens who are unlawfully present applies prospectively to contracts entered into after the effective date of the provision.

This bill would repeal the provisions relating to voter eligibility requirements and require the Secretary of State's office to educate

1 and provide information to the district attorneys regarding state and federal laws and requirements, including criminal penalties, associated with 3 attempts to register to vote by noncitizens.

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This bill would require district attorneys to notify the Secretary of State of prosecutions brought against noncitizens who attempt to register to vote and would require the Secretary of State to compile an annual report regarding issues related to this issue, including the information provided by the district attorneys.

This bill would clarify which "business transactions" unlawfully present aliens are prohibited from entering into with the state or a political subdivision of the state.

This bill also would repeal sections of the act relating to authorization of private lawsuits against public officials to compel enforcement of immigration laws, failure to complete or carry alien registration documents, and alien public education enrollment data.

Amendment 621 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, prohibits a general law whose purpose or effect would be to require a new or increased expenditure of local funds from

1 becoming effective with regard to a local 2 governmental entity without enactment by a 2/3 vote unless: it comes within one of a number of 3 specified exceptions; it is approved by the affected entity; or the Legislature appropriates 6 funds, or provides a local source of revenue, to 7 the entity for the purpose.

> The purpose or effect of this bill would be to require a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of the amendment. However, the bill does not require approval of a local governmental entity or enactment by a 2/3 vote to become effective because it comes within one of the specified exceptions contained in the amendment.

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To amend Sections 8, 9, 13, 15, 19, 20, 27, 29, and 30 of Act 2011-535, 2011 Regular Session, now appearing as Sections 31-13-8, 31-13-9, 31-13-13, 31-13-15, 31-13-18, 31-13-19, 31-13-26, 31-13-28, and 31-13-29, Code of Alabama 1975, and Section 32-6-9, Code of Alabama 1975, to: clarify the provision prohibiting illegal aliens from attending a public postsecondary institution; to repeal the provisions making the rental of a dwelling to an illegal alien criminal

harboring; exempt certain religious activities from the criminal harboring and transporting provisions; allow businesses and employers in this state, as well as subcontractors on projects paid for by state contract, grant, or incentive, to use the federal E-Verify program or a valid Alabama driver's license or identification card to verify the immigration status and eligibility of an employee; repeal the provisions making it a crime to encourage or induce an alien to reside in this state; repeal the provisions making it a crime to conspire to transport an unauthorized alien; require the harboring provisions to be interpreted in the same manner that federal courts interpret parallel harboring provision; allow an unlawfully present alien to make bail if detained after a stop for failure to demonstrate lawful presence or citizenship; clarify that the provision governing the transfer of unlawfully present aliens to federal custody applies only to unauthorized aliens already in custody; specify that the provision barring the state from contracting with unauthorized aliens applies prospectively to contracts entered into after the effective date of the provision; delete provisions relating to voter eligibility requirements; require the Secretary of State's office to educate and provide information to the district attorneys regarding attempts to vote by noncitizens; require district attorneys to notify the Secretary of State of prosecutions brought against noncitizens who attempt to register to vote; require the Secretary of State to report to the Legislature regarding voting and

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1 immigration issues; modify the definition of "business 2 transaction"; and repeal Sections 5 and 6, relating to the authorization of private lawsuits against public officials to 3 compel enforcement of immigration laws, 10, relating to failure to complete or carry alien registration documents, and 5 6 28, relating to alien public education enrollment data, of Act 7 2011-535, 2011 Regular Session, now appearing as Sections 31-13-5, 31-13-6, 31-13-10, and 31-13-27, Code of Alabama 8 9 1975; and in connection therewith would have as its purpose or 10 effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Amendment 621 of the 11 12 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 13 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended. 14

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Sections 8, 9, 13, and 15 of Act 2011-535, 2011 Regular Session, now appearing as Sections 31-13-8, 31-13-9, 31-13-13, and 31-13-15, Code of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

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"An alien who is not lawfully present in the United States shall not be permitted to enroll in or attend any public postsecondary education institution in this state. An alien attending any public postsecondary institution in this state must either possess lawful permanent residence or an appropriate nonimmigrant visa under 8 U.S.C. § 1101, et seq. For the purposes of this section, a public postsecondary

education institution officer may seek federal verification of an alien's immigration status with the federal government pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1373(c). A public postsecondary education institution officer or official shall not attempt to independently make a final determination of whether an alien is lawfully present in the United States. Except as otherwise provided by law, an alien who is not lawfully present in the United States shall not be eligible for any postsecondary education benefit, including, but not limited to, scholarships, grants, or financial aid.

"§31-13-9.

"(a) As a condition for the award of any contract, grant, or incentive by the state, any political subdivision thereof, or any state-funded entity to a business entity or employer that employs one or more employees, the business entity or employer shall not knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien and shall attest to such, by sworn affidavit signed before a notary.

