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TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to Fayette County; to authorize the sheriff to establish procedures to use a credit card for official uses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

(b) To provide for convenience in making purchases of tangible personal property or services approved by the sheriff, in Fayette County the sheriff may establish procedures to make certain purchases through the use of a credit card issued to the Fayette County Sheriff's Office. The sheriff shall adopt written policies and procedures governing the use of credit cards which, at a minimum, shall include each of the following:

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

(2) A monetary limit on the total monthly amount that may be purchased with a credit card taking into consideration the monetary limit of the fund to be used to pay any credit card charges.



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29 (3) Procedures to ensure that the sheriff or his or her
30 designee has sole access to any credit card, credit card
31 number, access code, or security code.

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

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

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

41 (c) The sheriff shall select the credit card provider
42 or providers taking into consideration each of the following:

43 (1) Whether the credit card issuer requires an annual
44 fee to use the account.

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

47 (3) The interest rates, service charges, finance
48 charges, or late fees that may be assessed in the event a bill
49 from the credit card issuer is paid late or the balance is not
50 paid in full each month.

51 (4) Whether penalties or fees will be assessed against
52 the sheriff in the event he or she decides to terminate the
53 credit card account.

54 (5) Any other consideration deemed relevant by the
55 sheriff.

56 (d) In the event that a credit card provides rewards or



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57 rebates based upon the use of the card, any rewards or rebates
58 earned from the card shall be deposited in the Law Enforcement
59 Fund or used for law enforcement purposes.

60 Section 2. This act shall become effective on June 1,
61 2025.