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4 Bracy, Fincher and Davis
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would allow the Board of Trustees
9 of the University of South Alabama to participate
10 in meetings by telephone conference or video
11 conference if notice of the meetings is given
12 pursuant to the Open Meetings Act and the members
13 of the public are given the opportunity to
14 simultaneously listen to or observe such meetings.

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16 A BILL
17 TO BE ENTITLED
18 AN ACT

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20 Relating to the University of South Alabama Board of
21 Trustees; to allow the board of trustees to participate in
22 meetings by telephone conference or video conference if notice
23 of the meetings is given pursuant to the Open Meetings Act and
24 the members of the public are given the opportunity to
25 simultaneously listen to or observe such meetings.

26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1 Section 1. Members of the Board of Trustees of the
2 University of South Alabama (USA) may participate in a meeting
3 of the board or committee by means of telephone conference,
4 video conference, or similar communications equipment by means
5 of which all persons participating in the meeting may hear
6 each other at the same time. Participation by such means shall
7 constitute presence in person at a meeting for all purposes,
8 including the establishment of a quorum. Notice of USA board
9 meetings shall be provided in accordance with the Alabama Open
10 Meetings Act and telephone or video conference or similar
11 communications equipment shall also allow members of the
12 public the opportunity to simultaneously listen to or observe
13 such meetings.

14 Section 2. This act shall become effective
15 immediately following its passage and approval by the
16 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.