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8 CREATING THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE ON STATE HOUSE
9 CONDITIONS.

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11 WHEREAS, the Alabama State House was originally
12 erected as the State Highway Department Building in 1963 and
13 was later designated as a temporary meeting location for the
14 Alabama Legislature in the 1980s during renovation of the
15 Capitol; and

16 WHEREAS, the Legislature never returned to the
17 Capitol and has conducted business in the Alabama State House
18 since the mid-1980s; and

19 WHEREAS, the Alabama State House has many problems,
20 including air quality, plumbing leaks, electrical power
21 surges, flooding, inconsistent heating and air conditioning,
22 and lack of space for public access to committee meetings and
23 other legislative business; now therefore,

24 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
25 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is hereby created the
26 Joint Interim Committee on State House Conditions to study the
27 environmental conditions and physical plant systems of the

1 Alabama State House and to make recommendations to the
2 Legislature.

3 (a) The committee shall consist of the following
4 members:

5 (1) Three members of the House of Representatives,
6 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, two
7 of whom shall be members of the House Legislative Council and
8 with at least one of the three members representing the
9 minority party.

10 (2) Three members of the Senate, two appointed by
11 the President Pro Tempore from the membership of the Senate
12 Legislative Council, and one member appointed by the presiding
13 officer of the Senate from the Senate at-large, with at least
14 one of the three members representing the minority party.

15 (3) The Secretary of the Senate, or his or her
16 designee.

17 (4) The Clerk of the House, or his or her designee.

18 (5) The Director of the Legislative Services Agency,
19 or his or her designee.

20 (b) Legislative members of the committee shall be
21 entitled to his or her regular legislative compensation, per
22 diem, and travel expenses for each day he or she attends a
23 meeting of the committee in accordance with Amendment 871 of
24 the Constitution of Alabama of 1901.

25 (c) The Director of the Legislative Services Agency
26 shall call the first meeting before July 1, 2019, and the

1 members of the committee shall elect a chair at the first
2 meeting.

3 (d) The committee shall study existing environmental
4 conditions in the State House and any and all physical plant
5 and utilities systems in the building, and public access to
6 committees and other legislative meetings, and report its
7 findings and recommendations to the Speaker of the House of
8 Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate by
9 December 1, 2019, at which time the committee shall stand
10 dissolved.

11 (e) The Legislative Council, from its budget, shall
12 cover expenses of the committee related to the committee's
13 work not to exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).