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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, the Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History is composed of two members from each congressional district, two at-large members, and the Governor or his or her designee as a non-voting member.

This bill would increase the voting members of the board to 17 members and would revise the manner in which members are appointed.

This bill would also provide for retroactive effect.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to the Department of Archives and History; to amend Sections 41-6-3 and 41-6-4, Code of Alabama 1975; to further provide for the composition of the Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History; to further provide for the filling of vacancies on the board; and to provide for retroactive effect.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Sections 41-6-3 and 41-6-4, Code of Alabama



29 1975, are amended to read as follows:

30 "§41-6-3

31 (a) The department shall be under the control of the
32 Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History,
33 which shall consist of one member from each congressional
34 district ~~and the additional members selected pursuant to~~
35 ~~subsection (b)~~ as the districts existed on January 1, 2025,
36 nine at-large members, and the Governor or his or her
37 designee.

38 ~~(b) Two additional at-large members shall be selected~~
39 ~~and an additional member shall be selected from each U.S.~~
40 ~~Congressional District. The additional members shall be~~
41 ~~selected by the board of trustees and their names shall be~~
42 ~~communicated to the Senate not later than the fifth~~
43 ~~legislative day of the 2004 Regular Session of the~~
44 ~~Legislature. Newly selected members shall be confirmed by the~~
45 ~~Senate in the same manner as vacancies filled pursuant to~~
46 ~~Section 41-6-4. The board of trustees shall select three of~~
47 ~~the new members to serve initial terms of two years, three of~~
48 ~~the new members to serve initial terms of four years, and~~
49 ~~three of the new members to serve initial terms of six years.~~
50 ~~All successor members shall serve terms of six years and shall~~
51 ~~be selected as provided in Section 41-6-4.~~

52 (b) Each vacancy in an appointed board seat, as it
53 arises, whether by expiration of term of service or by death
54 or resignation, shall be filled as follows:

55 (1) Seat 1, a resident of Congressional District 1, for
56 a six-year term commencing January 1, 2027, and every six



57 years thereafter, appointed by the Governor.

58 (2) Seat 2, a resident of Congressional District 2, for
59 a six-year term commencing January 1, 2029, and every six
60 years thereafter, appointed by the Governor.

61 (3) Seat 3, a resident of Congressional District 3, for
62 a six-year term commencing January 1, 2030, and every six
63 years thereafter, appointed by the Governor.

64 (4) Seat 4, a resident of Congressional District 4, for
65 a six-year term commencing January 1, 2026, and every six
66 years thereafter, appointed by the Governor.

67 (5) Seat 5, a resident of Congressional District 5, for
68 a six-year term commencing January 1, 2028, and every six
69 years thereafter, appointed by the Governor.

70 (6) Seat 6, a resident of Congressional District 6, for
71 a six-year term commencing January 1, 2028, and every six
72 years thereafter, appointed by the Governor.

73 (7) Seat 7, a resident of Congressional District 7, for
74 a six-year term commencing January 1, 2025, and every six
75 years thereafter, appointed by the Governor.

76 (8) Seat 8, a resident of the state at-large, for a
77 six-year term commencing January 1, 2025, and every six years
78 thereafter, appointed by the Governor.

79 (9) Seat 9, a resident of the state at-large, for a
80 six-year term commencing January 1, 2028, and every six years
81 thereafter, appointed by the Speaker of the House of
82 Representatives from three nominees provided by the Minority
83 Leader of the House of Representatives.

84 (10) Seat 10, a resident of the state at-large, for a



85 six-year term commencing January 1, 2030, and every six years
86 thereafter, appointed by the Speaker of the House of
87 Representatives.

88 (11) Seat 11, a resident of the state at-large, for a
89 six-year term commencing January 1, 2027, and every six years
90 thereafter, appointed by the Speaker of the House of
91 Representatives.

92 (12) Seat 12, a resident of the state at-large, for a
93 six-year term commencing January 1, 2026, and every six years
94 thereafter, appointed by the Speaker of the House of
95 Representatives.

96 (13) Seat 13, a resident of the state at-large, for a
97 six-year term commencing January 1, 2025, and every six years
98 thereafter, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
99 Senate.

100 (14) Seat 14, a resident of the state at-large, for a
101 six-year term commencing January 1, 2027, and every six years
102 thereafter, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
103 Senate.

104 (15) Seat 15, a resident of the state at-large, for a
105 six-year term commencing January 1, 2029, and every six years
106 thereafter, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
107 Senate from three nominees provided by the Minority Leader of
108 the Senate.

109 (16) Seat 16, a resident of the state at-large, for a
110 six-year term commencing January 1, 2026, and every six years
111 thereafter, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
112 Senate.



113 (c) The ~~membership of the board of trustees~~ appointing
114 authorities shall ~~be~~ coordinate their appointments to assure
115 that the membership of the board is inclusive and ~~shall~~
116 ~~reflect~~ reflects the racial ~~and~~, gender, geographic, urban,
117 rural, and economic diversity of the state.

118 (d) Each appointed member of the board shall serve at
119 the pleasure of his or her appointing authority."

120 "§41-6-4

121 (a) ~~The board of trustees shall fill all vacancies~~
122 ~~occurring on the board, whether by expiration of term of~~
123 ~~service or by death or resignation, but the~~ The names of all
124 ~~successor~~ board members shall be communicated to the current
125 session or the next ensuing regular session of the state
126 Senate for confirmation. If the Senate rejects any ~~successor~~
127 ~~trustee~~ appointed member, the ~~board~~ appointing authority shall
128 proceed forthwith to fill the vacancy.

129 (b) ~~A trustee~~ An individual appointed to succeed a
130 member whose term has expired shall serve for a term of six
131 years. ~~A person~~ An individual appointed to fill a vacancy
132 occurring by death or resignation shall only serve out the
133 unexpired term of his or her predecessor. ~~A person whose~~
134 ~~appointment to the board has been confirmed by the Senate~~
135 ~~shall serve beyond his or her expired term until a successor~~
136 ~~has been confirmed by the Senate.~~

137 (c) The board shall hold at the State Capital at least
138 one regular meeting during every year ~~and as many special~~
139 ~~meetings as may be necessary, and at any meeting.~~ a A majority
140 of the ~~trustees~~ board members shall constitute a quorum. The



141 Governor ~~of the state~~ shall be a voting member of the board as
142 authorized by Section 41-6-3, and he or she ~~shall~~, as far as
143 possible, shall lend every encouragement to the success and
144 ~~upbuilding~~ development of the department. The director shall
145 be the secretary of the board. ~~The trustees~~ Members of the
146 board shall receive no compensation for their services. Each
147 member of the board ~~of trustees~~ shall be reimbursed at the
148 same per diem and travel allowance amounts paid by law to
149 state employees for each day of attendance of the business of
150 the board.

151 (d) The board may do all of the following:

152 (1) Adopt rules for its own government and also for the
153 government of the department.

154 (2) Elect a director and provide for the selection or
155 appointment of other officials or employees as may be
156 authorized.

157 (3) Provide for the publication of historical material
158 pertaining to the state under the supervision of the director.

159 (4) Control and expend ~~such~~ appropriations as may be
160 made for the maintenance of the department.

161 (5) Perform ~~such~~ other acts as may be necessary to
162 carry out the intent and purposes of this article."

163 Section 2. This act shall be retroactive to January 1,
164 2025.

165 Section 3. This act shall become effective immediately.