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8 CREATING THE BUSINESS LITIGATION AND COMPLEX  
9 LITIGATION STUDY COMMITTEE.

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11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is hereby established a  
13 Business Litigation and Complex Litigation Study Committee to  
14 study the feasibility of creating a Business Litigation and  
15 Complex Litigation Court in the State of Alabama.

16 Membership of the committee shall be as follows:

17 (1) The Chairs of the House and Senate Judiciary  
18 Committees, or their designees.

19 (2) The Chair of the House Committee on Commerce and  
20 Small Business, or his or her designee.

21 (3) The Chair of the Senate Committee on Fiscal  
22 Responsibility and Economic Development, or his or her  
23 designee.

24 (4) One member of the House, to be appointed by the  
25 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

26 (5) One member of the Senate, to be appointed by the  
27 President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

1           (6) The Governor's Legal Advisor, or his or her  
2     designee.

3           (7) Two members to be appointed by the Chief Justice  
4     of the Alabama Supreme Court.

5           (8) One member to be appointed by the Chair of the  
6     Business Council of Alabama.

7           (9) One member to be appointed by the Chair of the  
8     Alabama Civil Justice Reform Committee.

9           (10) Two members to be appointed by the President of  
10    the Alabama Association for Justice.

11          (11) The Chair of the Business Torts and Antitrust  
12    Law Section of the Alabama State Bar, or his or her designee.

13          (12) The President of the Alabama Circuit Judges  
14    Association or a sitting or retired circuit judge appointed by  
15    him or her.

16          (13) One member to be appointed by the President of  
17    the Alabama State Bar, who shall be a licensed attorney in the  
18    state practicing in the role of general counsel or in-house  
19    counsel.

20               Efforts shall be made to have appointments reflect  
21    the geographic, gender, racial, and ethnic diversity of the  
22    state.

23               A majority of the committee shall constitute a  
24    quorum for the transaction of business. The committee shall  
25    meet at least once per month beginning the second month  
26    following the adjournment of the 2015 Regular Session. The  
27    first committee meeting shall be set by the Governor's Legal

1       Advisor. At that meeting, the committee shall elect a chair  
2       and vice chair. Members shall serve without compensation.

3               The committee shall have the following duties:

4               (1) Study the potential benefits, detriments,  
5       feasibility, and possible scope of a Business Litigation or  
6       Complex Litigation Court.

7               (2) Identify the resources necessary to create such  
8       a court.

9               (3) Report its findings and recommendations to the  
10      Legislature at least one month prior to the convening of the  
11      2016 Regular Session.

12              The committee shall be dissolved after the final  
13      report is made unless otherwise authorized to continue.