"(b) As a condition for the award of any contract, grant, or incentive by the state, any political subdivision thereof, or any state-funded entity to a business entity or employer that employs one or more employees, the business entity or employer shall provide documentation establishing that the business entity or employer is enrolled in the E-Verify program or will require employees to produce a valid, unexpired Alabama driver's license or nondriver identification

card. During the performance of the contract, the business
entity or employer shall participate in the E-Verify program
and shall verify every employee that is required to be
verified according to the applicable federal rules and
regulations or shall use a valid, unexpired Alabama driver's
license or nondriver identification card to verify every

employee.

"(c) (1) No subcontractor on a project paid for by contract, grant, or incentive by the state, any political subdivision thereof, or any state-funded entity shall knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien and shall attest to such by sworn affidavit signed before a notary.

"(2) The subcontractor shall also do either of the following with respect to each employee:

"a. enroll Enroll in the E-Verify program prior to performing any work on the project and shall attach to the sworn affidavit documentation establishing that the subcontractor is enrolled in the E-Verify program and thereafter, according to the federal statutes and regulations governing E-Verify, verify the employment eligibility of the employee through E-Verify.

"b. Verify the employment eligibility of employees
using a valid, unexpired Alabama driver's license or nondriver
identification card.

"(d) A contractor of any tier shall not be liable under this section when such contractor contracts with its

direct subcontractor who violates subsection (c) (1), if the contractor receives a sworn affidavit from the subcontractor signed before a notary attesting to the fact that the direct subcontractor, in good faith, has complied with subsection (c) (2) with respect to verifying each of its employee's eligibility for employment, unless the contractor knows the direct subcontractor is violating subsection (c) (1).

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"(e)(1) Upon the first violation of subsection (a) by any business entity or employer awarded a contract by the state, any political subdivision thereof, or any state-funded entity the business entity or employer shall be deemed in breach of contract and the state, political subdivision thereof, or state-funded entity may terminate the contract after providing notice and an opportunity to be heard. Upon application by the state entity, political subdivision thereof, or state-funded entity, the Attorney General may bring an action to suspend the business licenses and permits of the business entity or employer for a period not to exceed 60 days, according to the procedures described in Section 31-13-15. The court shall order the business entity or employer to file a signed, sworn affidavit with the local district attorney within three days after the order is issued by the court stating that the business entity or employer has terminated the employment of every unauthorized alien and the business entity or employer will not knowingly or intentionally employ an unauthorized alien in this state. Before a business license or permit that has been suspended

under this subsection is reinstated, a legal representative of the business entity or employer shall submit to the court a signed, sworn affidavit stating that the business entity or employer is in compliance with the provisions of this chapter and a copy of the memorandum of understanding issued to the business entity or employer at the time of enrollment in E-Verify or other documentation demonstrating that the business entity or employer is requiring employees to produce a valid, unexpired Alabama driver's license or nondriver identification card.

"(2) Upon a second or subsequent violation of subsection (a) by any business entity or employer awarded a contract by the state, any political subdivision thereof, or any state-funded entity the business entity or employer shall be deemed in breach of contract and the state, any political subdivision thereof, or any state-funded entity shall terminate the contract after providing notice and an opportunity to be heard. Upon application by the state entity, political subdivision thereof, or state-funded entity, the Attorney General may bring an action to permanently revoke the business licenses and permits of the business entity or employer according to the procedures described in Section 31-13-15.

"(f)(1) Upon the first violation of subsection
(c)(1) by a subcontractor, the state or political subdivision thereof may bar the subcontractor from doing business with the state, any political subdivision thereof, any state-funded

entity, or with any contractor who contracts with the state, any political subdivision thereof, or any state-funded entity after providing notice and an opportunity to be heard. Upon application by the state entity or political subdivision thereof, or state-funded entity, the Attorney General may bring an action to suspend the business licenses and permits of the subcontractor for a period not to exceed 60 days, according to the procedures described in Section 31-13-15. The court shall order the subcontractor to file a signed, sworn affidavit with the local district attorney within three days after the order is issued by the court stating that the subcontractor has terminated the employment of every unauthorized alien and the subcontractor will not knowingly or intentionally employ an unauthorized alien in this state. Before a business license or permit that has been suspended under this subsection is reinstated, a legal representative of the subcontractor shall submit to the court a signed, sworn affidavit stating that the subcontractor is in compliance with the provisions of this chapter and a copy of the memorandum of understanding issued to the subcontractor at the time of enrollment in E-Verify or other documentation demonstrating that the subcontractor is requiring employees to produce a valid, unexpired Alabama driver's license or nondriver identification card.

