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3 By Representatives Greer, Morrow, Black, Pettus and Rich  
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8 ESTABLISHING THE ALABAMA STATE PARKS FOUNDATION  
9 STUDY COMMISSION.

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11 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the importance  
12 of preserving natural resources for future generations and for  
13 current economic impact; the conservation, protection, and  
14 development of state parks in Alabama benefits the citizens of  
15 Alabama and promotes tourism; and

16 WHEREAS, current budget restraints and conditions  
17 make it vitally important to be creative and resourceful in  
18 the use of funds for the maintenance, support, and further  
19 development of state park lands and facilities; and

20 WHEREAS, solutions to promote the involvement of  
21 Alabama citizens in the preservation, maintenance, and  
22 development of state parks may exist by studying other states  
23 having public/private partnerships that advance government  
24 services and programs; and

25 WHEREAS, it is important to discover and identify  
26 opportunities to advance and promote the use of independent,

1 non-state resources for the preservation, maintenance,  
2 programming, and development of state parks; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is created the Alabama  
5 State Parks Foundation Study Commission designed to conduct a  
6 review of the practices in other states and explore  
7 opportunities involving partnerships with private businesses  
8 and individuals for the preservation, maintenance,  
9 programming, and development of state parks without using  
10 additional state funds.

11 (a) Membership of the Alabama State Parks Foundation  
12 Study Commission shall be comprised of the following:

13 (1) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate, or his  
14 or her designee.

15 (2) The Speaker of the House of Representatives, or  
16 his or her designee.

17 (3) The Director of the Alabama Department of  
18 Conservation and Natural Resources, or his or her designee.

19 (4) The Director of the Alabama Department of  
20 Archives and History, or his or her designee.

21 (5) The Commissioner of the Alabama Department of  
22 Agriculture and Industries, or his or her designee.

23 (6) One citizen member representing recreational  
24 interests appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
25 Senate.

1           (7) One citizen member representing recreational  
2 interests appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
3 Representatives.

4           (8) One citizen member representing recreational  
5 interests appointed by the Governor.

6           (b) The appointing authorities shall coordinate  
7 their appointments to assure membership of the Alabama State  
8 Parks Foundation Study Commission is inclusive and reflects  
9 the racial, gender, geographic, urban, rural, and economic  
10 diversity of the state.

11           (c) The commission shall have the following duties:

12           (1) Perform a complete and comprehensive review and  
13 assessment of the practices in other states that have formed  
14 parks foundations with public/private partnerships.

15           (2) Identify successful and unsuccessful uses and  
16 practices of parks foundations in other states.

17           (3) If feasible, recommend legislation for the  
18 formation of an Alabama Parks Foundation and the parameters  
19 for that foundation.

20           (d) (1) Appointments to the commission shall be made  
21 within 30 days after the effective date of this act.

22           (2) The commission shall hold its first meeting no  
23 later than September 1, 2017, with the date, time, and  
24 location of the meeting designated by the President Pro  
25 Tempore of the Senate.

26           (3) At the first meeting, the commission shall elect  
27 a chair, vice chair, and other officers as determined by the

1 commission, and shall set dates, times, and locations of  
2 subsequent meetings.

3 (e) The House of Representatives and the Senate  
4 shall provide the necessary staff and support to the  
5 commission to perform its duties.

6 (f) Members of the commission shall serve without  
7 compensation but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses to  
8 attend meetings of the commission according to the policies  
9 and procedures of the respective appointing authority.

10 (g) The commission shall submit its findings and  
11 recommendations in writing to the Legislature no later than  
12 the tenth Legislative day of the 2018 Regular Session, at  
13 which time the commission shall be dissolved.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all state agencies are  
15 urged to cooperate fully with the commission in accomplishing  
16 the objectives of the commission, and that a copy of this  
17 resolution be presented to the appointing authorities set out  
18 above so that our sincere and continuing interest in this  
19 matter is known.