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4 TO AMEND AND REENACT ACT 2007-414, HJR27, 2007
5 REGULAR SESSION (ACTS 2007, P. 844), TO CONTINUE THE OLD
6 FEDERAL ROAD TASK FORCE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE OLD FEDERAL
7 ROAD SHOULD BE PROMOTED AS A HISTORICAL TRAIL AND DESIGNATING
8 CERTAIN STATE AND COUNTY ROADS BY NUMBER AS TRANSITIONAL
9 TRAILS UNTIL THE OLD FEDERAL ROAD ROUTE IS DESIGNATED AND
10 DEVELOPED.
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12 WHEREAS, in 1806 when the United States was still
13 young and rapidly growing westward, a horse path for postal
14 riders was opened through the Creek Nation stretching from
15 middle Georgia to costal Alabama. As the likelihood of another
16 battle with Britain increased, the crucial need to quickly
17 move troops to protect the American Gulf Coast was becoming
18 more evident. In June 1810, Colonel Richard Sparks, the
19 commanding officer of Fort Stoddert located in Mobile County,
20 Alabama, was ordered by U.S. Secretary of War William Eustis
21 to inspect and document these horse paths in order to mark a
22 military road so that troops and supplies could be sent to
23 defend the Gulf Coast. A second scouting party from Fort
24 Stoddert was led by 1st Lieutenant John Roger Nelson Lockett
25 who made the first significant survey for road construction in
26 land that would later become Alabama. On July 11, 1811,
27 Brigadier General Wade Hampton was directed to immediately

1 begin construction of three wagon roads through the Creek
2 Nation - the second of these roads became known as the Federal
3 Road; and

4 WHEREAS, with construction at last beginning in
5 1811, the "Old Federal Road" was built from west to east
6 connecting Fort Stoddert to Fort Wilkinson, located near
7 Milledgeville, Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, the Old Federal Road successfully connected
9 Fort Stoddert to the Chattahoochee River. At that point, the
10 Federal Road merged with the earlier postal riders' horse path
11 that linked Athens, Georgia, to New Orleans, Louisiana. This
12 path quickly became a major travel route for pioneers to the
13 area once known as the Old Southwest; and

14 WHEREAS, from its start as a narrow horse path used
15 to carry the mails, the Old Federal Road underwent great
16 development and became a major military road connecting early
17 American forts in the Creek Lands and the Mississippi
18 Territory. Acting as the interstate highway of its day, when
19 "Alabama Fever" raged through the Carolinas and Georgia, the
20 Old Federal Road carried thousands of pioneers to the Old
21 Southwest. As such, the Federal Road directly contributed to
22 the dramatic increase in Alabama's population between 1810 and
23 1820 with Alabama's population growing faster than that of
24 either Mississippi or Louisiana during this time. Alabama
25 continued out-distancing both Mississippi and Louisiana in
26 population growth through 1850; and

1 WHEREAS, the Federal Road became a well-traveled
2 stagecoach route for those going through Alabama. Nearly two
3 centuries later, remnants of the Federal Road remain visible;
4 now therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
6 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Act 2007-414, HJR27 of the
7 2007 Regular Session (Acts 2007, p. 844), relating to the Old
8 Federal Road Task Force, is amended and reenacted as follows:

9 The Old Federal Road Task Force as created pursuant
10 to Act 2007-414 is created and continued.

11 (a) The task force shall be composed of the
12 following persons:

13 (1) The Director of the Alabama Historical
14 Commission, or his or her designee.

15 (2) The Director of the Alabama Department of
16 Archives and History, or his or her designee.

17 (3) The president of any four-year public college or
18 university, or his or her designee, that is located within the
19 geographic area of the Old Federal Road.

20 (4) One member of the Senate appointed by the
21 Lieutenant Governor.

22 (5) Three members of the House of Representatives
23 appointed by the Speaker of the House.

24 (6) The Director of the Tourism Department, or his
25 or her designee.

1 (7) One member from each of the congressional
2 districts in which the Federal Road was located appointed by
3 the Speaker of the House.

4 (8) The Director of the Department of
5 Transportation, or his or her designee.

6 (b) (1) The chair and vice chair of the task force
7 shall be elected at the first meeting of the task force, after
8 the passage of this amended act which shall be called for by
9 the Speaker of the House no later than September 1, 2011. The
10 task force shall thereafter meet at the call of the chair or
11 on a motion of a majority of its members.

12 (2) The task force shall study all aspects of how
13 best to identify and promote the Old Federal Road in this
14 state. The task force shall present annual findings,
15 conclusions, and recommendations to the Legislature, the
16 Governor, and the Attorney General on or before the tenth
17 legislative day of each regular legislative session beginning
18 in 2012 with a final report due on or before the tenth day of
19 the 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature, at which time the
20 task force shall stand dissolved and discharged of further
21 duties and liabilities.

22 (3) No funds appropriated for the use of the
23 Legislature may be expended for the work of the task force.
24 Members shall serve without compensation, but may be
25 reimbursed as other state employees for per diem expenses as
26 allowed by law, and only to the extent that any funds are
27 available for reimbursement of per diem expenses of the

1 members. Travel for any member of the House of Representatives
2 shall be approved by the Speaker of the House. The total
3 expenditures of the task force may not exceed four thousand
4 dollars (\$4,000) for the continuation of the work of the force
5 from the effective date of this resolution until the committee
6 is dissolved in 2015 with the annual expense not to exceed one
7 thousand dollars (\$1,000).

