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- 2 By Senator Sessions
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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 SJR\_\_\_ ESTABLISHING THE JOINT STUDY COMMISSION ON FERAL  
5 SWINE IN ALABAMA.

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7 WHEREAS, 40 years ago feral swine were largely  
8 restricted to the southern third of Alabama but may now be  
9 encountered statewide; and

10 WHEREAS, feral swine wantonly destroy the state's  
11 crops, especially peanuts, corn, and timber seedlings; and

12 WHEREAS, the unhindered movement of feral swine  
13 upsets soil nutrients, contaminates water supplies, and  
14 results in the vandalization of farm structures and  
15 equipment; and

16 WHEREAS, feral swine are a known transmitter of  
17 pseudorabies to livestock and can infect humans with  
18 brucellosis; and

19 WHEREAS, feral swine are responsible each year for an  
20 estimated 50 million dollars in costs to this state's  
21 agricultural sector, whether in crop damage, repairs, or in  
22 protective measures; and

23 WHEREAS, feral swine prey upon Alabama's native  
24 wildlife population, including amphibians, birds, wild  
25 turkey, and white-tailed deer; and



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26 WHEREAS, having a short gestation period that fuels  
27 exponential population growth, feral swine cannot be  
28 significantly reduced in population through unrestricted  
29 hunting; now therefore,

30 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
31 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Joint Study Commission  
32 on Feral Swine is established.

33 (a) The purpose of the commission is to investigate  
34 the effect of feral swine on the economy and the natural  
35 resources of the State of Alabama with the goal of  
36 formulating solutions that will provide lasting protection  
37 to the state's natural resources, crops and livestock, and  
38 personal property.

39 (b) (1) The members of the commission shall include  
40 all of the following:

41 a. The Chair, Vice Chair, and ranking minority member  
42 of the Senate Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry  
43 Committee.

44 b. The Chair, Vice Chair, and ranking minority member  
45 of the House of Representatives Agriculture and Forestry  
46 Committee.

47 c. The Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries, or  
48 his or her designee.

49 d. The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural  
50 Resources, or his or her designee.



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51           (2) Members of the commission may invite a  
52 representative of the Alabama state office of the Natural  
53 Resources Conservation Service of the United States  
54 Department of Agriculture, appointed by the Natural  
55 Resources Conservation Service to participate in commission  
56 meetings.

57           (c) The initial meeting of the commission shall be  
58 called by the Chair of the Senate Agriculture, Conservation,  
59 and Forestry Committee and shall be held no later than 60  
60 days following the effective date of this resolution, at  
61 which time the commission shall elect a chair and assign  
62 responsibilities to each member. Thereafter, the commission  
63 shall meet no less than once each quarter.

64           (d)(1) The legislative members of the commission  
65 shall be entitled to their legislative compensation, per  
66 diem, and travel expenses for each day they attend a meeting  
67 of the commission in accordance with Section 49 of the  
68 Constitution of Alabama of 2022.

69           (2) The non-legislative members of the commission  
70 shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for  
71 necessary expenses in attending commission meetings pursuant  
72 to the policies of the respective appointing authority.

73           (e) Pursuant to Section 36-14-17.1, Code of Alabama  
74 1975, the commission shall provide to the Secretary of State  
75 a notice of all meetings, the name of each member serving on



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76 the commission, a copy of its final report, and other  
77 interim reports or studies produced throughout the duration  
78 of its existence.

79 (f)(1) The commission shall prepare a final report of  
80 its findings, conclusions, and recommendations for any  
81 proposed legislation no later than the fifth legislative day  
82 of the 2025 Regular Legislative Session.

83 (2) The final report shall be delivered to the  
84 Lieutenant Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the  
85 Senate, the Majority Leader of the Senate, the Minority  
86 Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
87 Representatives, the Majority Leader of the House of  
88 Representatives, and the Minority Leader of the House of  
89 Representatives.

90 (3) Upon delivery of its final report, the commission  
91 shall be dissolved.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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House of Representatives

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By: Senator Sessions