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3 By Senators Figures, Sessions, Williams, Elliott
4 RFD: County and Municipal Government
5 First Read: 19-Mar-25



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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4 Relating to the University of South Alabama; to amend
5 Sections 16-55-2 and 16-55-6, Code of Alabama 1975; to revise
6 the membership of the Board of Trustees of the University of
7 South Alabama; and to revise notice and other requirements for
8 meetings of the board.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

10 Section 1. Sections 16-55-2 and 16-55-6, Code of
11 Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

12 "§16-55-2

13 (a) The board of trustees shall consist of three
14 members from Mobile County, ~~five~~ nine members from the state
15 ~~at large, two~~ at-large, three members from the United States ~~at~~
16 ~~large~~ at-large, and the Governor, who shall be ex officio
17 president of the board, ~~and one each from each of the~~
18 ~~following state senatorial districts, or combinations thereof,~~
19 ~~as those districts existed in 1963: Sixteenth and Seventeenth~~
20 ~~Districts comprising Monroe and Wilcox Counties and Butler,~~
21 ~~Conecuh, and Covington Counties, respectively; Nineteenth and~~
22 ~~Twentieth Districts comprising Choctaw, Clarke, and Washington~~
23 ~~Counties and Marengo and Sumter Counties, respectively;~~
24 ~~Twenty-first District comprising Baldwin and Escambia~~
25 ~~Counties; Twenty-third, Twenty-fifth, and Thirtieth Districts~~
26 ~~comprising Dale and Geneva Counties, Coffee and Crenshaw~~
27 ~~Counties, and Dallas and Lowndes Counties, respectively; and~~
28 ~~the Thirty-fifth District comprising Henry and Houston~~



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Counties. The trustees shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the State Senate, and all appointees appointed on and after June 1, 2014, shall hold office for a term of six years, and until their successors shall be appointed and qualified. ~~Any trustee appointed to serve a 12-year term before June 1, 2014, shall continue to serve for the remainder of that term. As terms expire after that date, appointments to fill positions on the board shall be for six-year terms.~~ The board shall be divided into three classes, as nearly equal as may be, so that ~~one-third~~ one-third may be chosen as provided in Section 16-55-5. Vacancies occurring in the office of trustee from death or resignation, and the vacancies regularly occurring by expiration of the term shall be filled by the Governor, and the appointee shall hold office until the next meeting of the Legislature. Successors to those trustees whose terms expire during an interim shall hold office for the full term unless they are rejected by the Senate. No trustee shall receive any pay or emolument other than his or her actual expenses incurred in the discharge of his or her duties as a trustee.

(b) As the terms of the trustees holding the seats for each of the following combinations of state senatorial districts expire, the Governor shall appoint successor trustees in accordance with subsection (a):

(1) The Sixteenth and Seventeenth Districts.

(2) The Nineteenth and Twentieth Districts.

(3) The Twenty-first District.

(4) The Twenty-third, Twenty-fifth, and Thirtieth



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Districts.

(5) The Thirty-fifth District."

"§16-55-6

(a) Seven members of the board of trustees shall constitute a quorum, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day until a quorum is present. The board shall hold a regular annual meeting each year at the university ~~on the first Monday~~ in June, unless the board, in regular session, ~~shall determine~~ determines to hold its meeting at some other time and place.

(b) (1) Special meetings of the board may be called by ~~assembled by either one of the two methods outlined as follows: Special meetings may be called by the:~~

a. The chair pro tempore of the board ~~or the;~~

b. The Governor; or

c. The chair pro tempore of the board or the Governor,
upon application in writing of any three or more members of
the board.

(2) Once a special meeting is called, ~~by~~ written notice ~~mailed~~ shall be provided to each trustee at least 24 hours
before the meeting is scheduled to begin ~~at least 10 days in~~
~~advance of the date of the meeting; and a special meeting~~
~~shall be called by the chair pro tempore or the Governor upon~~
~~application in writing of any three or more members of the~~
~~board. No special meeting shall be held on a date less than 10~~
~~days subsequent to the date of the chair pro tempore's or the~~
~~Governor's notice of the meeting,~~ except in case of emergency,
which the chair pro tempore or the Governor shall specify in



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85 his or her notice to the trustees."

86 Section 2. This act shall become effective on June 1,

87 2025.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed
the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives

Passed: 29-Apr-25

By: Senator Figures