

**SB88 INTRODUCED**



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3 By Senator Weaver  
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SYNOPSIS:

Existing law provides for seven members to sit on the Alabama Firefighters' Personnel Standards and Education Commission.

This bill would increase the membership of the commission to eight, by providing for the appointment of an individual who is a volunteer firefighter by the Presiding Officer of the Senate.

This bill would also make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style.

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 member's appointment 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:



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

31 "§36-32-2

32 (a) The Alabama Firefighters' Personnel Standards and  
33 Education Commission shall consist of ~~seven~~eight members, each  
34 of whom shall be a qualified elector of the state who is over  
35 ~~the age of~~ 18 years of age. The Professional Firefighters  
36 Association of Alabama shall ~~nominate~~appoint one certified  
37 firefighter to serve for a term of four years; the Alabama  
38 Firefighter's Association shall ~~nominate~~appoint one certified  
39 firefighter to serve for a term of four years; the Alabama  
40 Association of Fire Chiefs shall ~~nominate~~appoint one certified  
41 firefighter to serve for a term of four years; the Alabama  
42 Association of Volunteer Fire Departments shall  
43 ~~nominate~~appoint one certified volunteer firefighter to serve  
44 for a term of four years; the Presiding Officer of the Senate  
45 shall appoint one certified volunteer firefighter who is  
46 experienced in the mentorship and training of aspiring  
47 volunteer firefighters to serve for a term of four years; the  
48 ~~State~~state Fire Marshal or his or her designee shall serve as  
49 a member; the Lieutenant Governor shall ~~nominate~~appoint one  
50 member; and the Governor shall ~~nominate~~appoint one member ~~of~~  
51 ~~the commission~~. The members appointed by the Lieutenant  
52 Governor and the Governor shall each serve for terms of four  
53 years.

54 (b) Should a vacancy occur during the term of a  
55 commission member, the original ~~nominating entity~~appointing  
56 authority shall ~~nominate~~appoint a replacement to serve for the



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57 remainder of the term. Each ~~nominee~~appointee shall be  
58 confirmed by the Senate before the ~~nominee~~appointee becomes a  
59 member of the commission. Except for the state Fire Marshall,  
60 ~~None~~ commissioner who is then serving on the commission or  
61 whose term has just expired shall be required to be  
62 reconfirmed for a new term, ~~once nominated by the Professional~~  
63 ~~Firefighters Association of Alabama, the Alabama Firefighters~~  
64 ~~Association, the Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs, the~~  
65 ~~Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments, the~~  
66 ~~Lieutenant Governor, or the Governor~~. Each member of the  
67 commission shall serve until his or her successor is confirmed  
68 by the Senate. If the Senate rejects the ~~nominee~~appointee, the  
69 ~~nominating entity~~appointing authority shall make a replacement  
70 ~~nomination~~appointment. ~~The nominee of the Alabama Association~~  
71 ~~of Fire Chiefs shall be appointed in 2013 at the expiration of~~  
72 ~~the term of office of the designee of the Governor whose~~  
73 ~~appointment ends in 2013. The nominee of the Alabama~~  
74 ~~Association of Volunteer Fire Departments shall be appointed~~  
75 ~~in 2014 at the expiration of the term of office of the~~  
76 ~~designee of the Governor whose appointment ends in 2014.~~ No  
77 commissioner may serve more than two consecutive terms.

78 (c) The members may adopt bylaws to govern the  
79 organization of the commission, its meetings, and activities;  
80 provided, that the bylaws shall not conflict with this  
81 chapter.

82 ~~(b)~~ (d) The appointing authorities shall coordinate  
83 their appointments to assure that the membership of the  
84 commission ~~shall be~~is inclusive and ~~reflect~~reflects the



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85 racial, gender, geographic, ~~urban/rural~~urban, rural, and  
86 economic diversity of the state."

87 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
88 1, 2024.