

1 SB478  
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3 By Senator Taylor  
4 RFD: Constitution, Campaign Finance, Ethics, and Elections  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Attorney General is  
9 the chief law enforcement officer of the state.

10 This bill would authorize the Attorney  
11 General, upon written notice to the Governor, to  
12 assume supervision and control over the Department  
13 of Public Safety.

14 This bill would also establish the Alabama  
15 Bureau of Investigation as a division of the office  
16 of the Attorney General.

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18 A BILL  
19 TO BE ENTITLED  
20 AN ACT  
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22 To amend Section 36-15-14, Code of Alabama 1975,  
23 relating to the Attorney General; to authorize the Attorney  
24 General, upon written notice to the Governor, to assume  
25 supervision and control over the Department of Public Safety;  
26 and to establish the Alabama Bureau of Investigation as a  
27 division of the office of the Attorney General.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

2 Section 1. Section 36-15-14 of the Code of Alabama  
3 1975, is amended to read as follows:

4 "§36-15-14.

5 "(a) The Attorney General, either in person or by  
6 one of his or her assistants, ~~may~~ at any time he or she sees  
7 proper, either before or after indictment, may superintend and  
8 direct the prosecution of any criminal case in any of the  
9 courts of this state. The district attorney prosecuting in  
10 such court shall assist and act in connection with the  
11 Attorney General or his or her assistant in such case.

12 "(b) Upon written notice to the Governor, the  
13 Attorney General, at any time he or she sees proper, may  
14 assume supervision and control over the Department of Public  
15 Safety to the extent he or she deems necessary for the  
16 expeditious investigation, prosecution, or suppression of  
17 criminal activity of any kind. In such case the director and  
18 all personnel employed by the department shall comply with the  
19 directives and orders of the Attorney General."

20 Section 2. On the effective date of this act, the  
21 Alabama Bureau of Investigation is transferred to and  
22 established as a division of the office of the Attorney  
23 General.

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