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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 Under existing law, the Permanent Joint
6 Legislative Committee on the Law Enforcement Medal of
7 Honor and Meritorious Service Award was created by
8 joint resolution for the purpose of awarding the Law
9 Enforcement Medal of Honor and Meritorious Service
10 Award.

11 This bill would continue the committee under
12 general statutory law.

15 A BILL

16 TO BE ENTITLED

17 AN ACT

19 Relating to the Legislature; to continue the Permanent
20 Joint Legislative Committee on the Law Enforcement Medal of
21 Honor and Meritorious Service Award under general statutory
22 law.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

24 Section 1. (a) The Permanent Joint Legislative
25 Committee on the Law Enforcement Medal of Honor and
26 Meritorious Service Award is created for the purpose of
27 awarding the Law Enforcement Medal of Honor and the
28 Meritorious Service of Award.



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29 (b) (1) The membership of the committee shall consist of
30 all of the following:

31 a. Five members of the House of Representatives,
32 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, at
33 least one of whom shall be a member of the minority party.

45 (c) The committee annually shall award the Legislative
46 Medal of Honor for Law Enforcement and the Legislative
47 Meritorious Service Award to members of law enforcement who
48 demonstrate extraordinary courage and exceptional service in
49 the line of duty.

50 (d) (1) The first meeting of the committee shall be held
51 at the call of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, at
52 which time the committee shall elect a chair and vice chair.
53 An election for chair and vice chair shall occur at the
54 committee's first meeting of each quadrennium.



57 and in the interim period between sessions, provided that the
58 committee shall meet at least once every year.

59 (e) The Legislative Services Agency, the Clerk of the
60 House of Representatives, and the Secretary of the Senate
61 shall provide administrative and other assistance for the work
62 of the committee.

63 (f) Each member of the committee shall be entitled to
64 their legislative compensation, per diem, and travel expenses
65 for each day they attend a meeting of the committee pursuant
66 to Section 49 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022.
67 Notwithstanding the foregoing, no member shall receive
68 additional legislative compensation or per diem when the
69 Legislature is in session.

70 (g) Pursuant to Section 36-14-17.1, Code of Alabama
71 1975, the committee shall provide a notice of all meetings,
72 the name of each member serving on the committee, and a copy
73 of and any documents produced by the committee throughout its
74 duration to the Secretary of State.

75 Section 2. This act shall become effective on June 1,
76 2026.