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"(2) Upon a second or subsequent violation of subsection (c) (1) by a subcontractor and upon application by the state entity or political subdivision thereof, or

- state-funded entity, the Attorney General may bring an action to permanently suspend the business licenses of the business entity or employer according to the procedures described in Section 31-13-15. The determination of a violation shall be according to the procedures described in Section 31-13-15.
  - "(g) A business entity or employer that complies with subsection (b) shall not be found to be in violation of subsection (a). A subcontractor that is enrolled in the E-Verify program during the full period of performance of the subcontract that complies with subdivision (c)(2) shall not be found to be in violation of subsection (c)(1).
  - "(h) The Secretary of State shall adopt rules to administer this section and shall report any rules adopted to the Legislature.
  - "(i) Compliance with this section may be verified by the state authorities or law enforcement at any time to ensure a contractual agreement as provided for in this section is being met.
  - "(j) The suspension of a business license or permit under subsection (e)(1) and (f)(1) shall terminate one business day after a legal representative of the business entity, employer, or subcontractor submits a signed, sworn affidavit stating that the business entity, employer, or subcontractor is in compliance with this chapter to the court.
    - "\$31-13-13.

"(a) It shall be unlawful for a person to do any of the following:

"(1) Conceal, harbor, or shield or attempt to conceal, harbor, or shield or conspire to conceal, harbor, or shield an alien from detection in any place in this state, including any building or any means of transportation, if the person knows or recklessly disregards the fact that the alien has come to, has entered, or remains in the United States in violation of federal law.

"(2) Encourage or induce an alien to come to or reside in this state if the person knows or recklessly disregards the fact that such coming to, entering, or residing in the United States is or will be in violation of federal law.

"(3)(2) Transport, or attempt to transport, or conspire to transport in this state an alien in furtherance of the unlawful presence of the alien in the United States, knowingly, or in reckless disregard of the fact, that the alien has come to, entered, or remained in the United States in violation of federal law. Conspiracy to be so transported shall be a violation of this subdivision.

"(4) Harbor an alien unlawfully present in the
United States by entering into a rental agreement, as defined
by Section 35-9A-141, with an alien to provide accommodations,
if the person knows or recklessly disregards the fact that the
alien is unlawfully present in the United States.

"(b) Any person violating this section is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor for each unlawfully present alien, the illegal presence of which in the United States and the State

- of Alabama, he or she is facilitating or is attempting to facilitate.
- "(c) A person violating this section is guilty of a

  Class C felony when the violation involves 10 or more aliens,

  the illegal presence of which in the United States and the

  State of Alabama, he or she is facilitating or is attempting

  to facilitate.

- "(d) Notwithstanding any other law, a law enforcement agency may securely transport an alien whom the agency has received verification from the federal government pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1373(c) is unlawfully present in the United States and who is in the agency's custody to a state approved facility, to a federal facility in this state, or to any other point of transfer into federal custody that is outside the jurisdiction of the law enforcement agency. A law enforcement agency shall obtain judicial or executive authorization from the Governor before securely transporting an alien who is unlawfully present in the United States to a point of transfer that is outside this state.
- "(e) Notwithstanding any other law, any person acting in his or her official capacity as a first responder or protective services provider may harbor, shelter, move, or transport an alien unlawfully present in the United States pursuant to state law.
- "(f) Any conveyance, including any vessel, vehicle, or aircraft, that has been or is being used in the commission of a violation of this section, and the gross proceeds of such

a violation, shall be subject to civil forfeiture under the procedures of Section 20-2-93.

"(g) In the enforcement of this section, an alien's immigration status shall be determined by verification of the alien's immigration status with the federal government pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1373(c). A law enforcement officer shall not attempt to independently make a final determination of whether an alien is lawfully present in the United States.

"(h) Any record that relates to the immigration status of a person is admissible in any court of this state without further foundation or testimony from a custodian of records if the record is certified as authentic by the federal government agency that is responsible for maintaining the record. A verification of an alien's immigration status received from the federal government pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1373(c) shall constitute proof of that alien's status. A court of this state shall consider only the federal government's verification in determining whether an alien is lawfully present in the United States.

