



REIN in Big Government

No vote? No Rule.

Right now, an unelected state agency can write a rule that costs you money - no hearing you can attend, no vote you can watch. It just takes effect, and you have to live with it. The REINS Act (Regulations from the Executive In Need of Scrutiny) is meant to fix that.

1 WHAT IT DOES

Routine, low-cost agency rules would keep moving exactly as they do today. REINS only pulls in the big-dollar rules, requiring lawmakers to approve them before they can take effect.



* Only applies above a major cost threshold. Everyday agency work is unaffected.

2 WHY IT MATTERS

Source: Mercatus Center, 2023 state regulation data; World Bank (2005) cross-country regulatory burden study.

117,041

restrictions in the Alabama Administrative Code

6.9 M

words of state regulation - and counting!

25th

most regulated state in the country

6-8x

harder regulatory costs hit lower-income households

This isn't anti-regulation. It's pro-accountability.

REINS DOES

- ✓ Require a vote only on rules that cross a major cost threshold.
- ✓ Put the biggest, costliest decisions in front of elected lawmakers.

REINS DOES NOT

- ✓ Ban any category of regulation outright.
- ✓ Stop routine, day-to-day agency rules from moving forward.

WE WOULDN'T BE GOING FIRST

FLORIDA 2010

LOUISIANA 2025

N. CAROLINA 2025

KENTUCKY 2025

S. CAROLINA 2026

TENNESSEE 2026

6 of our close neighbors have already enacted REINS-style laws. Alabama is only one of 3 Southeastern states that are still waiting.



FAMILIES

Compliance costs don't stay with businesses. They show up later as higher prices and fewer local options.



SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

Every dollar spent complying with a rule nobody voted on is a dollar not spent hiring or expanding.



FARMERS & LANDOWNERS

Environmental and land-use rules can reshape how a farm operates — often with no legislative vote at all.



HAPPENING RIGHT NOW

- ADEM approved an approximate **25% across-the-board increase** to permit, certification, and regulatory review fees.
- ADEM created **6 primary new fees** for services & permits that were historically free or handled under un-itemized schedules.
- The updated rule was approved August 31 and **takes effect October 15**.

Contact Your Legislator

Ask your state senator and representative to support the Alabama REINS Act.

Invite A Friend

Encourage friends around the state to attend the Sweet Home Freedom Tour.

Share What You Learned

Explaining REINS to just one more person helps build this into a movement.