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3 By Senators Dixon, Barron, Little (T), and Figures
4 RFD: Governmental Affairs
5 First Read: 12-JAN-10

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4 ENROLLED, An Act,

5 Relating to the Alabama Sunset Law; to continue the
6 existence and functioning of the State Oil and Gas Board with
7 certain modifications; to amend Section 9-17-3, Code of
8 Alabama 1975, so as to require diversity in the membership of
9 the board and that board members be citizens of this state.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

11 Section 1. Pursuant to the Alabama Sunset Law, the
12 Sunset Committee recommends the continuance of the State Oil
13 and Gas Board, with the additional recommendation for
14 statutory change as set out in Section 3.

15 Section 2. The existence and functioning of the
16 State Oil and Gas Board, created and functioning pursuant to
17 Sections 9-17-1 to 9-17-35, inclusive, Code of Alabama 1975,
18 is continued, and those code sections are expressly preserved.

19 Section 3. Section 9-17-3 of the Code of Alabama
20 1975, is amended to read as follows:

21 "§9-17-3.

22 "(a) There is created and established a board, to be
23 known as the State Oil and Gas Board, to be composed of three
24 members to be appointed by the Governor for terms of the
25 following duration: one member for a term of two years; one

1 member for a term of four years; and one member for a term of
2 six years. At the expiration of the term for which each of the
3 original appointments is made, each successor member shall be
4 appointed for a term of six years; and, in the event of a
5 vacancy, the Governor shall by appointment fill such unexpired
6 term. Each member shall be eligible for reappointment at the
7 discretion of the Governor. The membership of the board shall
8 be inclusive and reflect the racial, gender, geographic,
9 urban/rural, and economic diversity of the state. The board
10 shall annually report to the Legislature by the second
11 legislative day of each regular session the extent to which
12 the board has complied with the diversity provisions of this
13 subsection. Each member of the board shall be a resident and
14 citizen of the State of Alabama and shall be a qualified voter
15 therein. Each member shall qualify by taking an oath of office
16 and shall hold office until his or her successor is appointed
17 and qualified. The board shall elect from its number a
18 chairman. The board shall meet or hold hearings at such times
19 and places as may be found by the board to be necessary to
20 carry out its duties. Each member of the board shall receive
21 as compensation for his or her services an annual salary of
22 three thousand six hundred dollars (\$3,600) and, in addition
23 thereto, each member shall be entitled to a travel and office
24 expense allowance of five hundred dollars (\$500) per month.

1 The compensation and travel and office expense allowance as
2 above set forth shall be paid from the Oil and Gas Fund.

3 "(b) Any person who has served 19 or more years
4 continuously on the board shall be a nonvoting member emeritus
5 of the board. A member emeritus shall receive no compensation,
6 salary, or travel or expense allowance or reimbursement for
7 his or her service on the board."

8 Section 4. The Legislature concurs in the
9 recommendations of the Sunset Committee as provided in
10 Sections 1, 2, and 3.

11 Section 5. This act shall become effective
12 immediately upon its passage and approval by the Governor, or
13 its otherwise becoming law.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate.

McDowell Lee
Secretary

House of Representatives
Amended and passed 23-FEB-10

Senate concurred in House amendment 23-MAR-10

By: Senator Dixon