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3 By Senators Brooks, Glover and Figures
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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 may participate in a meeting of
3 the board or committee by means of telephone conference, video
4 conference, or similar communications equipment by means of
5 which all persons participating in the meeting may hear each
6 other at the same time. Participation by such means shall
7 constitute presence in person at a meeting for all purposes.
8 However, a majority of a quorum of the members of the board of
9 trustees, or, in the event of a meeting of only the executive
10 committee, a majority of a quorum of the executive committee
11 of the board of trustees must be physically present at the
12 location noticed and called for the meeting in order to
13 conduct any business or deliberation. Members of the board of
14 trustees and any committees of the board of trustees may not
15 utilize electronic communications except as in compliance with
16 the Alabama Open Meetings Act. Notice of board meetings shall
17 be provided in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act
18 and telephone or video conference or similar communications
19 equipment shall also allow members of the public the
20 opportunity to simultaneously listen to or observe such
21 meetings.

22 Section 2. This act shall become effective
23 immediately following its passage and approval by the
24 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.