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ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

CREATING THE ALABAMA BUILDING CODE STUDY COMMISSION.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is hereby created the Alabama Building Code Study Commission.

The purposes of the commission are:

(1) To identify minimum standards for construction to respond to federal requirements for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) aid after a natural disaster such as a tornado, flood, hurricane, fire, or earthquake;

(2) To address concerns from national insurers who may be limiting writing new or are not renewing property insurance because of a lack of building standards in many areas of Alabama; and

(3) To promote the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

The commission shall consist of the following members:

(1) A representative designated by the Director of the Alabama State Building Commission.

(2) A representative designated by the Alabama State Fire Marshal.

(3) A representative designated by the Alabama Council of the American Institute of Architects.

(4) A representative designated by the American Council of Engineering Companies of

Alabama.

(5) A representative designated by the Home Builders Association of Alabama.

(6) A representative designated by the Alabama Associated General Contractors.

(7) A representative designated by the Associated Builders and Contractors of Alabama.

(8) A representative designated by the Alabama League of Municipalities.

(9) A representative designated by the Association of County Commissions of Alabama.

(10) A representative of the Property and Casualty Insurance Industry appointed by the Governor.

(11) One member of the Alabama State Senate, appointed by the Lieutenant Governor.

(12) One member of the Alabama House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The membership of the commission shall be inclusive and reflect the racial, gender, geographic, urban and rural, and economic diversity of the state.

The representative of the State Fire Marshall shall serve as chair of the commission. The commission shall meet upon the call of the chair.

The commission shall develop suggestions and comments in the form of a report to the Governor and the Legislature to be provided not later than the fifth legislative day of the 2007 Regular Session, whereupon the commission shall stand dissolved and discharged of any further duties and liabilities.

The commission report shall include, at a minimum, each of the following items, issues, and considerations:

(1) A survey of other states to determine the types of statewide building codes and enforcement systems which are in place and which are successful.

(2) An investigation of existing model codes such as the International Building Code and NFPA Life Safety Code to determine what is appropriate for Alabama.

(3) A survey of the laws of other states and jurisdictions, including professional standards of care for architects, engineers, fabricators, contractors, and builders, regarding minimal construction standards.

(4) A determination of the capacity of existing agencies, including municipal and county building officials, which now handle administrative and enforcement issues, to administer a statewide building code, or the necessity of creating new agencies to administer such a code.

(5) A recommendation regarding permit fee structures or other enforcement means that would offset implementation costs.

(6) Any recommended legislation to implement the recommendations of the study commission.

The chair shall have the authority to request staff support from any state agency enumerated in this resolution to assist the commission in carrying out its responsibilities. Nonlegislative and nonstate agency members shall serve without salary or per diem compensation. State agency members may be reimbursed for per diem travel expenses for attending meetings in accordance with state law and agency guidelines.

~~Legislative members of the commission shall be entitled to his or her regular legislative compensation, his or her per diem, and travel expenses for each day he or she attends a meeting of the commission which shall be paid out of any funds appropriated to the use of the Legislature, upon warrants drawn on the State Comptroller upon requisitions signed by the chair of the commission. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no member shall receive additional legislative compensation or per diem when the Legislature is in session or if a member is being paid any other payments on the same dates for attendance of other state business.~~

~~The total legislative expenditures of the commission shall not exceed \$5,000.~~

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