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8 ESTABLISHING A JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TO
9 INVESTIGATE THE CONDITION OF THE AIR CONDITIONING AND HEATING
10 SYSTEM IN THE ALABAMA STATE HOUSE.
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12 WHEREAS, a temperature regulation issue exists in
13 the Alabama State House that has resulted in extremely low
14 temperatures which are often unbearable and create
15 uncomfortable working conditions; several of the members of
16 the Alabama Legislature and legislative staff who work in the
17 Alabama State House have suffered airborne illnesses as a
18 result of the temperature regulation problems; and

19 WHEREAS, legislators have requested information
20 regarding the proper authority for the operation of the air
21 conditioning and heating system in the Alabama State House and
22 have not been able to discover who actually controls the
23 temperature regulation in the building and whether that system
24 is functioning properly; and

25 WHEREAS, the temperature in the Alabama State House
26 is such that it promotes the transmission of secondary
27 infections among those who must work in the conditions and

1 reduces work productivity; those who work in the Alabama State
2 House frequently resort to the use of small space heaters to
3 make the work space tolerable, which creates a power overload
4 and often a power outage; and

5 WHEREAS, it is reported that no one on site has the
6 authority to control or regulate the temperature inside the
7 working areas of the Alabama State House; upon investigation,
8 it is unclear who has the authority to regulate the
9 temperature and there is a need to identify who is responsible
10 and how to address the working conditions; and

11 WHEREAS, appropriate measures exist to address and
12 improve these unhealthy conditions in the Alabama State House;
13 it is of paramount importance to promptly identify the proper
14 authority in control and address the problems relating to the
15 temperature regulation in the Alabama State House in a timely
16 manner; now therefore,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
18 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is created the Joint
19 Legislative Committee to Investigate the Condition of the Air
20 Conditioning and Heating System in the Alabama State House.

21 (a) The appointing authorities shall coordinate
22 their appointments to assure that the Joint Legislative
23 Committee to Investigate the Condition of the Air Conditioning
24 and Heating System in the Alabama State House is inclusive and
25 reflects the racial, gender, geographic, urban, rural, and
26 economic diversity of the state.

1 (b) The membership of the committee shall consist of
2 the following:

3 (1) Three members appointed by the Speaker of the
4 House of Representatives.

5 (2) Three members appointed by the President Pro
6 Tempore of the Senate.

7 (c) The committee shall have all of the following
8 duties:

9 (1) Perform a complete and comprehensive study and
10 assessment of the heating and air conditioning system in the
11 Alabama State House.

12 (2) Perform an investigation of the physical
13 facilities of the Alabama State House to determine who is
14 authorized to control the temperature of the building and to
15 whom that individual is answerable.

16 (3) Identify specific problems with thermostat
17 regulation for the Alabama State House and effective ways to
18 address those problems.

19 (4) Identify deficiencies and operational problems
20 with temperature regulation of the heating and air
21 conditioning system in the Alabama State House and what
22 measures are needed to address and correct those problems in a
23 time efficient manner.

24 (5) Submit a final report with recommendations for
25 immediate action prior to the last legislative day of the 2017
26 Regular Session, at which time the committee shall be
27 dissolved.

1 (d) Appointments to the committee shall be made
2 within 10 calendar days of the passage of this resolution.

3 (e) The committee shall hold an initial meeting no
4 later than 15 days after the passage of this resolution, with
5 the date, time, and location of the meeting designated by the
6 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

7 (f) The House of Representatives and the Senate
8 shall provide the necessary staff and support to the committee
9 to perform its duties.