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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to Cullman County; to amend Section 45-22-70.01, Code of Alabama 1975; to further provide for when meetings of the county commission shall be held; and to make conforming changes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 45-22-70.01, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§45-22-70.01

~~(a) Effective until the end of the term of the members of the county commission expiring in November 2022, the county commission of Cullman County shall be composed of three members who shall be nominated and elected by the qualified electors of the county at large. One member shall be elected for each district defined herein and the member shall be a resident and elector of the district from which the member is elected; however, the chair of the commission shall be a resident and elector from anywhere in the county. The powers, duties, terms, compensation, and manner of election for the members of the commission shall be the same as now provided by law, except as otherwise herein provided, and the incumbent~~



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29 ~~commissioners shall continue to serve until the expiration of~~
30 ~~their current terms at which time the successor shall qualify~~
31 ~~as herein provided.~~

32 ~~(b) (1)~~ (a) Effective for the term of the Associate
33 Commissioners of the Cullman County Commission commencing in
34 November 2022, the Cullman County Commission shall be composed
35 of a chair and four associate commissioners who shall be
36 nominated and elected by the qualified electors of the county
37 ~~at large~~ at-large.

38 ~~(2)~~ (b) One associate commissioner shall be elected for
39 each district defined ~~herein~~ in this subsection and each
40 associate commissioner shall be a resident and elector of the
41 district that the member represents. The districts of the
42 county commission shall be designated Commission District One;
43 Commission District Two; Commission District Three; and
44 Commission District Four. In order to stagger the terms of the
45 associate commissioners, the associate commissioner initially
46 elected from Commission District Three and Commission District
47 Four shall be elected for an initial term of two years and the
48 associate commissioners elected from Commission District One
49 and Commission District Two shall be elected for a term of
50 four years. Thereafter, successors shall be elected for terms
51 of four years. The associate county commissioners shall serve
52 on a part-time basis.

53 ~~(3)~~ (c) The Chair of the Cullman County Commission shall
54 continue to be a resident and elector from anywhere in the
55 county and shall serve on a full-time basis. The chair of the
56 county commission shall ~~continue to~~ serve a four-year term.



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57 ~~(4)~~ (d) The powers, duties, terms, and manner of
58 election for the members of the county commission shall be the
59 same as now provided by law, except as provided otherwise in
60 this section. The chair of the county commission may not vote
61 except in the case of a tie vote of the associate
62 commissioners.

63 ~~(5)~~ (e) ~~Effective beginning in November 2020, the~~ The
64 county commission shall establish and hold ~~at least one~~
65 ~~meeting of the commission each month after 6:00 p.m., in order~~
66 ~~to encourage members of the working public to attend~~
67 ~~commission~~ meetings as required by Section 11-3-8, and shall
68 post and publish the days, times, and places of their
69 meetings. The commission, by resolution, may alter the regular
70 meeting days as necessary, and may schedule a special meeting
71 when determined necessary in writing by a majority of the
72 members of the commission or, in case of an emergency, at the
73 call of the chair."

74 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
75 1, 2026.