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3 By Senators Waggoner, Chambliss, Shelnutt, Elliott and Roberts
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4 ENROLLED, SJR81,

5 SUPPORTING LOCAL CONTROL OF WATER INFRASTRUCTURE
6 PROJECTS.

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8 WHEREAS, we are strongly committed to ensuring that
9 the people of Alabama have access to clean, safe, and reliable
10 water and wastewater systems; and

11 WHEREAS, engineers, water professionals, and local
12 communities have an obligation to protect public health, to
13 use limited public resources in the most efficient manner
14 possible; and

15 WHEREAS, ongoing efforts nationally and in various
16 states would undermine these goals, supersede professional
17 engineering judgment, and impose new mandates on local
18 communities; and

19 WHEREAS, the design of water and wastewater systems
20 is an inherently local process and local communities are in
21 the best position to select their infrastructure materials;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, infrastructure materials all have different
24 service lives, durability, reliability, economic, health, and
25 safety characteristics and engineers and communities need to

1 retain local control to select infrastructure materials based
2 on factors important to the specific needs of local
3 communities; and

4 WHEREAS, communities should remain free to adopt
5 system-wide best management practices and uniform
6 specifications in the development and maintenance of their
7 water systems to maximize efficiency and control costs; and

8 WHEREAS, restricting local control interferes with
9 sound engineering judgment and limits the ability of
10 communities to manage their systems efficiently; now
11 therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
13 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we support local control of
14 water and wastewater systems in Alabama and oppose federal and
15 state mandates that promote material preferences for water,
16 wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure, such as "open
17 competition," "innovative materials," and other similar
18 policies.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

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Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

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House of Representatives

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