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3 By Senator Whatley
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Advisory Board of
9 Conservation and Natural Resources is composed of
10 the Governor, the Commissioner of Agriculture and
11 Industries, the Director of the Agricultural
12 Extension System, and 10 other members appointed by
13 the Governor, with one of these members being a
14 resident of each Congressional district as
15 constituted on January 1, 1998.

16 This bill would provide for the appointment
17 of two additional members to the advisory board who
18 would be commercial fishermen. These members would
19 be appointed by the Governor from a list of three
20 nominees for each position.

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22 A BILL
23 TO BE ENTITLED
24 AN ACT

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26 To amend Section 9-2-14 of the Code of Alabama 1975,
27 to provide for two additional members to be appointed to the

1 Advisory Board of Conservation and Natural Resources who would
2 be commercial fishermen.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

4 Section 1. Section 9-2-14 of the Code of Alabama
5 1975, is amended to read as follows:

6 "§9-2-14.

7 "(a) There shall be an Advisory Board of
8 Conservation and Natural Resources. The board shall consist of
9 the Governor, the Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries,
10 the Director of the Agricultural Extension System ex officio,
11 and 10 other members to be appointed by the Governor, one of
12 whom the Governor shall designate as chair of the Advisory
13 Board of Conservation and Natural Resources. The appointed
14 members of the board shall be selected with special reference
15 to training and experience along one or more of the principal
16 lines of activity vested in the Department of Conservation and
17 Natural Resources. The term of office of each appointed member
18 of the board shall be six years. Of members first appointed,
19 however, two members shall be appointed for two years, three
20 members shall be appointed for four years, two members shall
21 be appointed for five years and three members shall be
22 appointed for six years. The members of the board shall
23 receive no salary or compensation as members of the board, but
24 shall be reimbursed for expenses of travel, meals, and lodging
25 while in the performance of their duties as members of the
26 board, pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 36.

1 "(b) After July 1, 1998, the members of the advisory
2 board appointed by the Governor shall be appointed so that one
3 member of the board is a resident of each congressional
4 district as the districts are constituted on January 1, 1998,
5 and no more than two members are residents of the same
6 congressional district. If a member appointed from a
7 congressional district ceases to be a resident of the district
8 from which appointed, the member shall vacate his or her
9 office. This subsection shall not affect the term or
10 reappointment of any current member of the board.

11 "(c) The board shall hold semiannual regular
12 meetings at the time and place designated by the chair of the
13 board or the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural
14 Resources. The chair of the board or the Commissioner of
15 Conservation and Natural Resources may call special meetings
16 as may be necessary.

17 "(d) The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural
18 Resources shall be ex officio secretary of the board and shall
19 keep minutes of all meetings and a record of all proceedings
20 of the board. The commissioner shall receive no additional
21 compensation for the services.

22 "(e) On a transitional basis, one additional
23 transitional member of the Advisory Board of Conservation and
24 Natural Resources shall be appointed by the Governor from each
25 congressional district as constituted on January 1, 1998,
26 which is not currently represented on the board. A
27 transitional member shall serve a term of six years or until a

1 permanent member of the advisory board is appointed to
2 represent the congressional district where the transitional
3 member resides. A transitional member may be appointed a
4 permanent member to a full term of office. Transitional
5 members of the board shall have the same powers, rights, and
6 duties, and shall be reimbursed for expenses as other members
7 of the advisory board during their service on the board.

8 "(f) Two additional members of the advisory board
9 shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of nominees,
10 consisting of not more than two nominees from a nominating
11 organization for each position, nominated by an association or
12 associations organized and incorporated in the State of
13 Alabama, which substantially or fairly represent the
14 commercial seafood fisherman and the seafood industry of the
15 State of Alabama and whose membership is apportioned and
16 fairly representative of the seafood interests as a whole,
17 economically, educationally, socially, and effectively
18 organized and experienced in the representation of all aspects
19 of the seafood interests and in methods designed to increase
20 or promote the increased use, consumption, marketing, and sale
21 of seafood through the united efforts of the nominating
22 association. If the Governor is satisfied that the nominees
23 are in conformity or meet the standards herein and are fairly
24 representative of the seafood interests, the Governor shall
25 appoint the best qualified candidates or nominees to fill the
26 positions as members of the advisory board."

1 Section 2. This act shall become effective
2 immediately following its passage and approval by the
3 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.