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3 By Senator Livingston (N & P)
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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 Relating to Jackson County; to authorize the sheriff to
4 establish procedures for using a credit card or debit card to
5 make purchases pursuant to procedures provided for in this
6 act.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

8 Section 1. (a) For purposes of this section, the
9 following terms have the following meanings:

10 (1) CREDIT CARD. A line of credit issued by a domestic
11 lender or credit card bank.

12 (2) DEBIT CARD. A card issued by a bank in relation to
13 a checking or savings account authorized by law to be expended
14 at the discretion of the Jackson County Sheriff's Office.

15 (b) To provide for convenience in making purchases of
16 tangible personal property or services approved by the
17 sheriff, the Sheriff of Jackson County may establish
18 procedures to make certain purchases through the use of a
19 credit card or debit card issued to the sheriff's office.

20 (c) The sheriff shall adopt written policies and
21 procedures governing the use of a credit card or debit card,
22 which, at a minimum, shall include each of the following:

23 (1) A monetary limit on the amount of any individual
24 purchase which may be made with a credit card or debit card.

25 (2) A monetary limit on the total monthly amount that
26 may be purchased with a credit card or debit card taking into
27 consideration the monetary limit of the discretionary fund
28 used.



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(3) Procedures to ensure that the sheriff, or his or her designee, has sole access to any credit card or debit card, credit card or debit card numbers, access codes, or security codes.

(4) Procedures to keep accurate records of all purchases made with a credit card or debit card which shall be periodically reviewed during required audits.

(5) Procedures to ensure that all credit card or debit card bills are carefully reviewed by the sheriff each month to ensure that no unauthorized charges appear on the bill.

(6) Procedures to ensure that all credit card or debit card bills are paid in full on a timely basis each month to avoid service charges, late fees, or interest payments.

(d) The sheriff shall select a credit card or debit card provider or providers taking into consideration each of the following:

(1) Whether the credit card or debit card issuer requires an annual fee for using the card.

(2) Whether the credit card or debit card issuer offers rewards or rebates based upon purchases made using the account.

(3) The interest rates, service charges, finance charges, or late fees that will be assessed if a bill from the credit card or debit card issuer is paid late or the balance is not paid in full.

(4) Whether penalties or fees will be assessed against the sheriff if the sheriff decides to terminate the credit card or debit card.



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57 (5) Any other consideration deemed relevant by the
58 sheriff.

59 (e) If a credit card or debit card provides rewards or
60 rebates based upon the use of the card, any rewards or rebates
61 earned from the card or cards shall be deposited in the
62 discretionary account of the sheriff's office.

63 (f) The sole purpose of this section is to provide the
64 sheriff a more efficient method of making payment for
65 authorized purchases of tangible property or services. Nothing
66 in this section shall authorize the sheriff to expend funds in
67 excess of those otherwise validly appropriated by law nor
68 shall anything in this section authorize the sheriff to
69 establish a debt of the Jackson County Commission.

70 Section 2. This act shall become effective on June 1,
71 2025.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 22-Apr-25

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed
the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives

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By: Senator Livingston