THE ALABAMA LEGISLATURE

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- A. Survey of Alabama Legislators (2005)
 - 1. Results for respondents from the House and Senate combined
 - 2. Results for respondents from the House of Representatives
 - 3. Results for respondents from the Senate
 - 4. Responses by Legislators to the Question: List three changes that you would like to see in legislative practice and procedure.
- B. Budget Transparency
- C. A Citizen's Guide to ALISON