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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, termination dates are established for enumerated state agencies. The agencies are periodically reviewed by the Alabama Sunset Committee. After the review process is completed, the committee prepares its recommendation for the agencies to the Legislature in the form of sunset bills which either continue, terminate, or continue with modification each agency reviewed.

This bill would provide for the continuance of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists until October 1, 2027, with the following change: To require that a board member resides in and be appointed from each congressional district in this state.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to the Alabama Sunset Law; to continue the existence and functioning of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists until October 1, 2027, with certain modifications; to amend Sections 34-41-4, Code of



29 Alabama 1975, to require that a board member resides in and be  
30 appointed from each congressional district in this state.

31 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

32 Section 1. Pursuant to the Alabama Sunset Law, the  
33 Sunset Committee recommends the continuance of the Alabama  
34 Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists until October  
35 1, 2027, with additional recommendation for statutory change  
36 as set out in Section 3.

37 Section 2. The existence and functioning of the  
38 Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Geologists,  
39 created and functioning pursuant to Sections 34-41-1 to  
40 34-41-24, inclusive, Code of Alabama 1975, is continued until  
41 October 1, 2027, and those code sections are expressly  
42 preserved.

43 Section 3. Section 34-41-4, Code of Alabama 1975, is  
44 amended to read as follows:

45 "§34-41-4

46 (a) There is created the Alabama Board of Licensure for  
47 Professional Geologists which shall administer and enforce  
48 this chapter.

49 (b) The board shall consist of seven members appointed  
50 by the Governor from a list of nominees submitted by the  
51 board, or any entity designated by the board. Members of the  
52 board, except for the initial board, shall be licensed  
53 professional geologists. Whenever possible the membership of  
54 the board shall be inclusive and reflect the racial, gender,  
55 geographic, ~~urban/rural~~ urban, rural, and economic diversity  
56 of the state. Commencing on June 1, 2025, as the terms of the



57 members serving on the board expire, the membership of the  
58 board shall be appointed so that one member resides in and is  
59 appointed from each congressional district in this state.

60 (c) Each member of the board shall be a citizen of the  
61 United States, a resident of ~~the State of Alabama~~ this state  
62 for at least five years immediately preceding appointment,  
63 reside in ~~the~~ this state during the term of office, and be at  
64 least 25 years of age.

65 (d) All members of the initial board shall be appointed  
66 by the Governor from a list of nominees who shall at the time  
67 of their appointment qualify for licensing under this chapter  
68 and become duly licensed during their term. Membership of the  
69 board shall include at least one representative member from  
70 each of the following professional subgroups of geologists:  
71 Faculty of the departments of geology at colleges and  
72 universities in ~~the State of Alabama~~ this state that grant  
73 degrees in the geological sciences; governmental agencies  
74 employing geologists; businesses, exclusive of those exempted  
75 herein; mining industry; petroleum industry; geotechnical  
76 engineering firms; ~~and/or~~ environmental engineering firms; and  
77 independent geological consultants.

78 (e) After the establishment of the initial board, all  
79 members of the board shall be licensed under this chapter. The  
80 term of office of each member of the board shall be three  
81 years. Notwithstanding the foregoing, of the first members  
82 appointed, two shall be appointed for a term of one year, two  
83 for terms of two years, and three for terms of three years. No  
84 member shall serve more than two consecutive three-year terms,



85 without interruption in service of at least three years.

86 (f) Each term on the board shall expire on September 30  
87 of the year in which the term expires. When the term of a  
88 member expires, the Governor shall appoint a new member or  
89 reappoint the current member for a full term under subsections  
90 (d) and (e). If a vacancy occurs, within 90 days of the  
91 vacancy the Governor shall appoint a replacement to fill the  
92 vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term. Except for  
93 the members of the initial board, all appointments and  
94 reappointments to the board shall be made by the Governor from  
95 a list of nominees submitted by the board, or any entity  
96 designated by the board. In appointing members to the board,  
97 the Governor shall strive to achieve diversity in race,  
98 gender, geography, residence, and economic condition.

99 (g) The Governor may remove a member of the board only  
100 for neglect of duty, an unexcused failure to attend more than  
101 one of the regularly scheduled meetings held in a calendar  
102 year during the term in office of the member, malfeasance,  
103 violation of this chapter, or conviction of a felony or other  
104 crime of moral turpitude.

105 (h) Members of the board shall receive reimbursement  
106 for expenses incurred in the performance of duties of one  
107 hundred dollars (\$100) per day plus mileage payable at the  
108 same rate as paid for state officers and employees for each  
109 day of actual attendance at a regular or special meeting of  
110 the board.

111 (i) The board may employ the necessary personnel for  
112 performance of its functions and fix their compensation. The



113 board may appoint committees to aid in the performance of its  
114 functions."

115 Section 4. The Legislature concurs in the  
116 recommendation of the Sunset Committee as provided in Sections  
117 1, 2, and 3.

118 Section 5. This act shall become effective on June 1,  
119 2025.