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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 \$1,000.