"(i) This section does not apply to a person who encourages or induces an alien to come to or enter the United States for a religious denomination having a bona fide nonprofit, religious organization in the United States, or the agents or officers of such denomination or organization, to encourage, invite, call, allow, or enable an alien who is present in the United States to perform the vocation of a minister or missionary for the denomination or organization in

1	the United States as a volunteer who is not compensated as an
2	employee, notwithstanding the provision of room, board,
3	travel, medical assistance, and other basic living expenses,
4	provided the minister or missionary has been a member of the
5	denomination for at least one year.
6	"(j) This section shall be interpreted in a manner
7	consistent with federal courts' interpretation of 8 U.S.C. §
8	<u>1324.</u> "
9	<b>"</b> §31-13-15.
10	"(a) No business entity, employer, or public
11	employer shall knowingly employ, hire for employment, or
12	continue to employ an unauthorized alien to perform work
13	within the State of Alabama. Knowingly employ, hire for
14	employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien means
15	the actions described in 8 U.S.C. § 1324a.
16	"(b) Effective April 1, 2012, every business entity
17	or employer in this state shall do either of the following
18	with regard to each employee:
19	" <u>(1)</u> enroll <u>Enroll</u> in E-Verify and thereafter,
20	according to the federal statutes and regulations governing
21	E-Verify, shall verify the employment eligibility of the
22	employee through E-Verify.
23	"(2) Verify the employment eligibility of the
24	employee using a valid, unexpired Alabama driver's license or
25	nondriver identification card.
26	"(c) A business entity or employer that uses
27	E-Verify or a valid, unexpired Alabama driver's license or

nondriver identification card to verify the work authorization
of an employee shall not be deemed to have violated this
section with respect to the employment of that employee.

"(c)(d) On a finding of a first violation by a court of competent jurisdiction that a business entity or employer knowingly violated subsection (a), the court shall do all of the following:

- "(1) Order the business entity or employer to terminate the employment of every unauthorized alien.
- "(2) Subject the business entity or employer to a three-year probationary period throughout the state. During the probationary period, the business entity or employer shall file quarterly reports with the local district attorney of each new employee who is hired by the business entity or employer in the state.
- "(3) Order the business entity or employer to file a signed, sworn affidavit with the local district attorney within three days after the order is issued by the court stating that the business entity or employer has terminated the employment of every unauthorized alien and the business entity or employer will not knowingly or intentionally employ an unauthorized alien in this state.
- "(4) Direct the applicable state, county, or municipal governing bodies to suspend the business licenses and permits, if such exist, of the business entity or employer for a period not to exceed 10 business days specific to the business location where the unauthorized alien performed work.

"(d) (1) (e) (1) Before a business license or permit that has been suspended under subsection (c) is reinstated, a legal representative of the business entity or employer shall submit to the court a signed, sworn affidavit stating that the business entity or employer is in compliance with the provisions of this chapter and a copy of the memorandum of understanding issued to the business entity or employer at the time of enrollment in E-Verify or other documentation that the business entity or employer is requiring employees to produce a valid, unexpired Alabama driver's license or nondriver identification card.

(2) The suspension of a business license or permit under subsection (c) (d) shall terminate one business day after a legal representative of the business entity or employer submits a signed, sworn affidavit stating that the business entity or employer is in compliance with the provisions of this chapter to the court.

"(e) (f) For a second violation of subsection (a) by a business entity or employer, the court shall direct the applicable state, county, or municipal governing body to permanently revoke all business licenses and permits, if such exist, held by the business entity or employer specific to the business location where the unauthorized alien performed work. On receipt of the order, and notwithstanding any other law, the appropriate agencies shall immediately revoke the licenses and permits held by the business entity or employer.

1 "(f)(g) For a subsequent violation of subsection 2 (a), the court shall direct the applicable governing bodies to forever suspend the business licenses and permits, if such 3 exist, of the business entity or employer throughout the state.

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"(g)(h) This section shall not be construed to deny any procedural mechanisms or legal defenses included in the E-Verify program or any other federal work authorization program. A person or entity that establishes that it has complied in good faith with the requirements of 8 U.S.C. § 1324a(b) establishes an affirmative defense that the business entity or employer did not knowingly hire or employ an unauthorized alien.

"(h)(i) In proceedings of the court, the determination of whether an employee is an unauthorized alien shall be made by the federal government, pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1373(c). The court shall consider only the federal government's determination when deciding whether an employee is an unauthorized alien. The court may take judicial notice of any verification of an individual's immigration status previously provided by the federal government and may request the federal government to provide further automated or testimonial verification.

"<del>(i)</del>(j) Any business entity or employer that terminates an employee to comply with this section shall not be liable for any claims made against the business entity or employer by the terminated employee, provided that such

termination is made without regard to the race, ethnicity, or national origin of the employee and that such termination is consistent with the anti-discrimination laws of this state and of the United States.

" $\frac{(j)}{(k)}$  If any agency of the state or any political subdivision thereof fails to suspend the business licenses or permits, if such exist, as a result of a violation of this section, the agency shall be deemed to have violated subsection (a) of Section 31-13-5 and shall be subject to the penalties thereunder.

"(k)(1) In addition to the district attorneys of this state, the Attorney General shall also have authority to bring a civil complaint in any court of competent jurisdiction to enforce the requirements of this section.

