

1 HB246  
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SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Secretary of State is required to provide 10 copies of all bills, joint resolutions, and memorials upon the request of either house of the Legislature and to bind all bills, joint resolutions, and memorials upon the adjournment of each session.

This bill would allow the Secretary of State to provide digital copies of all bills, resolutions, and memorials electronically to the Legislature and would eliminate the binding requirement.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to the Secretary of State; to amend Section 36-14-1, Code of Alabama 1975, to allow the Secretary of State to provide digital copies of all bills, resolutions, and

1 memorials electronically to the Legislature; and to eliminate  
2 the binding requirement.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

4 Section 1. Section 36-14-1, Code of Alabama 1975, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 "§36-14-1.

7 "It is the duty of the Secretary of State:

8 "(1) To keep the state seal, the original statutes  
9 and public records of the state, and the records and papers  
10 belonging to the Legislature, keeping the papers of each house  
11 separate.

12 "(2) To attest commissions and all other public  
13 documents from the executive of the state and, when necessary,  
14 to affix the seal of the state thereto and to certify the same  
15 in his or her official capacity.

16 "(3) To record, in books proper for that purpose,  
17 all grants and patents issued by the state.

18 "(4) To keep all books, maps, and other papers  
19 appertaining to the survey of lands belonging to the state and  
20 the books and papers belonging to the land office.

21 "(5) To keep in his or her office the books, maps,  
22 and field notes of the late surveyor general of the United  
23 States for this state which are public archives of the state  
24 and, upon application, to give certified copies of the same,  
25 which shall be received in evidence in any of the courts of  
26 this state.

1           "(6) On application and the payment of lawful fees,  
2 to certify copies of all records, grants, papers, and laws of  
3 the several states or of the United States.

4           "(7) To make annually, by September 30, a verified  
5 and itemized account of all money and fees received in his or  
6 her office and of all payments and disbursements made, which  
7 must be reported to and filed with the Governor, and  
8 transmitted to the next succeeding Legislature.

9           "(8) To give notice to the district attorneys of the  
10 respective circuits or counties of all officers who fail to  
11 file their bonds in his or her office or make returns of  
12 elections within the time prescribed.

13           "(9) To procure the acts and resolutions of the  
14 Legislature.

15           "(10) To ~~receive from the state printer 10~~  
16 ~~additional~~ maintain electronically digital copies of all  
17 bills, joint resolutions, and memorials ~~printed~~ by order of  
18 either house of the Legislature ~~and, on the adjournment of~~  
19 ~~each session of the Legislature, to have one of each of such~~  
20 ~~copies bound together in a cheap form and file them and the~~  
21 ~~copies not bound in his or her office.~~

22           "(11) On entering into the contract provided for in  
23 Section 11-3-25, to furnish to the county commissions, from  
24 the records now in his or her office, exact copies of the  
25 field notes of the original surveys of all the lands in their  
26 respective counties, which shall be books of proper size to be  
27 supplied by such courts, at the close of which he or she shall

1       append his or her certificate as to the correctness thereof  
2       under the Great Seal of the State.

3               "(12) To procure from the general land office in  
4       Washington, D.C., complete lists of the entries of public  
5       lands in Alabama, so as to be enabled to complete the Alabama  
6       state tract books in his or her office to date, the expense  
7       attending the procurement of which to be paid upon his or her  
8       certificate to the Comptroller, or who shall draw a warrant on  
9       the Treasurer.

10              "(13) To procure lists of entries of public lands in  
11       this state annually, so as to comply with subdivision (14),  
12       the expense to be paid as provided in subdivision (12).

13              "(14) To enter on the tract books, by October 1 of  
14       each year, a list of all the lands (not already so entered)  
15       sold by the United States, and to make out and furnish each  
16       probate judge, by January 1 of each year, a register or  
17       statement showing all the lands so sold in the county of such  
18       judge and not embraced in any register or statement previously  
19       furnished.

20              "(15) To file all deeds or leases heretofore given  
21       or which may be hereafter given conveying real property to the  
22       State of Alabama, or any of its departments, agencies,  
23       commissions, boards, institutions, or public corporations  
24       brought into existence by act of the Legislature, except tax  
25       sales deeds, in the office of the Secretary of State. The  
26       Secretary of State shall promptly record the deeds so filed in  
27       his or her office by writing, typewriting, photostat, or by

1 electronic format and shall preserve the deeds as recorded in  
2 a well-bound book if not stored in electronic format. The  
3 Secretary of State shall be required to furnish a certified  
4 copy of all deeds filed for record in his or her office to any  
5 department, agency, commission, board, institution, or public  
6 corporation created by act of the Legislature, when any such  
7 department, agency, commission, board, institution, or public  
8 corporation formed or created by act of the Legislature  
9 desires a certified copy of such deed.

10 "(16) To perform such other duties as he or she is  
11 or may be required by law to perform.

12 "(17) To implement a central filing system that  
13 complies with regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the  
14 United States Department of Agriculture pertaining to central  
15 filing of liens on farm products."

16 Section 2. This act shall become effective  
17 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
18 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.