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8                   CREATING THE BUSINESS LITIGATION AND COMPLEX  
9 LITIGATION STUDY COMMITTEE.

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11                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is hereby established a  
13 Business Litigation and Complex Litigation Study Committee to  
14 study the feasibility of creating a Business Litigation and  
15 Complex Litigation Court in the State of Alabama.

16                   Membership of the committee shall be as follows:

17                   (1) The Chair of the House Committee on Commerce and  
18 Small Business, who shall serve as chair of the committee.

19                   (2) The Chair of the Senate Committee on Commerce,  
20 Transportation and Utilities, who shall serve as vice chair of  
21 the committee.

22                   (3) The Chairs of the House and Senate Judiciary  
23 Committees, or their designees.

24                   (4) One member of the House, to be appointed by the  
25 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

26                   (5) One member of the Senate, to be appointed by the  
27 President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

1                   (6) Two members to be appointed by the Chief Justice  
2 of the Alabama Supreme Court.

3                   (7) One member to be appointed by the Chair of the  
4 Business Council of Alabama.

5                   (8) One member to be appointed by the Chair of the  
6 Alabama Civil Justice Reform Committee.

7                   (9) Two members to be appointed by the President of  
8 the Alabama Association for Justice.

9                   (10) The Chair of the Business Torts and Antitrust  
10 Law Section of the Alabama State Bar, or his or her designee.

11                   (11) The President of the Alabama Circuit Judges  
12 Association or a sitting or retired circuit judge appointed by  
13 him or her.

14                   (12) One member to be appointed by the President of  
15 the Alabama State Bar, who shall be a licensed attorney in the  
16 state practicing in the role of general counsel or in-house  
17 counsel.

18                   Efforts shall be made to have appointments reflect  
19 the geographic, gender, racial, and ethnic diversity of the  
20 state.

21                   A majority of the committee shall constitute a  
22 quorum for the transaction of business. The committee shall  
23 meet at least once per month beginning the second month  
24 following the adjournment of the 2014 Regular Session. Members  
25 shall serve without compensation.

26                   The committee shall have the following duties:

1                   (1) Study the potential benefits, detriments,  
2                   feasibility, and possible scope of a Business Litigation or  
3                   Complex Litigation Court.

4                   (2) Identify the resources necessary to create such  
5                   a court.

6                   (3) Report its findings and recommendations to the  
7                   Legislature at least one month prior to the convening of the  
8                   2015 Regular Session.

9                   The committee shall be dissolved after the final  
10                  report is made unless otherwise authorized to continue.