

## SB297 INTRODUCED



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3 By Senator Gudger  
4 RFD: Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development  
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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, the Office of Water Resources is headed by a division chief.

This bill would provide that the division chief is an employee in the exempt service.

This bill would also further provide for the functions and duties of the division chief.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to the Office of Water Resources, to amend Section 9-10B-7, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide that the division chief is an employee in the exempt service; and to further provide for the division chief's duties and functions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. "§9-10B-7

The Office of Water Resources shall be ~~headed~~ managed by ~~and shall be under the direction, supervision, and control of an officer who shall be known and designated as the Division Chief of the Alabama Office of Water Resources. The~~ a division chief who shall be appointed by the director, with the approval of the Governor, and shall report to, and be



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29 under the direct supervision of, the director. The division  
30 chief shall carry out the functions and duties of the Office  
31 of Water Resources. The division chief shall be ~~a person~~ an  
32 individual knowledgeable in the fields of water resource  
33 management, development, and conservation. ~~The division chief~~  
34 ~~shall be a state Merit System employee. The salary of the~~  
35 ~~division chief shall be set in accordance with state law.~~  
36 ~~Vacancies in the position of division chief shall be filled in~~  
37 ~~the same manner as set forth above; provided, however, that~~  
38 ~~prior to the appointment and approval of a division chief, the~~  
39 ~~director may appoint an acting division chief or may assume~~  
40 ~~the responsibilities of, and serve in the capacity as,~~  
41 ~~division chief until a division chief is selected in~~  
42 ~~accordance with the provisions of this chapter~~ The division  
43 chief shall be employed in the exempt service."

44 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
45 1, 2025.