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3 By Representative Gray
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4 HJR___ CREATING THE ALABAMA LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION ON
5 HEMP AND CANNABINOID REGULATION.
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7 WHEREAS, the cultivation, processing, distribution,
8 and sale of hemp and hemp-derived cannabinoid products have
9 expanded rapidly in the State of Alabama, raising complex
10 regulatory, economic, and public health considerations; and

11 WHEREAS, various stakeholders, including growers,
12 processors, retailers, law enforcement agencies, public
13 health officials, and consumers, have expressed the need for
14 clear, consistent, and comprehensive regulations that
15 promote public safety while supporting economic development;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, the current legislative landscape includes
18 multiple proposals related to hemp and cannabinoid
19 regulation, demonstrating the need for thoughtful evaluation
20 and coordinated policymaking; and

21 WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature recognizes the
22 importance of a thorough, deliberative, and evidence-based
23 approach to policymaking in this emerging and evolving
24 industry; now therefore,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
26 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is created the Alabama
27 Legislative Study Commission on Hemp and Cannabinoid
28 Regulation.



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29 (a) The membership of the commission shall consist of
30 the following members:

31 (1) One member of the House of Representatives
32 appointed by the Speaker of the House.

33 (2) One member of the House of Representatives
34 appointed by the House Minority Leader.

35 (3) One member of the Senate appointed by the
36 President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

37 (4) One member of the Senate appointed by the Senate
38 Minority Leader.

39 (5) One representative from the Alabama Department of
40 Agriculture and Industries.

41 (6) One representative from the Alabama Alcoholic
42 Beverage Control (ABC) Board.

43 (7) One representative from the Alabama Department of
44 Public Health.

45 (8) One representative from the Alabama Hemp and Vape
46 Association.

47 (9) One licensed hemp grower appointed by the
48 Commissioner of Agriculture.

49 (10) One licensed hemp processor appointed by the
50 Commissioner of Agriculture.

51 (11) One retailer of hemp-derived products operating
52 in Alabama.

53 (12) One representative from the Alabama Grocers
54 Association.

55 (13) One consumer representative or public health
56 advocate with relevant expertise.



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57 (b) The appointing authorities shall coordinate their
58 appointments to assure the commission membership is
59 inclusive and reflects the racial, gender, geographic,
60 urban, rural, and economic diversity of the state.

61 (c) The commission shall study the current status of
62 hemp and hemp-derived cannabinoid products in Alabama,
63 including, but not limited to, cultivation, processing,
64 testing, retail sale, advertising, labeling, age
65 restrictions, consumer safety, law enforcement, and
66 regulatory oversight.

67 (d) The commission shall meet at the call of the
68 chair, who shall be a legislative member selected jointly by
69 the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the
70 President Pro Tempore of the Senate. The first meeting of
71 the study commission shall be held at the call of the chair
72 no later than 30 days after this resolution's passage. The
73 commission may then meet as necessary to conduct business.

74 (e) (1) The legislative members of the commission
75 shall be entitled to their legislative compensation, per
76 diem, and travel expenses for each day they attend a meeting
77 of the commission pursuant to Section 49 of the Constitution
78 of Alabama of 2022.

79 (2) The nonlegislative members of the commission
80 shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for
81 necessary expenses in attending meetings of the commission
82 pursuant to the policies of their respective appointing
83 authority, subject to the availability of funds.



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84 (f) The commission shall prepare and submit a written
85 report of its findings, conclusions, and recommendations for
86 any proposed legislation to the Legislature no later than
87 the fifth day of the 2026 Regular Session. Upon the filing
88 of its report with the Legislature during the 2026 Regular
89 Session, the commission shall stand dissolved and discharged
90 of any future duties.

91 (g) Pursuant to Section 36-14-17.1, Code of Alabama
92 1975, the commission shall provide to the Secretary of State
93 a notice of all meetings, the name of each member serving on
94 the commission, and a copy of the final report and other
95 documents produced throughout the duration of the
96 commission.

97 (h) Each appointing authority named herein shall be
98 provided a copy of this resolution upon its passage.