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2 By Senator Singleton (N & P)
3 RFD: Local Legislation
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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 Relating to Hale County; to authorize the sheriff to
4 establish procedures for utilizing a credit card or debit card
5 for limited purchases provided the proper procedures are
6 followed.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

8 Section 1. (a) For purposes of this section, the
9 following terms have the following meanings:

10 (1) CREDIT CARD. A line of credit issued by a domestic
11 lender or credit card bank.

12 (2) DEBIT CARD. A card issued by a bank in relation to
13 a checking or savings account held by the Hale County
14 Sheriff's Office.

15 (b) To provide for convenience in making purchases of
16 tangible personal property or services approved by the
17 sheriff, the Sheriff of Hale County may establish procedures
18 to make certain purchases through the use of a credit card or
19 debit card issued to the Hale County Sheriff's Office.

20 (c) The sheriff may adopt written policy and procedures
21 governing the utilization of a credit card or debit card,
22 which, at a minimum shall include each of the following:

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

25 (2) A monetary limit on the total monthly amount that
26 may be purchased with a credit card or debit card taking into
27 consideration the monetary limit of the discretionary fund
28 used.



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

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

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

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

42 (d) The sheriff shall select a credit card or debit
43 card provider or providers taking into consideration each of
44 the following:

45 (1) Whether the credit card or debit card issuer
46 requires an annual fee for utilizing the card.

47 (2) Whether the credit card or debit card issuer offers
48 rewards or rebates based upon purchases made utilizing the
49 account.

50 (3) The interest rates, service charges, finance
51 charges, or late fees that will be assessed in the event a
52 bill from the credit card or debit card issuer is paid late or
53 the balance is not paid in full.

54 (4) Whether penalties or fees will be assessed against
55 the sheriff in the event he or she decides to terminate the
56 credit card or debit card.



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57 (5) Any other consideration deemed relevant by the
58 sheriff.

59 (e) In the event a credit card or debit card provides
60 rewards or rebates based upon the use of the card, any rewards
61 or rebates earned from the card or cards shall be deposited in
62 the discretionary account of the Hale County Sheriff's Office.

63 Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately
64 following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its
65 otherwise becoming law.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 23-May-23

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives

Passed: 25-May-23

By: Senator Singleton