

## HB164 INTRODUCED



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3 By Representatives Ellis, Bedsole  
4 RFD: Education Policy  
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## 4 SYNOPSIS:

5 Under existing law, the trustees on the Board of  
6 Trustees of the University of Montevallo are appointed  
7 for terms of 12 years, and five members of the board  
8 constitutes a quorum for meetings.

9 This bill would revise the term of office for  
10 trustees and would place a limit on how many terms  
11 trustees may serve.

12 This bill would revise the number of members of  
13 the board that constitutes a quorum.

14 Also under existing law, to qualify for  
15 appointment, the President of the University of  
16 Montevallo must be an educator by profession.

17 This bill would remove the requirement that the  
18 president of the university must be an educator by  
19 profession.

20 This bill would also make nonsubstantive,  
21 technical revisions to update the existing code  
22 language to current style.

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25 A BILL  
26 TO BE ENTITLED  
27 AN ACT  
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Relating to the University of Montevallo; to amend Sections 16-54-2, and 16-54-5, Code of Alabama 1975; to revise the terms of office of the Board of Trustees of the University of Montevallo; to revise the number of board members that constitutes a quorum; to remove the requirement that the president of the university must be an educator by profession; and to make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Sections 16-54-2, and 16-54-5 of the Code of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

"§16-54-2

The University of Montevallo shall be governed by a board of trustees composed of the Governor, who shall be president, ex officio, the State Superintendent of Education, ex officio, and 11 other trustees—as follows: (i) one from each congressional district; (ii) up to one at-large trustee who is not a resident of this state; and (iii) until as otherwise herein provided, a number of trustees from the state-at-large sufficient to bring the number to or keep it at 11. ~~Five~~ Six members of the board shall constitute a quorum. ~~Trustees shall be appointed for a term of 12 years. Beginning January 1, 2027, trustees shall be appointed for a term of eight years. No trustee shall serve more than two terms on the board of trustees.~~ In case of the creation and establishment of an additional congressional district in the state, the state-at-large trustee most recently appointed shall cease



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57 automatically to be a trustee from the state-at-large and  
58 become for the remainder of the term trustee for the new  
59 district. Otherwise, all new appointees, except for a  
60 nonresident appointee and the state-at-large appointees, shall  
61 be at the time of their appointment, residents of the district  
62 for which they are appointed, respectively. All appointments  
63 of trustees shall be made by the Governor with the advice and  
64 consent of the Senate. In case of a vacancy in the office of  
65 trustee, the Governor shall appoint a successor, who shall  
66 hold office until the next meeting of the Legislature, when  
67 the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the  
68 Senate, shall appoint a trustee, who shall hold office for the  
69 unexpired term. A trustee shall be ineligible to be elected by  
70 the board of trustees to or otherwise hold any office of the  
71 institution where compensation is provided. The trustees are  
72 entitled to receive payment of their actual expenses incurred  
73 in the discharge of their duties as trustees."

74 "§16-54-5

75 The trustees shall elect a president for a term to be  
76 fixed by them, who shall not be removed during the term for  
77 which he or she is elected, except for just cause, which shall  
78 be explicitly set forth in writing in the minutes of the  
79 proceedings of the trustees and approved by a majority of all  
80 the trustees. No ~~person~~ individual shall be eligible to the  
81 office of president unless he or she is a graduate of some  
82 college or university of ~~well-known~~ well-known high standing ~~an educator by profession~~,  
83 ~~an educator by profession~~, of good moral character, and  
84 possessing good business and administrative qualifications.



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The trustees are encouraged to consider an individual who is  
an educator by profession for the position of president. The  
trustees shall fix the compensation of the president,  
including such emoluments and prerequisites necessary to carry  
out the functions of the office."

Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately.