

1 SB138
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3 By Senators Dixon, Barron, Little (T), and Figures
4 RFD: Governmental Affairs
5 First Read: 12-JAN-10

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7 A BILL
8 TO BE ENTITLED
9 AN ACT

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11 Relating to the Alabama Sunset Law; to continue the
12 existence and functioning of the State Oil and Gas Board with
13 certain modifications; to amend Section 9-17-3, Code of
14 Alabama 1975, so as to require that board members be citizens
15 of this state.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

17 Section 1. Pursuant to the Alabama Sunset Law, the
18 Sunset Committee recommends the continuance of the State Oil
19 and Gas Board, with the additional recommendation for
20 statutory change as set out in Section 3.

21 Section 2. The existence and functioning of the
22 State Oil and Gas Board, created and functioning pursuant to
23 Sections 9-17-1 to 9-17-35, inclusive, Code of Alabama 1975,
24 is continued, and those code sections are expressly preserved.

25 Section 3. Section 9-17-3 of the Code of Alabama
26 1975, is amended to read as follows:

27 "§9-17-3.

1 "(a) There is hereby created and established a
2 board, to be known as the State Oil and Gas Board, to be
3 composed of three members to be appointed by the Governor for
4 terms of the following duration: one member for a term of two
5 years; one member for a term of four years; and one member for
6 a term of six years. At the expiration of the term for which
7 each of the original appointments is made, each successor
8 member shall be appointed for a term of six years; and, in the
9 event of a vacancy, the Governor shall by appointment fill
10 such unexpired term. Each member shall be eligible for
11 reappointment at the discretion of the Governor. Each member
12 of the board shall be a resident and citizen of the State of
13 Alabama and shall be a qualified voter therein. Each member
14 shall qualify by taking an oath of office and shall hold
15 office until his or her successor is appointed and qualified.
16 The board shall elect from its number a chairman. The board
17 shall meet or hold hearings at such times and places as may be
18 found by the board to be necessary to carry out its duties.
19 Each member of the board shall receive as compensation for his
20 or her services an annual salary of ~~\$3,600.00~~ three thousand
21 six hundred dollars (\$3,600) and, in addition thereto, each
22 member shall be entitled to a travel and office expense
23 allowance of ~~\$500.00~~ five hundred dollars (\$500) per month.
24 The compensation and travel and office expense allowance as
25 above set forth shall be paid from the Oil and Gas Fund.

26 "(b) Any person who has served 19 or more years
27 continuously on the board shall be a nonvoting member emeritus

1 of the board. A member emeritus shall receive no compensation,
2 salary, or travel or expense allowance or reimbursement for
3 his or her service on the board."

4 Section 4. The Legislature concurs in the
5 recommendations of the Sunset Committee as provided in
6 Sections 1, 2, and 3.

7 Section 5. This act shall become effective
8 immediately upon its passage and approval by the Governor, or
9 its otherwise becoming law.

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Yeas 30
Nays 0

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Secretary