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Enrolled, An Act,

Relating to the Alabama Sunset Law; to continue the existence and functioning of the Alabama Licensure Board for Interpreters and Translitterators until October 1, 2027, with certain modifications; to amend Section 34-16-4, Code of Alabama 1975, to require that a board member resides in and be appointed from each congressional district in this state and that any remaining members be appointed from the state at-large.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Pursuant to the Alabama Sunset Law, the Sunset Committee recommends the continuance of the Alabama Licensure Board for Interpreters and Translitterators until October 1, 2027, with additional recommendation for statutory change as set out in Section 3.

Section 2. The existence and functioning of the Alabama Licensure Board for Interpreters and Translitterators, created and functioning pursuant to Sections 34-16-1 to 34-16-16, inclusive, Code of Alabama 1975, is continued until October 1, 2027, and those code sections are expressly preserved.

Section 3. Section 34-16-4, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§34-16-4

(a) There is created the Alabama Licensure Board for Interpreters and Translitterators.

(b) The board shall consist of nine members appointed



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by the Governor as follows:

(1) Four members certified as interpreters or transliterators at a professional level by a nationally recognized certification, one of whom shall work in an educational setting. A list of three nominations for each of these positions shall be submitted to the Governor by ALRID.

(2) Three deaf or hard of hearing members who are knowledgeable in the field of professional interpreting. A list of three nominations for each of these positions shall be submitted to the Governor by AAD.

(3) Two members at-large who have an interest in and are experienced in dealing with issues that affect the deaf, hard of hearing, and interpreting communities.

(c) All members of the board shall be citizens of the United States and residents of the State of Alabama. In appointing members to the board, the nominating organizations and the Governor, to the extent possible, shall select those ~~persons~~ individuals whose appointments ensure that the membership of the board is inclusive and reflects the racial, gender, geographic, ~~urban/rural~~ urban, rural, and economic diversity of the state. Commencing on June 1, 2025, as the terms of the members serving on the board expire, the membership of the board shall be appointed so that one member resides in and is appointed from each congressional district in this state with the remaining members being appointed from the state at-large.

(d) A list of three nominees for each position, except for the at-large positions, shall be submitted to the Governor



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by the designated organizations by October 1, 1998. The initial terms shall begin January 1, 1999.

(e) The initial members of the board shall serve the following terms as designated by the Governor:

(1) Four of the initial members shall serve for two years.

(2) Three of the initial members shall serve for three years.

(3) Two of the initial members shall serve for four years.

(f) Subsequent terms of office shall be four years. No board member may serve more than two consecutive terms. In the event of a vacancy, the Governor shall fill the vacancy from the remaining names on the list of nominees for that position. Each board member shall serve until his or her successor is duly appointed and qualified.

(g) At its first meeting each year, the board shall elect a chair, a vice chair, and a secretary. No member shall be elected to serve more than two consecutive years in the same office.

(h) After the initial appointments to the board are made, the board shall meet by January 31 of the following year for the purpose of organizing and transacting business as may properly come before the board. Subsequently, the board shall meet not less than twice annually, and as frequently as it deems necessary, at such time and places as it designates. A quorum necessary to transact business shall consist of five of the members of the board.



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85 (i) The board shall have all of the following duties:

86 (1) Act on matters concerning licensure and permitting,
87 and the process of granting, suspending, reinstating, and
88 revoking a license or permit.

89 (2) Set a fee schedule for granting licenses and
90 permits, for renewing licenses and permits, for reinstating a
91 lapsed license or permit, and for assessing penalties for late
92 renewal. The fees shall be sufficient to cover the cost of the
93 continued operation and administration of the board.

94 (3) Develop a mechanism for processing applications for
95 licenses, permits, and renewals.

96 (4) Establish a procedure to enable the investigation
97 of complaints concerning the violation of ethical practices
98 for licensed or permitted interpreters.

99 (5) Maintain a current register of licensed
100 interpreters and a current register of permitted interpreters.
101 These registers shall be matters of public record.

102 (6) Maintain a complete record of all board
103 proceedings.

104 (7) Submit an annual report detailing the proceedings
105 of the board to the Governor and file a copy with the
106 Secretary of State.

107 (8) Adopt continuing education requirements no later
108 than October 1 of the year in which the initial board is
109 appointed. These requirements shall be implemented by January
110 1 of the year following for renewal of a license or permit.

111 (j) Board members shall receive the same travel
112 expenses and per diem as state employees pursuant to Article 2



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113 of Chapter 7 of Title 36 and incidental and clerical expenses
114 necessarily incurred in carrying out this chapter. The
115 compensation and expenses shall be paid out of the funds of
116 the board. Reimbursement shall not be made if available funds
117 are insufficient for this purpose."

118 Section 4. The Legislature concurs in the
119 recommendation of the Sunset Committee as provided in Sections
120 1, 2, and 3.

121 Section 5. This act shall become effective on June 1,
122 2025.



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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and
was passed by the House 06-Feb-25.

John Treadwell
Clerk

Senate

09-Apr-25

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