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SYNOPSIS:

Under the existing law, termination dates are established for enumerated state agencies. The agencies are periodically reviewed by the Alabama Sunset Committee. After the review process is completed, the committee prepares its recommendations for the agencies to the Legislature in the form of sunset bills which either continue, terminate, or continue with modification each agency reviewed.

This bill would provide for the continuance of the Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board until October 1, 2025, with the following changes: To allow an organizational meeting of the board to be considered a regular quarterly meeting of the board.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to the Alabama Sunset Law; to continue the existence and functioning of the Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board until October 1, 2025, with certain modifications; to amend Section 34-21A-4, Code of Alabama 1975, to allow an organizational meeting of the board to be considered a regular



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29 quarterly meeting of the board.

30 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

31 Section 1. Pursuant to the Alabama Sunset Law, the
32 sunset committee recommends the continuance of the Alabama
33 Onsite Wastewater Board until October 1, 2025, with the
34 additional recommendation for statutory change as set out in
35 Section 3.

36 Section 2. The existence and functioning of the Alabama
37 Onsite Wastewater Board, created and functioning pursuant to
38 Chapter 21A of Title 34, Code of Alabama 1975, is continued
39 until October 1, 2025, and those code sections are expressly
40 preserved.

41 Section 3. Section 34-21A-4 of the Code of Alabama
42 1975, is amended to read as follows:

43 "§34-21A-4

44 (a) Within 30 days after the annual appointment of new
45 members, the board shall meet for the purpose of organizing,
46 electing new officers, and transacting ~~such~~ business as deemed
47 necessary. This organizational meeting ~~shall not~~ may be
48 considered a regular quarterly meeting of the board.

49 (b) The board shall meet at least four times a year on
50 a quarterly basis with the board designating the months of the
51 meetings for the coming year at its annual organizational
52 meeting. Regular meetings shall be called by the chair who
53 shall designate the time and place of each regular meeting.
54 The chair or a majority of the members of the board may also
55 call a special meeting of the board.

56 (c) Board members shall be given at least 10 days'



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57 notice of regular meetings and a minimum of five days' notice
58 for special meetings. The executive director shall give notice
59 of any meeting to the media as considered appropriate under
60 the circumstances.

61 (d) A quorum of the board shall consist of not less
62 than five of the duly appointed members.

63 (e) Any motion passed by the board requires a majority
64 of those members present.

65 (f) The members of the board shall receive one hundred
66 dollars (\$100) per day for board meetings and a per diem as
67 recommended by the board consistent with applicable state laws
68 for attending sessions of the board and for time spent in
69 necessary travel to attend meetings of the board. In addition,
70 each member shall be reimbursed for related travel expenses at
71 the same rate as state employees receive, all to be paid from
72 fees collected and deposited in the board fund."

73 Section 4. The Legislature concurs in the
74 recommendations of the Sunset Committee as provided in
75 Sections 1, 2, and 3.

76 Section 5. This act shall become effective June 1,
77 2024.