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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 State Board of Podiatry until October 1, 2029, 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 State Board of Podiatry until October 1, 2029, with certain modifications; to amend Section 34-24-250, Code of Alabama 1975, to require that a board member resides in and be appointed from each congressional



29 district in this state.

30 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

31 Section 1. Pursuant to the Alabama Sunset Law, the
32 Sunset Committee recommends the continuance of the State Board
33 of Podiatry until October 1, 2029, with additional
34 recommendation for statutory change as set out in Section 3.

35 Section 2. The existence and functioning of the State
36 Board of Podiatry, created and functioning pursuant to
37 Sections 34-24-230 to 34-24-276, inclusive, Code of Alabama
38 1975, is continued until October 1, 2029, and those code
39 sections are expressly preserved.

40 Section 3. Section 34-24-250, Code of Alabama 1975, is
41 amended to read as follows:

42 "§34-24-250

43 (a) The Governor of Alabama shall appoint a State Board
44 of Podiatry consisting of seven ~~persons~~ individuals, each of
45 whom shall be a citizen of the United States and a resident of
46 Alabama, over the age of 25, and shall have been engaged in
47 the actual continuous practice of podiatry in the State of
48 Alabama for at least five years next preceding his or her
49 appointment. One member of the board shall be appointed each
50 year, with the exception of three members being appointed
51 every fifth year starting in 1979, for terms of five years and
52 until their successors are appointed and qualified. No member
53 of the board shall be reappointed for a successive term.
54 Previous board members are eligible for nonsuccessive
55 appointments. The Governor may remove from office at any time
56 any member of the board for neglect of duty, incompetency,



57 improper or unprofessional conduct, or when the license or
58 certificate of any member has been suspended or revoked.
59 Vacancies on the board shall be filled by appointment by the
60 Governor in the manner provided in this section. The Governor
61 shall furnish each member of the board at the time of
62 appointment a certificate of appointment, and the appointee
63 shall qualify by taking the usual oath of office before the
64 judge of probate of his or her home county within 15 days from
65 the date of appointment.

66 (b) After April 6, 1993, each vacant office occurring
67 shall be first offered to each available black licensee until
68 a black member is appointed to the board. When a black member
69 is appointed to the board, thereafter appointments shall be
70 made in such a manner as to ensure at least one black member
71 on the board at all times, and the membership of the board
72 shall be inclusive and reflect the racial, gender, geographic,
73 ~~urban/rural~~ urban, rural, and economic diversity of the state.
74 Commencing on June 1, 2025, as the terms of the members
75 serving on the board expire, the membership of the board shall
76 be appointed so that one member resides in and is appointed
77 from each congressional district in this state."

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

81 Section 5. This act shall become effective on June 1,
82 2025.