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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 Relating to Montgomery County; to authorize the judge
4 of probate to establish procedures to make limited purchases
5 using a credit card.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

7 Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this act, the term
8 "credit card" means a line of credit issued by a domestic
9 lender or credit card bank.

10 (b) To provide for convenience in making purchases of
11 tangible personal property or services approved by the judge
12 of probate, the Judge of Probate of Montgomery County may
13 establish procedures to make purchases through use of a credit
14 card issued to the Montgomery County Probate Court's Office.
15 The judge of probate may adopt written policy and procedures
16 governing the use of credit cards which, at a minimum, shall
17 include each of the following:

18 (1) A monetary limit on the amount of any individual
19 purchase which may be made with a credit card.

20 (2) A monetary limit on the total monthly amount that
21 may be purchased with a credit card, taking into consideration
22 the monetary limit of the discretionary fund used.

23 (3) Procedures to ensure that only the judge of probate
24 or his or her designee have access to any credit card, credit
25 card numbers, access codes, or security codes.

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



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29 (5) Procedures to ensure that all credit card bills are
30 carefully reviewed by the judge of probate each month to
31 ensure that no unauthorized charges appear on the bill.

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

35 (7) The judge of probate shall select the credit card
36 provider or providers taking into consideration each of the
37 following:

38 a. Whether the credit card issuer requires an annual
39 fee for using the card.

40 b. Whether the credit card issuer offers rewards or
41 rebates based upon purchases made using the account.

42 c. What interest rates, service charges, finance
43 charges, or late fees will be assessed in the event a bill
44 from the credit card issuer is paid late or the balance is not
45 paid in full.

46 d. Whether penalties or fees will be assessed against
47 the judge of probate in the event he or she decides to
48 terminate the credit card.

49 e. Any other consideration deemed relevant by the judge
50 of probate.

51 (c) In the event a credit card provides rewards or
52 rebates based upon the use of the card, the earned rewards or
53 rebates shall be deposited in the Judge of Probate Fund.

54 Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately.