- "(1) Any resident of this state may petition the Attorney General to bring an enforcement action against a specific business entity or employer by means of a written, signed petition. A valid petition shall include an allegation that describes the alleged violator or violators, as well as the action constituting the violation, and the date and location where the action occurred.
- "(2) A petition that alleges a violation on the basis of national origin, ethnicity, or race shall be deemed invalid and shall not be acted upon.
- "(3) The Attorney General shall respond to any petition under this subsection within 60 days of receiving the petition, either by filing a civil complaint in a court of

competent jurisdiction or by informing the petitioner in writing that the Attorney General has determined that filing a civil complaint is not warranted.

"(1) (m) This section does not apply to the relationship between a party and the employees of an independent contractor performing work for the party and does not apply to casual domestic labor performed within a household.

"(m) (n) It is an affirmative defense to a violation of subsection (a) of this section that a business entity or employer was entrapped.

- "(1) To claim entrapment, the business entity or employer must admit by testimony or other evidence the substantial elements of the violation.
- "(2) A business entity or employer who asserts an entrapment defense has the burden of proving by clear and convincing evidence the following:
  - "a. The idea of committing the violation started with law enforcement officers or their agents rather than with the business entity or employer.
  - "b. The law enforcement officers or their agents urged and induced the business entity or employer to commit the violation.
  - "c. The business entity or employer was not already predisposed to commit the violation before the law enforcement officers or their agents urged and induced the employer to commit the violation.

"(n)(o) In addition to actions taken by the state or
political subdivisions thereof, the Attorney General or the
district attorney of the relevant county may bring an action
to enforce the requirements of this section in any county
district court of this state wherein the business entity or
employer does business.

"(o) (p) The terms of this section shall be interpreted consistently with 8 U.S.C. § 1324a and any applicable federal rules and regulations.

Section 2. Section 17 of Act 2011-535 of the 2011 Regular Session, amending Section 32-6-9, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"\$32-6-9.

"(a) Every licensee shall have his or her license in his or her immediate possession at all times when driving a motor vehicle and shall display the same, upon demand of a judge of any court, a peace officer or a state trooper.

However, no person charged with violating this section shall be convicted if he or she produces in court or the office of the arresting officer a driver's license theretofore issued to him or her and valid at the time of his or her arrest.

"(b) Notwithstanding Section 32-1-4, if a law officer arrests a person for a violation of this section and the officer is unable to determine by any other means that the person has a valid driver's license, the officer shall transport the person to the nearest or most accessible magistrate.

- "(c) A reasonable effort shall be made to determine the citizenship of the person and if an alien, whether the alien is lawfully present in the United States by verification with the federal government pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1373(c). An officer shall not attempt to independently make a final determination of whether an alien is lawfully present in the United States.
  - "(d) A verification inquiry, pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1373(c), shall be made within 48 hours to the Law Enforcement Support Center of the United States Department of Homeland Security or other office or agency designated for that purpose by the federal government. If the person is determined to be an alien unlawfully present in the United States, the person shall be considered a flight risk and shall be detained until prosecution or until handed over to federal immigration authorities."
  - Section 3. Sections 19, 20, 27, 29, and 30 of Act 2011-535, 2011 Regular Session, now appearing as Sections 31-13-18, 31-13-19, 31-13-26, 31-13-28, and 31-13-29, Code of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:
- 21 "\$31-13-18.

"(a) When a person is charged with a crime for which bail is required, or is confined for any period in a state, county, or municipal jail, a reasonable effort shall be made to determine if the person is an alien unlawfully present in the United States by verification with the federal government pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1373(c).

"(b) A verification inquiry, pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1373(c), shall be made within 48 hours to the Law Enforcement Support Center of the United States Department of Homeland Security or other office or agency designated for that purpose by the federal government. If the person is determined to be an alien unlawfully present in the United States, the person shall be considered a flight risk and shall be detained until prosecution or until handed over to federal immigration authorities.

"§31-13-19.

"If an alien who is unlawfully present in the United States is convicted of a violation of state or local law and is within 30 days of release or has paid any fine as required by operation of law, the agency responsible for his or her incarceration shall notify the United States Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Alabama Department of Homeland Security, pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1373. The Alabama Department of Homeland Security shall assist in the coordination of the transfer of the prisoner to the appropriate federal immigration authorities; however, the Alabama Department of Corrections agency responsible for his or her incarceration shall maintain custody during any transfer of the individual.

"\$31-13-26.

"(a) No court of this state shall enforce the terms of, or otherwise regard as valid, any contract between a party and an alien unlawfully present in the United States, if the

party had direct or constructive knowledge that the alien was unlawfully present in the United States at the time the contract was entered into, and the performance of the contract required the alien to remain unlawfully present in the United States for more than 24 hours after the time the contract was entered into or performance could not reasonably be expected to occur without such remaining.

