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3 By Senators Whatley and Dial
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8 CREATING THE AUBURN AQUARIUM AND ZOO FEASIBILITY
9 STUDY COMMITTEE.
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11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Auburn Aquarium and Zoo
13 Feasibility Study Committee is created.

14 (a) The committee shall be composed of the
15 following:

16 (1) All of the members of the Lee County legislative
17 delegation.

18 (2) The mayor of Auburn, or his or her designee.

19 (3) The mayor of Opelika, or his or her designee.

20 (4) A member appointed by the Auburn Chamber of
21 Commerce.

22 (5) A member of the Lee County Commission appointed
23 by the Lee County legislative delegation.

24 (6) A member with experience in the administration
25 of a zoo, aquarium, or wildlife sanctuary, appointed by the
26 Lee County legislative delegation.

1 (b) The appointing authorities shall coordinate
2 their appointments to assure the committee membership is
3 inclusive and reflects the racial, gender, geographic, urban,
4 rural, and economic diversity of the state.

5 (c) The chair and vice chair of the committee shall
6 be elected at the first meeting by the members of the
7 committee.

8 (d) The committee shall study all facets of
9 establishing an aquarium and a zoo in the City of Auburn,
10 including, but not limited to, the interest of the community,
11 the economic impact, the location, the construction cost and
12 ownership, and any other issues or challenges that relate to
13 establishing an aquarium and a zoo in the City of Auburn.

14 (e) Upon the request of the chair, the Secretary of
15 the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall
16 provide necessary clerical assistance for the work of the
17 committee.

18 (f) The committee shall report its findings,
19 conclusions, and recommendations to the Legislature not later
20 than the fifteenth legislative day of the 2018 Regular
21 Session, whereupon the committee shall stand dissolved and
22 discharged of any further duties and liabilities.

23 (g) (1) Non-legislative members of the committee
24 shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for
25 necessary expenses incurred for attending a meeting of the
26 committee in accordance with the policies and procedures of
27 their respective appointing authorities.

1 (2) Legislative members of the committee shall be
2 entitled to their legislative compensation, per diem, and
3 travel expenses for each day they are attending a meeting of
4 the committee in accordance with Amendment 871 of the
5 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section
6 49.01 of the Official ReCompilation of the Constitution of
7 Alabama of 1901, as amended.