8 (4) Notwithstanding the foregoing, no legislative
9 member may receive state per diem for a meeting of the task
10 force when the Legislature is in session or if a legislative
11 member is being paid any other payments on the same dates for
12 attendance of other state business.

13 (c) The transitional route of the Old Federal Road
14 as determined by the Alabama Department of Transportation
15 consists of all the following:

16 (1) Russell County: Begin at Fort Mitchell, head
17 north on AL-165, turn left onto South Seale Road and head
18 southwest, turn left onto US-431/AL-1 and head southwest, turn
19 left onto County Road 61 and head southeast, turn right onto
20 County Road 137 and head southwest, turn left onto US-431/AL-1
21 and head southwest, turn right onto Indian Trail Road and head
22 northwest, turn left onto County Road 137 and head southwest,
23 turn right onto US-431/AL-1 and head southwest, turn left onto
24 County Road 137 and head southwest, turn right onto County
25 Road 138 and head northwest to junction of AL-169 and
26 US-431/AL-1, follow AL-169 to County Road 22, turn left onto
27 County Road 22 and head west, turn left onto AL-51 and head

1 south, turn right onto Boromville Road and head west crossing
2 into Macon County.

3 (2) Macon County: Continue to follow Boromville
4 Road, turn right onto County Road 10 and head west/northwest
5 to US-29/AL-15, turn right onto US-29/AL-15 and head northwest
6 to Tuskegee, turn left onto US-80/AL-8 and head west crossing
7 into Montgomery County.

8 (3) Montgomery County: Continue to follow US-80/AL-8
9 to junction with AL-126, turn left onto AL-126 and head west,
10 turn left onto AL-110 in Montgomery and head southeast, turn
11 right onto Ryan Road and head south, turn right onto Vaughn
12 Road and head west, turn right onto US-231/AL-53 (Eastern
13 Bypass) and head north to junction with Atlanta Highway, turn
14 left onto Atlanta Highway and head west to junction of Madison
15 Avenue and Mt. Meigs Road, continue west on Madison Avenue,
16 turn left onto Decatur Street (one way) and head south to
17 junction of Union Street and Norman Bridge Road (head north
18 from this point to Madison Avenue for northbound segment),
19 continue on Norman Bridge Road, turn right onto
20 US-80/AL-8-US-82/AL-6 (Southern Bypass), head west to junction
21 of I-65 - Exit 168, turn left on US-80/AL-8 - I-65 and head
22 south to I-65 - Exit 167, turn right onto US-80/AL-8 and head
23 west to junction of US-31/AL-3, turn left onto US-31/AL-3 and
24 head south to junction of County Road 24, turn right onto
25 County Road 24 and head west, turn left onto County Road 055
26 (Federal Road) and head southwest, turn left onto County Road
27 053 (Tabernacle Road) and head south, turn left onto County

1 Road 054 (Tabernacle Road) and head east/southeast, turn right
2 onto US-31/AL-3 and head south crossing into Lowndes County.

3 (4) Lowndes County: Continue to follow US-31/AL-3
4 and head southwest, turn right onto AL-185 and head west
5 through Fort Deposit; then south on AL-185 crossing into
6 Butler County.

7 (5) Butler County: Continue to follow AL-185
8 southwest, turn right onto County Road 44 and head
9 west/southwest, turn left onto County Road 54 and head south,
10 turn right onto County Road 46 and head west/northwest, turn
11 left onto County Road 38 and head south/southwest crossing
12 into Conecuh County.

13 (6) Conecuh County: Continue to follow that route
14 which becomes Owens Road to County Road 16, then head
15 southwest on Old Federal Road to County Road 29, turn right
16 onto County Road 29 and head southwest, then north to County
17 Road 79, turn left onto County Road 79 and head south to
18 County Road 106, turn right onto County Road 106 and head
19 west, turn left onto AL-83 and head south, turn right onto
20 County Road 1 and head southwest, turn right onto County Road
21 5 and head south/southwest to US-84/AL-12, turn right onto
22 US-84/AL-12 and head west, turn left onto County Road 5 and
23 head southwest crossing into Escambia County.

24 (7) Escambia County: Continue to follow that route
25 which becomes County Road 45 south, turn right onto County
26 Road 30 (Pleasant Grove Road) and head west, crossing AL-21,
27 head west/southwest, turn left at McCullough onto Washington

1 Avenue and head east, turn right onto Garden Street and head
2 south (Garden Street turns into Bell Creek Road), continue
3 south on Bell Creek Road, turn right onto County Road 14 and
4 head west/northwest, turn right onto County Road 1 and head
5 north, turn left onto County Road 47 and head west.

6 (8) Baldwin County: Continue to follow that route
7 which becomes Redtown Road, turn right onto County Road 61 and
8 head north/northwest, turn left onto AL-59 and head south,
9 turn right onto AL-225 and continue south, turn right onto
10 US-31/AL-3 and head west to junction of US-90/AL-16, turn
11 right and continue west on US-90/AL-16 crossing into Mobile
12 County.

13 (9) Mobile County: Continue to follow route
14 US-90/AL-16 through Mobile County to the Mississippi state
15 line.

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