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9 A BILL
10 TO BE ENTITLED
11 AN ACT
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13 Relating to Marshall County; to authorize the
14 Sheriff of Marshall County to establish procedures to make
15 limited purchases using a credit or debit card, provided
16 compliance with required accountability and audit measures and
17 other procedures are followed.

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

19 Section 1. (a) This act shall apply only to Marshall
20 County.

21 (b) For purposes of this act, the following words
22 have the following meanings:

23 (1) CREDIT CARD. A line of credit issued by a
24 domestic lender or credit card bank.

25 (2) DEBIT CARD. A card issued by a bank in relation
26 to a checking or savings account held by the Marshall County
27 Sheriff's Office.

1 (c) To provide for convenience in making purchases
2 of tangible personal property or services approved by the
3 sheriff, the Sheriff of Marshall County may establish
4 procedures to make certain purchases from funds under the
5 control of the sheriff through use of a credit or debit card
6 issued to the Marshall County Sheriff's Office.

7 (d) The sheriff may adopt written policy and
8 procedures governing the use of credit or debit cards which,
9 at a minimum, include each of the following:

10 (1) A monetary limit on the amount of any individual
11 purchase which may be made with a credit or debit card.

12 (2) A monetary limit on the total monthly amount
13 that may be purchased with a credit or debit card taking into
14 consideration the monetary limit of the discretionary fund
15 used.

16 (3) Procedures to ensure that the sheriff or his or
17 her designee has sole access to any credit or debit card,
18 credit or debit card numbers, access codes, or security codes.

19 (4) Procedures to keep accurate records of all
20 purchases made with a credit or debit card which shall be
21 periodically reviewed during required audits.

22 (5) Procedures to ensure that all credit or debit
23 card bills are carefully reviewed by the sheriff each month to
24 make sure that no unauthorized charges appear on the bill.

25 (6) Procedures to ensure that all credit or debit
26 card bills are paid in full on a timely basis each month to
27 avoid service charges, late fees, or interest payments.

1 (e) The sheriff shall select the credit or debit
2 card provider or providers taking into consideration each of
3 the following:

4 (1) Whether the credit or debit card issuer requires
5 an annual fee for using the card.

6 (2) Whether the credit or debit card issuer offers
7 rewards or rebates based upon purchases made using the
8 account.

9 (3) What interest rates, service charges, finance
10 charges, or late fees will be assessed in the event a bill
11 from the credit or debit card issuer is paid late or the
12 balance is not paid in full.

13 (4) Whether penalties or fees will be assessed
14 against the sheriff in the event he or she decides to
15 terminate the credit or debit card.

16 (5) Any other consideration deemed relevant by the
17 sheriff.

18 (f) In the event the credit or debit card provides
19 rewards or rebates based upon the use of the card, any rewards
20 or rebates earned from the card or cards shall be deposited in
21 the Sheriff's Discretionary Fund of Marshall County.

22 Section 2. This act shall become effective
23 immediately following its passage and approval by the
24 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.