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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to multi-member boards; to authorize the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate to remove and replace at any time any board member over which he or she has appointing authority in certain circumstances; and to provide exceptions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) As used in this section, "board" means any board, authority, or commission comprised of individual members, of which some or all members are appointed, as established under state law.

(b) Any individual appointed to a board by the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, or the President Pro Tempore of the Senate pursuant to a state law that authorizes the appointment shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House, or the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, as the case may be.

(c) (1) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, including any law providing a specific removal process, the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of



29 Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate,
30 at any time, may remove any board member over which the
31 Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House,
32 or the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, as the case may
33 be, has appointing authority.

34 (2) Any board member removed pursuant to subdivision
35 (1) shall be replaced in accordance with existing law by the
36 respective appointing authority, provided the new member meets
37 the applicable qualifications to serve on the board, as set
38 forth in the relevant state law.

39 (d) This section does not authorize the Governor to
40 remove any individual whom the Governor previously appointed
41 to fill a vacancy of an elected office.

42 (e) This section does not apply to the Alabama State
43 Port Authority, the State Ethics Commission, or to the
44 governing board of any two-year or four-year public
45 institution of higher education.

46 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
47 1, 2026.