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3 By Senators Weaver, Smitherman
4 RFD: Education Policy
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5 A BILL
6 TO BE ENTITLED
7 AN ACT

0 Relating to the University of Montevallo; to amend
1 Sections 16-54-2, and 16-54-5, Code of Alabama 1975; to revise
2 the terms of office of the Board of Trustees of the University
3 of Montevallo; to revise the number of board members that
4 constitutes a quorum; to remove the requirement that the
5 president of the university must be an educator by profession;
6 and to make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the
7 existing code language to current style.

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

21 "§16-54-2

22 The University of Montevallo shall be governed by a
23 board of trustees composed of the Governor, who shall be
24 president, *ex officio*, the State Superintendent of Education,
25 *ex officio*, and 11 other trustees—as follows: (i) one from
26 each congressional district; (ii) up to one at-large trustee
27 who is not a resident of this state; and (iii) until as
28 otherwise herein provided, a number of trustees from the



29 state-at-large sufficient to bring the number to or keep it at
30 11+. ~~Five~~ Six members of the board shall constitute a quorum.
31 ~~Trustees shall be appointed for a term of 12 years. Beginning~~
32 January 1, 2027, trustees shall be appointed for a term of
33 eight years. No trustee shall serve more than two terms on the
34 board of trustees; provided, this provision shall not apply to
35 any trustee appointed and confirmed on or before January 1,
36 2027. In case of the creation and establishment of an
37 additional congressional district in the state, the
38 state-at-large trustee most recently appointed shall cease
39 automatically to be a trustee from the state-at-large and
40 become for the remainder of the term trustee for the new
41 district. Otherwise, all new appointees, except for a
42 nonresident appointee and the state-at-large appointees, shall
43 be at the time of their appointment, residents of the district
44 for which they are appointed, respectively. All appointments
45 of trustees shall be made by the Governor with the advice and
46 consent of the Senate. In case of a vacancy in the office of
47 trustee, the Governor shall appoint a successor, who shall
48 hold office until the next meeting of the Legislature, when
49 the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the
50 Senate, shall appoint a trustee, who shall hold office for the
51 unexpired term. A trustee shall be ineligible to be elected by
52 the board of trustees to or otherwise hold any office of the
53 institution where compensation is provided. The trustees are
54 entitled to receive payment of their actual expenses incurred
55 in the discharge of their duties as trustees."

56 "§16-54-5



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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77 to the Senate committee on Education
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80 Read for the second time and placed21-Jan-26
81 on the calendar:
82 0 amendments
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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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