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3 By Senator Ward
4 RFD: Rules
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4 ENROLLED, SJR50,

5 CREATING THE BUSINESS LITIGATION AND COMPLEX
6 LITIGATION STUDY COMMITTEE.

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

13 Membership of the committee shall be as follows:

14 (1) The Chairs of the House and Senate Judiciary
15 Committees, or their designees.

16 (2) The Chair of the House Committee on Commerce and
17 Small Business, or his or her designee.

18 (3) The Chair of the Senate Committee on Fiscal
19 Responsibility and Economic Development, or his or her
20 designee.

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

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

1 (6) The Governor's Legal Advisor, or his or her
2 designee.

3 (7) Two members to be appointed by the Chief Justice
4 of the Alabama Supreme Court.

5 (8) One member to be appointed by the Chair of the
6 Business Council of Alabama.

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 A majority of the committee shall constitute a
24 quorum for the transaction of business. The committee shall
25 meet at least once per month beginning the second month

1 following the adjournment of the 2015 Regular Session. The
2 first committee meeting shall be set by the Governor's Legal
3 Advisor. At that meeting, the committee shall elect a chair
4 and vice chair. Members shall serve without compensation.

5 The committee shall have the following duties:

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

9 (2) Identify the resources necessary to create such
10 a court.

11 (3) Report its findings and recommendations to the
12 Legislature at least one month prior to the convening of the
13 2016 Regular Session.

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

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 21-MAY-15
I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
Adopted: 28-MAY-15

By: Senator Ward