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8 CREATING THE JOINT INTERIM LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON
9 OPEN MEETINGS LEGISLATION.

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11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Joint Interim Legislative
13 Committee on Open Meetings Legislation is created. The
14 committee shall be composed of three members of each house, to
15 be appointed by the presiding officer of each house. The
16 membership of the committee shall be inclusive and reflect the
17 racial, gender, geographic, urban and rural, and economic
18 diversity of the state. The committee at its discretion may
19 invite interested members of the public or affected industry
20 and institutions to participate in drafting language for this
21 purpose. The committee shall report to the Legislature by the
22 2nd legislative day of the 2012 regular session the extent to
23 which the committee has complied with the diversity provisions
24 provided for in this resolution. The chair and vice chair of
25 the committee shall be elected at the first meeting by the
26 members of the committee, which shall be held not later than
27 10 days after the effective date of this resolution. The

1 committee shall meet no more than four times following the
2 initial meeting of the committee. The committee shall study
3 all facets of Alabama's Open Meetings Law, to include the
4 drafting of a new or revised Act that will allow for meetings
5 of public boards and agencies by teleconference.

6 Upon the request of the chair, the Secretary of the
7 Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall
8 provide necessary clerical assistance for the work of the
9 committee. The committee shall report its findings,
10 conclusions, and recommendations, including delivery of the
11 new proposed legislation, as agreed upon and authored by the
12 committee, to the Legislature not later than the 5th
13 legislative day of the 2012 Regular Session, whereupon the
14 committee shall stand dissolved and discharged of any further
15 duties and liabilities. Each member of the committee shall be
16 entitled to his or her regular legislative compensation, his
17 or her per diem, and travel expenses for each day he or she
18 attends a meeting of the committee. Upon requisitions signed
19 by the chair of the committee, these payments shall be paid
20 out of any funds appropriated to the use of the Legislature by
21 means of warrants drawn on the State Treasury. Notwithstanding
22 the foregoing, no member shall receive additional legislative
23 compensation or per diem when the Legislature is in session or
24 if a member is being paid any other payments on the same dates
25 for attendance on other state business. The total expenditures
26 of the committee shall not exceed \$5,000.