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ENROLLED, An Act,

Relating to the limits and boundaries of the territorial waters of this state for management and protection of marine resouirces; to provide legislative intent regarding the limits and boundaries of the territorial waters of this state management and protection of marine resources; and to amend Section 41-1-1 of the Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for the limits and boundaries of the territorial waters of this state for management and protection of marine resources.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) The Legislature hereby finds, determines, and declares the following:

(1) Significant inequitable disparities exist in the limits and boundaries of the territorial waters ~~and submerged lands~~ among the Gulf Coast States of Texas, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama.

(2) These inequities have resulted in economic and recreational losses to the State of Alabama, its political subdivisions, and its citizens.

(3) It is the policy and purpose of the State of Alabama by this act to place itself on an equal footing with the other Gulf Coast States with regard to the limits and boundaries of the territorial waters ~~and submerged lands~~ of

1 the State of Alabama for management and protection of marine
 2 resources.

3 (b) This section shall be liberally construed to
 4 effect the policy and purposes hereof.

5 Section 2. Section 41-1-1 of the Code of Alabama
 6 1975, is amended to read as follows:

7 "§41-1-1.

8 "(a) The sovereignty and jurisdiction of the state
 9 extend to all places within the boundaries ~~thereof~~ of the
 10 state, but the extent of ~~such the~~ jurisdiction over places
 11 that have been or may be ceded to the United States is
 12 qualified by the terms of ~~such the~~ cession.

13 "(b) The limits and boundaries of the territorial
 14 waters and submerged lands of the State of Alabama for
 15 management and protection of marine resources shall consist of
 16 all territory included within the boundaries described in the
 17 Act of Congress of March 2, 1819, together with all territory
 18 ceded to the State of Alabama by later acts of Congress or by
 19 compacts or agreements with other states or the United States,
 20 extending seaward to a distance of three Marine Leagues."

21 Section 3. This act shall become effective on the
 22 first day of the third month following its passage and
 23 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 20-FEB-14.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

18-MAR-14

Amended and Passed

House

18-MAR-14

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