- "(b) This section shall not apply to a contract for lodging for one night, a contract for the purchase of food to be consumed by the alien, a contract for medical services, or a contract for transportation of the alien that is intended to facilitate the alien's return to his or her country of origin.
- "(c) This section shall not apply to a contract authorized by federal law.
- "(d) In proceedings of the court, the determination of whether an alien is unlawfully present in the United States shall be made by the federal government, pursuant to 8 U.S.C. \$ 1373(c). The court shall consider only the federal government's determination when deciding whether an alien is unlawfully present in the United States. The court may take judicial notice of any verification of an individual's immigration status previously provided by the federal government and may request the federal government to provide further automated or testimonial verification.
- "(e) This section only applies to contracts entered into after September 1, 2011.
- 27 "\$31-13-28.

"(a) Applications for voter registration shall contain voter eligibility requirements and such information as is necessary to prevent duplicative voter registrations and enable the relevant election officer to assess the eligibility of the applicant and to administer voter registration, identify the applicant and to determine the qualifications of the applicant as an elector and the facts authorizing such person to be registered. Applications shall contain a statement that the applicant shall be required to provide qualifying identification when voting.

"(b) The Secretary of State shall create a process for the county election officer to check to indicate whether an applicant has provided with the application the information necessary to assess the eligibility of the applicant, including the applicant's United States citizenship. This section shall be interpreted and applied in accordance with federal law. No eligible applicant whose qualifications have been assessed shall be denied registration.

"(c) The county election officer or Secretary of State's office shall accept any completed application for registration, but an applicant shall not be registered until the applicant has provided satisfactory evidence of United States citizenship. Satisfactory evidence of United States citizenship shall be provided in person at the time of filing the application for registration or by including, with a mailed registration application, a photocopy of one of the documents listed as evidence of United States citizenship in

1	subsection (k). After a person has submitted satisfactory
2	evidence of citizenship, the county election officer shall
3	indicate this information in the person's permanent voter
4	file.
5	"(d) Any person who is registered in this state on
6	September 1, 2011, is deemed to have provided satisfactory
7	evidence of United States citizenship and shall not be
8	required to submit evidence of citizenship.
9	"(e) For purposes of this section, proof of voter
10	registration from another state is not satisfactory evidence
11	of United States citizenship.
12	"(f) A registered voter who moves from one residence
13	to another within the state or who modifies his or her voter
14	registration records for any other reason shall not be
15	required to submit evidence of United States citizenship.
16	"(g) If evidence of United States citizenship is
17	deemed to be unsatisfactory due to an inconsistency between
18	the document submitted as evidence and the name or sex
19	provided on the application for registration, such applicant
20	may sign an affidavit containing both of the following:
21	"(1) Stating the inconsistency or inconsistencies
22	related to the name or sex, and the reason therefor.
23	" <del>(2) Swearing under oath that, despite the</del>
24	inconsistency, the applicant is the individual reflected in
25	the document provided as evidence of citizenship.
26	"(h) There shall be no inconsistency between the
27	date of birth on the document provided as evidence of

citizenship and the date of birth provided on the application for registration. If such an affidavit is submitted by the applicant, the county election officer or Secretary of State shall assess the eligibility of the applicant without regard to any inconsistency stated in the affidavit.

"(i) All documents submitted as evidence of United States citizenship shall be kept confidential by the county election officer or the Secretary of State and maintained as provided by record retention laws.

"(j) Nothing in this section shall prohibit an applicant from providing, or the Secretary of State or county election officer from obtaining, satisfactory evidence of United States citizenship, as described in this section, at a different time or in a different manner than an application for registration is provided, as long as the applicant's eligibility can be adequately assessed by the Secretary of State or county election officer as required by this section.

"(k) Evidence of United States citizenship shall be demonstrated by one of the following documents, or a legible photocopy of one of the following documents:

"(1) The applicant's driver's license or nondriver's identification card issued by the division of motor vehicles or the equivalent governmental agency of another state within the United States if the agency indicates on the applicant's driver's license or nondriver's identification card that the person has provided satisfactory proof of United States citizenship.

Τ	" <del>(2) The applicant's birth certificate that verifies</del>
2	United States citizenship to the satisfaction of the county
3	election officer or Secretary of State.
4	" <del>(3) Pertinent pages of the applicant's United</del>
5	States valid or expired passport identifying the applicant and
6	the applicant's passport number, or presentation to the county
7	election officer of the applicant's United States passport.
8	"(4) The applicant's United States naturalization
9	documents or the number of the certificate of naturalization.
10	If only the number of the certificate of naturalization is
11	provided, the applicant shall not be included in the
12	registration rolls until the number of the certificate of
13	naturalization is verified with the United States Bureau of
14	Citizenship and Immigration Services by the county election
15	officer or the Secretary of State, pursuant to 8 U.S.C. §
16	<del>1373(c).</del>
17	"(5) Other documents or methods of proof of United
18	States citizenship issued by the federal government pursuant
19	to the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, and amendments
20	thereto.
21	" <del>(6) The applicant's Bureau of Indian Affairs card</del>
22	number, tribal treaty card number, or tribal enrollment
23	number.
24	" <del>(7) The applicant's consular report of birth abroad</del>
25	of a citizen of the United States of America.

