

**SB88 ENGROSSED**



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2 VEWUPVL-2  
3 By Senator Weaver  
4 RFD: County and Municipal Government  
5 First Read: 13-Feb-24



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A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to the Alabama Firefighters' Personnel Standards and Education Commission; to amend Section 36-32-2, Code of Alabama 1975; to increase the membership of the commission; to provide for the additional members' appointments and qualifications; and to make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 36-32-2, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§36-32-2

(a) The Alabama Firefighters' Personnel Standards and Education Commission shall consist of ~~seven~~nine members, each of whom shall be a qualified elector of the state who is over ~~the age of 18~~ years of age. The Professional Firefighters Association of Alabama shall ~~nominate~~appoint one certified firefighter to serve for a term of four years; the Alabama Firefighter's Association shall ~~nominate~~appoint one certified firefighter to serve for a term of four years; the Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs shall ~~nominate~~appoint one certified



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29 firefighter to serve for a term of four years; the Alabama  
30 Association of Volunteer Fire Departments shall  
31 ~~nominate~~appoint one certified volunteer firefighter to serve  
32 for a term of four years; the Presiding Officer of the Senate  
33 shall appoint one certified firefighter who is experienced in  
34 the mentorship and training of aspiring firefighters to serve  
35 for a term of four years; the Presiding Officer of the Senate  
36 shall appoint one certified volunteer firefighter who is  
37 experienced in the mentorship and training of aspiring  
38 volunteer firefighters to serve for a term of four years; the  
39 ~~State~~state Fire Marshal or his or her designee shall serve as  
40 a member; the Lieutenant Governor shall ~~nominate~~appoint one  
41 member; and the Governor shall ~~nominate~~appoint one member ~~of~~  
42 ~~the commission~~. The members appointed by the Lieutenant  
43 Governor and the Governor shall each serve for terms of four  
44 years.

45 (b) Should a vacancy occur during the term of a  
46 commission member, the original ~~nominating entity~~appointing  
47 authority shall ~~nominate~~appoint a replacement to serve for the  
48 remainder of the term. Each ~~nominee~~appointee shall be  
49 confirmed by the Senate before the ~~nominee~~appointee becomes a  
50 member of the commission. Except for the state Fire Marshall,  
51 ~~No~~no commissioner who is then serving on the commission or  
52 whose term has just expired shall be required to be  
53 reconfirmed for a new term, ~~once nominated by the Professional~~  
54 ~~Firefighters Association of Alabama, the Alabama Firefighters~~  
55 ~~Association, the Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs, the~~  
56 ~~Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments, the~~



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57 ~~Lieutenant Governor, or the Governor.~~ Each member of the  
58 commission shall serve until his or her successor is confirmed  
59 by the Senate. If the Senate rejects the ~~nominee~~appointee, the  
60 ~~nominating entity~~appointing authority shall make a replacement  
61 ~~nomination~~appointment. ~~The nominee of the Alabama Association~~  
62 ~~of Fire Chiefs shall be appointed in 2013 at the expiration of~~  
63 ~~the term of office of the designee of the Governor whose~~  
64 ~~appointment ends in 2013. The nominee of the Alabama~~  
65 ~~Association of Volunteer Fire Departments shall be appointed~~  
66 ~~in 2014 at the expiration of the term of office of the~~  
67 ~~designee of the Governor whose appointment ends in 2014.~~ No  
68 commissioner may serve more than two consecutive terms.

69 (c) The members may adopt bylaws to govern the  
70 organization of the commission, its meetings, and activities;  
71 provided, that the bylaws shall not conflict with this  
72 chapter.

73 ~~(b)~~ (d) The appointing authorities shall coordinate  
74 their appointments to assure that the membership of the  
75 commission shall be inclusive and ~~reflect~~reflects the  
76 racial, gender, geographic, ~~urban/rural~~urban, rural, and  
77 economic diversity of the state."

78 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
79 1, 2024.



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83 Read for the first time and referred .....13-Feb-24  
84 to the Senate committee on County  
85 and Municipal Government  
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87 Read for the second time and placed .....06-Mar-24  
88 on the calendar:  
89 1 amendment  
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91 Read for the third time and passed .....09-Apr-24  
92 as amended  
93 Yeas 23  
94 Nays 4  
95 Abstains 0  
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Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.

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