

SB66 ENROLLED



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3 By Senators Weaver, Smitherman
4 RFD: Education Policy
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Enrolled, 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 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~~



29 board of trustees; provided, this provision shall not apply to
30 any trustee appointed and confirmed on or before January 1,
31 2027. In case of the creation and establishment of an
32 additional congressional district in the state, the
33 state-at-large trustee most recently appointed shall cease
34 automatically to be a trustee from the state-at-large and
35 become for the remainder of the term trustee for the new
36 district. Otherwise, all new appointees, except for a
37 nonresident appointee and the state-at-large appointees, shall
38 be at the time of their appointment, residents of the district
39 for which they are appointed, respectively. All appointments
40 of trustees shall be made by the Governor with the advice and
41 consent of the Senate. In case of a vacancy in the office of
42 trustee, the Governor shall appoint a successor, who shall
43 hold office until the next meeting of the Legislature, when
44 the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the
45 Senate, shall appoint a trustee, who shall hold office for the
46 unexpired term. A trustee shall be ineligible to be elected by
47 the board of trustees to or otherwise hold any office of the
48 institution where compensation is provided. The trustees are
49 entitled to receive payment of their actual expenses incurred
50 in the discharge of their duties as trustees."

51 "§16-54-5

52 The trustees shall elect a president for a term to be
53 fixed by them, who shall not be removed during the term for
54 which he or she is elected, except for just cause, which shall
55 be explicitly set forth in writing in the minutes of the
56 proceedings of the trustees and approved by a majority of all



57 the trustees. No ~~person~~ individual shall be eligible to the
58 office of president unless he or she is a graduate of some
59 college or university of ~~well known~~ well-known high standing,
60 ~~an educator by profession~~, of good moral character, and
61 possessing good business and administrative qualifications.
62 The trustees are encouraged to consider an individual who is
63 an educator by profession for the position of president. The
64 trustees shall fix the compensation of the president,
65 including such emoluments and prerequisites necessary to carry
66 out the functions of the office."

67 Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately.

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75 President and Presiding Officer of the Senate
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84 Senate 22-Jan-26
85 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed
86 the Senate, as amended.

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88 Patrick Harris,
89 Secretary.
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94 House of Representatives
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100 By: Senator Weaver