

**SB66 ENGROSSED**



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3 By Senators Weaver, Smitherman  
4 RFD: Education Policy  
5 First Read: 13-Jan-26



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A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

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



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state-at-large sufficient to bring the number to or keep it at  
11~~7~~. ~~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; provided, this provision shall not apply to  
any trustee appointed and confirmed on or before January 1,  
2027. 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  
automatically to be a trustee from the state-at-large and  
become for the remainder of the term trustee for the new  
district. Otherwise, all new appointees, except for a  
nonresident appointee and the state-at-large appointees, shall  
be at the time of their appointment, residents of the district  
for which they are appointed, respectively. All appointments  
of trustees shall be made by the Governor with the advice and  
consent of the Senate. In case of a vacancy in the office of  
trustee, the Governor shall appoint a successor, who shall  
hold office until the next meeting of the Legislature, when  
the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the  
Senate, shall appoint a trustee, who shall hold office for the  
unexpired term. A trustee shall be ineligible to be elected by  
the board of trustees to or otherwise hold any office of the  
institution where compensation is provided. The trustees are  
entitled to receive payment of their actual expenses incurred  
in the discharge of their duties as trustees."

"§16-54-5



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57           The trustees shall elect a president for a term to be  
58   fixed by them, who shall not be removed during the term for  
59   which he or she is elected, except for just cause, which shall  
60   be explicitly set forth in writing in the minutes of the  
61   proceedings of the trustees and approved by a majority of all  
62   the trustees. No ~~person~~ individual shall be eligible to the  
63   office of president unless he or she is a graduate of some  
64   college or university of ~~well-known~~ well-known high standing,  
65   ~~an educator by profession~~, of good moral character, and  
66   possessing good business and administrative qualifications.  
67   The trustees are encouraged to consider an individual who is  
68   an educator by profession for the position of president. The  
69   trustees shall fix the compensation of the president,  
70   including such emoluments and prerequisites necessary to carry  
71   out the functions of the office."

72           Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately.



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76 Read for the first time and referred .....13-Jan-26  
77 to the Senate committee on Education  
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81 on the calendar:  
82 0 amendments  
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84 Read for the third time and passed .....22-Jan-26  
85 as amended  
86 Yeas 32  
87 Nays 0  
88 Abstains 0  
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91 Patrick Harris,  
92 Secretary.  
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