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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to the Alabama Sunset Law; to continue the existence and functioning of the State Board of Genetic Counseling until October 1, 2027, with certain modifications; to amend Section 34-13A-3, 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 State Board of Genetic Counseling until October 1, 2027, with additional recommendation for statutory change as set out in Section 3.

Section 2. The existence and functioning of the State Board of Genetic Counseling, created and functioning pursuant to Sections 34-13A-1 to 34-13A-11, inclusive, Code of Alabama 1975, is continued until October 1, 2027, and those code sections are expressly preserved.

Section 3. Section 34-13A-3, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:



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29 "§34-13A-3

30 (a) The State Board of Genetic Counseling is created to
31 implement and administer this chapter.

32 (b) The membership of the board shall consist of all of
33 the following:

34 (1) One individual appointed by the Department of
35 Genetics at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

36 (2) Four individuals who practice genetic counseling in
37 Alabama and who hold a master's degree or doctoral degree in
38 genetic counseling from an ACGC or ABMGG accredited training
39 program, or an equivalent program approved by the ACGC or the
40 ABMGG, appointed by the Governor.

41 (3) One physician appointed by the Medical Association
42 of the State of Alabama.

43 (4) One physician appointed by the State Board of
44 Medical Examiners.

45 (5) One physician who specializes in pediatric genetics
46 appointed by the Lieutenant Governor.

47 (6) One physician appointed by the Speaker of the House
48 of Representatives.

49 (c) Board members appointed by the Governor shall serve
50 for terms of two years and, upon the expiration of a term, may
51 continue to serve until replaced or reappointed. All other
52 board members shall serve until they are replaced by their
53 respective appointing authority.

54 (d) The board shall annually elect from its membership
55 a chair, a vice chair, and a secretary.

56 (e) The appointing authorities shall coordinate their



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57 appointments to assure the board membership is inclusive and
58 reflects the racial, gender, geographic, urban, rural, and
59 economic diversity of ~~this~~ the state. Commencing on June 1,
60 2025, as the terms of the members serving on the board expire,
61 the membership of the board shall be appointed so that one
62 member resides in and is appointed from each congressional
63 district in this state with the remaining members being
64 appointed from the state at-large.

65 (f) Unless acting unreasonably or in bad faith, no
66 member of the board shall be civilly liable for acting within
67 the scope of his or her duties as a board member.

68 (g) Members of the board shall serve without
69 compensation but, to the extent funds are available, may
70 receive the same per diem and travel allowance as state
71 employees.

72 (h) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2), members
73 of the board may participate in a regular meeting of the board
74 by means of telephone conference, video conference, or similar
75 communications equipment pursuant to the Alabama Open Meetings
76 Act, Chapter 25A of Title 36.

77 (2) Members of the board may only participate in a
78 meeting of the board relating to a disciplinary action in
79 person."

80 Section 4. The Legislature concurs in the
81 recommendation of the Sunset Committee as provided in Sections
82 1, 2, and 3.

83 Section 5. This act shall become effective on June 1,
84 2025.



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