

1 HJR656  
2 101993-3  
3 By Representative Collier  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 24-APR-08

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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,  
3 CREATING THE ALABAMA WATERFRONT ACCESS STUDY  
4 COMMITTEE.

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6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
7 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is hereby created the  
8 Alabama Waterfront Access Study Committee.

9 The committee shall be composed of the following  
10 members:

11 (1) The Director of the Mississippi-Alabama Sea  
12 Grant Program.

13 (2) A representative of the Alabama Department of  
14 Conservation and Natural Resources.

15 (3) A representative of the Alabama Department of  
16 Conservation and Natural Resources, Marine Resources Division.

17 (4) A representative of the Alabama Working  
18 Waterfront Coalition.

19 (5) A representative of the Alabama Port Authority.

20 (6) A representative of the commercial fishing  
21 industry appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
22 Representatives.

23 (7) A representative of the recreational fishing  
24 industry appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

1           (8) A representative of the United States Army Corps  
2 of Engineers appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
3 Representatives.

4           (9) An economist appointed by the President Pro  
5 Tempore of the Senate from one of the major colleges or  
6 universities in the state.

7           (10) A social scientist appointed by the Speaker of  
8 the House of Representatives from one of the major colleges or  
9 universities in the state.

10          (11) A representative of the Alabama Home Builders  
11 Association.

12          (12) A representative of the Alabama Association of  
13 Realtors.

14          (13) A representative of the marine trades and  
15 manufacturing industry appointed by the President Pro Tempore  
16 of the Senate.

17          (14) A representative of the Alabama Bureau of  
18 Tourism and Travel.

19          (15) A representative of the commercial fishing  
20 support industry appointed by the Organized Seafood  
21 Association of Alabama, Inc.

22          (16) A local government representative from each  
23 congressional district, with the representatives from  
24 odd-numbered districts appointed by the Speaker of the House  
25 of Representatives and the representatives from even-numbered

1 districts appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
2 Senate.

3 (17) The Chair of the Agriculture, Conservation and  
4 Forestry Committee of the Senate, or his or her designee.

5 (18) The Chair of the Agriculture and Forestry  
6 Committee of the House of Representatives, or his or her  
7 designee.

8 (19) The members of the House of Representatives  
9 representing House Districts 95 and 105.

10 (20) The members of the Senate representing Senate  
11 Districts 32 and 35.

12 The committee may appoint an ad hoc technical  
13 committee as necessary.

14 The Director of the Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant  
15 Program shall be the chair of the committee. The  
16 representative of the commercial fishing support industry  
17 appointed by the Organized Seafood Association of Alabama,  
18 Inc., shall be the vice chair of the committee. Any vacancy  
19 shall be filled by the original appointing authority. A quorum  
20 of the committee shall be a majority of its members. The  
21 committee shall meet upon the call of the chair.

22 The committee, with the assistance of the  
23 Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium, shall study the  
24 degree of loss and potential loss of the diversity of uses  
25 along the coastal shoreline of Alabama and how these losses

1 impact access to the public trust waters of the state.

2 Specifically, the committee shall do all of the following:

3 (1) Gather information about local land-use  
4 management and zoning, current shoreline development trends,  
5 and local tax rates, including tax assessment trends for  
6 shoreline properties.

7 (2) Collect research and information from Alabama  
8 and other states and jurisdictions regarding incentive-based  
9 techniques and management tools used to preserve waterfront  
10 diversity.

11 (3) Assess the applicability of such tools and  
12 techniques to the coastal shorelines of Alabama.

13 (4) Prepare a draft report with a statement of the  
14 issues, a summary of the research, and recommendations to  
15 address issues of diversity of waterfront use and access in  
16 Alabama.

17 (5) Hold at least three public meetings to present  
18 the draft report and recommendations to the public and user  
19 groups.

20 The committee, while in the discharge of its  
21 official duties, may have the power to request all officers,  
22 agents, agencies, and departments of the state to provide any  
23 information, data, or documents within their possession,  
24 ascertainable from their records, or otherwise available to  
25 them to carry out its functions.

1           The chair of the committee shall be responsible for  
2           convening such meetings of the committee as shall be necessary  
3           for the committee to carry out its functions under this act,  
4           which shall include the power to provide policies and  
5           guidelines for use in carrying out this act.

6           The committee shall have the power to employ and  
7           provide for the compensation of a program coordinator. The  
8           committee may enter into agreements with other state agencies  
9           and public or private organizations for additional staff or  
10          support as the committee may determine to be necessary.  
11          Private funding may be accepted only upon a clear designation  
12          that the funding places no conditions on the findings or  
13          recommendations of the committee.

14          The committee shall submit an interim report of the  
15          study to the Alabama Legislature no later than the tenth  
16          legislative day of the 2009 Regular Session of the  
17          Legislature. After making its report to the Legislature in  
18          2010, the committee shall stand dissolved and discharged of  
19          any further duties and liabilities unless it is affirmatively  
20          extended or renewed by the Legislature prior to that time.

21          Each citizen member of the committee shall receive  
22          the same daily expense, mileage, and travel allowance for each  
23          day he or she attends a committee meeting as authorized for  
24          state employees attending state business. Each legislator  
25          serving on the committee shall receive his or her regular

1 legislative compensation, per diem, and travel expenses for  
2 each day he or she attends a meeting of the committee. Upon  
3 requisitions signed by the chair of the committee, these  
4 payments shall be paid out of any funds appropriated to the  
5 use of the Legislature by means of warrants drawn by the state  
6 Comptroller on the State Treasury. Notwithstanding the  
7 foregoing, no legislative member shall receive additional  
8 compensation or per diem for a meeting day on the committee  
9 when he or she attends a regular or special legislative  
10 session meeting day or legislative committee meeting day, or  
11 if a member is being paid any other payments on the same dates  
12 for attendance on other state business. Members of the  
13 committee who are state officials, other than legislative  
14 members, shall receive no compensation for their service on  
15 the committee, but may be reimbursed for expenses from funds  
16 appropriated to or otherwise available to their respective  
17 departments. The total expenditure of the committee shall not  
18 exceed \$10,000 per fiscal year.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was adopted by the House 29-APR-08, as amended.

Greg Pappas  
Clerk

Senate

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Adopted