1	" <del>(8) The applicant's certificate of citizenship</del>
2	issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration
3	Services.
4	"(9) The applicant's certification of report of
5	birth issued by the United States Department of State.
6	"(10) The applicant's American Indian card, with KIC
7	classification, issued by the United States Department of
8	Homeland Security.
9	"(11) The applicant's final adoption decree showing
10	the applicant's name and United States birthplace.
11	" <del>(12) The applicant's official United States</del>
12	military record of service showing the applicant's place of
13	birth in the United States.
14	"(13) An extract from a United States hospital
15	record of birth created at the time of the applicant's birth
16	indicating the applicant's place of birth in the United
17	<del>States.</del>
18	"(1) There is hereby established the State Election
19	Board, consisting of the Secretary of State, the Attorney
20	General, and the Lieutenant Governor. The State Election Board
21	shall meet on the call of the Secretary of State. The State
22	Election Board shall do both of the following:
23	"(1) Assess information provided by any applicant
24	for voter registration as evidence of citizenship pursuant to
25	subsection (m).
26	"(2) Adopt rules to implement subsection (m).

"(m)(1) If an applicant is a United States citizen but does not have any of the documentation listed in this section as satisfactory evidence of United States citizenship, the applicant may submit any evidence that the applicant believes demonstrates the applicant's United States citizenship.

"(2) Any applicant seeking an assessment of evidence under this section may directly contact the office of the Secretary of State by submitting a voter registration application or the national voter registration form and any supporting evidence of United States citizenship. Upon receipt of this information, the Secretary of State shall notify the State Election Board that such application is pending.

"(3) The State Election Board shall give the applicant an opportunity for a hearing, upon the applicant's request in writing, and an opportunity to present any additional evidence to the State Election Board. Notice of such hearing shall be given to the applicant at least five days prior to the hearing date. An applicant shall have the opportunity to be represented by counsel at such hearing.

"(4) The State Election Board shall assess the evidence provided by the applicant to determine whether the applicant has provided satisfactory evidence of United States citizenship. A decision of the State Election Board shall be determined by a majority vote of the board.

"(5) If an applicant submits an application and any supporting evidence prior to the close of registration for an

election cycle, a determination by the State Election Board shall be issued at least five days before such election date.

"(6) If the State Election Board finds that the evidence presented by the applicant constitutes satisfactory evidence of United States citizenship, the applicant shall meet the requirements under this section to provide satisfactory evidence of United States citizenship.

"(7) If the State Election Board finds that the evidence presented by an applicant does not constitute satisfactory evidence of United States citizenship, the applicant shall have the right to appeal such determination by the State Election Board by instituting an action under 8 U.S.C. § 1503. Any negative assessment of an applicant's eligibility by the State Election Board shall be reversed if the applicant obtains a declaratory judgment pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1503, demonstrating that the applicant is a national of the United States.

"(n) (1) The Department of Public Health shall not charge or accept any fee for a certified copy of a birth certificate if the certificate is requested by any person who is 17 years of age or older for purposes of meeting the voter registration requirements of this chapter. The person requesting a certified copy of a birth certificate shall swear under oath to both of the following:

"a. That the person plans to register to vote in this state.

1	"b. That the person does not possess any of the
2	documents that constitute evidence of United States
3	citizenship as defined in this chapter.
4	"(2) The affidavit shall specifically list the
5	documents that constitute evidence of United States
6	citizenship as defined in this chapter.
7	"(a) The Secretary of State's office shall educate
8	and provide information to the district attorneys regarding
9	state and federal laws and requirements, including criminal
10	penalties, associated with noncitizens attempting to register
11	to vote in this state.
12	"(b)(1) The district attorneys shall notify the
13	Secretary of State of any prosecutions for perjury brought
14	against noncitizens who attempt to register to vote in
15	violation of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of
16	Alabama of 1901, as amended, and Section 17-3-525.
17	"(2) The Secretary of State shall compile an annual
18	report regarding issues related to noncitizens attempting to
19	register to vote, including the information provided by the
20	district attorneys under subdivision (1), to the Legislature
21	by October 1 of each year.
22	<b>"</b> §31-13-29.
23	"(a) For the purposes of this section, business
24	transaction includes any transaction all of the following
25	<u>license transactions</u> between a person and the state or a
26	political subdivision of the state, including, but not limited

to, applying for or renewing a motor vehicle license plate,

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applying for or renewing a driver's license or nondriver

identification card, or applying for or renewing a business

license. Business transaction does not include applying for a

marriage license.:

- "(1) Driver's license or nondriver identification card.
  - "(2) Motor vehicle license plate.
  - "(3) Business license.

