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3       By Rules Committee  
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8 RELATING TO REPRIMANDING MS. CLAIRE AUSTIN.  
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10 WHEREAS, Joint Rule 27 of the Two Houses of the  
11 Legislature of Alabama sets forth the obligations of lobbyists  
12 before the Legislature of Alabama; and

13 WHEREAS, on April 25, 2012, after notice to Ms.  
14 Austin, the Joint Committee on Rules met concerning a  
15 purported violation on April 18, 2012, of Joint Rule 27 by Ms.  
16 Austin; and

17 WHEREAS, the committee offered Ms. Austin the  
18 opportunity to appear at the hearing, took testimony, found  
19 that the actions alleged to have occurred did in fact occur,  
20 and that the actions constitute a violation of Joint Rule 27;  
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22 WHEREAS, Joint Rule 29 provides that upon  
23 recommendation of the Joint Committee on Rules, the respective  
24 house may censure, reprimand, place on probation, or prohibit  
25 from lobbying for the remainder of the session anyone  
26 violating the rules relating to lobbying; and

1               WHEREAS, the Joint Rules Committee recommended that  
2       Ms. Austin be reprimanded for her actions on or about April  
3       18, 2012, in violation of Joint Rule 27; now therefore,

4               BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
5       THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Ms. Claire Austin is  
6       reprimanded for her actions on April 18, 2012, in violation of  
7       Joint Rule 27.