- "(b) An alien not lawfully present in the United States shall not enter into or attempt to enter into a business transaction with the state or a political subdivision of the state and no person shall enter into a business transaction or attempt to enter into a business transaction on behalf of an alien not lawfully present in the United States.
- "(c) Any person entering into a business transaction or attempting to enter into a business transaction with this state or a political subdivision of this state shall be required to demonstrate his or her United States citizenship, or if he or she is an alien, his or her lawful presence in the United States to the person conducting the business transaction on behalf of this state or a political subdivision of this state. United States citizenship shall be demonstrated by presentation of one of the documents listed in subsection (k) of Section 31-13-28. An alien's lawful presence in the United States shall be demonstrated by this state's or a political subdivision of this state's verification of the alien's lawful presence through the Systematic Alien

Τ	verification for Entitlements program operated by the
2	Department of Homeland Security, or by other verification with
3	the Department of Homeland Security pursuant to 8 U.S.C. §
4	1373(c). <u>United States citizenship shall be demonstrated by</u>
5	presentation of one of the following documents:
6	"(1) The applicant's driver's license or nondriver's
7	identification card issued by the division of motor vehicles
8	or the equivalent governmental agency of another state within
9	the United States if the agency indicates on the applicant's
10	driver's license or nondriver's identification card that the
11	person has provided satisfactory proof of United States
12	citizenship.
13	"(2) The applicant's birth certificate that verifies
14	United States citizenship to the satisfaction of the county
15	election officer or Secretary of State.
16	"(3) Pertinent pages of the applicant's United
17	States valid or expired passport identifying the applicant and
18	the applicant's passport number, or presentation to the county
19	election officer of the applicant's United States passport.
20	"(4) The applicant's United States naturalization
21	documents or the number of the certificate of naturalization.
22	If only the number of the certificate of naturalization is
23	provided, the applicant shall not be included in the
24	registration rolls until the number of the certificate of
25	naturalization is verified with the United States Bureau of
26	Citizenship and Immigration Services by the county election

1	officer or the Secretary of State, pursuant to 8 U.S.C. §
2	<u>1373(c).</u>
3	"(5) Other documents or methods of proof of United
4	States citizenship issued by the federal government pursuant
5	to the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, and amendments
6	thereto.
7	"(6) The applicant's Bureau of Indian Affairs card
8	number, tribal treaty card number, or tribal enrollment
9	number.
10	"(7) The applicant's consular report of birth abroad
11	of a citizen of the United States of America.
12	"(8) The applicant's certificate of citizenship
13	issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration
14	Services.
15	"(9) The applicant's certification of report of
16	birth issued by the United States Department of State.
17	"(10) The applicant's American Indian card, with KIC
18	classification, issued by the United States Department of
19	Homeland Security.
20	"(11) The applicant's final adoption decree showing
21	the applicant's name and United States birthplace.
22	"(12) The applicant's official United States
23	military record of service showing the applicant's place of
24	birth in the United States.
25	"(13) An extract from a United States hospital
26	record of birth created at the time of the applicant's birth

1	indicating	the	applicant's	place	of	birth	in	the	United
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2.	States.								

"(d) A violation of this section is a Class C
felony.

- "(e) An agency of this state or a county, city, town, or other political subdivision of this state may not consider race, color, or national origin in the enforcement of this section except to the extent permitted by the United States Constitution or the Constitution of Alabama of 1901.
- "(f) In the enforcement of this section, an alien's immigration status shall be determined by verification of the alien's immigration status with the federal government pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1373(c). An official of this state or political subdivision of this state shall not attempt to independently make a final determination of whether an alien is lawfully present in the United States."

Section 4. Sections 5 and 6 of Act 2011-535, 2011 Regular Session, now appearing as Sections 31-13-5 and 31-13-6, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the authorization of private lawsuits against public officials to compel enforcement of immigration laws, are repealed. Section 10, relating to failure to complete or carry alien registration documents, and Section 28, relating to public education enrollment data, of Act 2011-535, 2011 Regular Session, now appearing as Sections 31-13-10 and 31-13-27, Code of Alabama 1975, are repealed.

Section 5. Although this bill would have as its 1 2 purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds, the bill is excluded from further 3 requirements and application under Amendment 621, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of 5 the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, because the 6 7 bill defines a new crime or amends the definition of an existing crime. 8 Section 6. This act shall become effective 9 10 immediately following its passage and approval by the 11 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.