

1 SB142
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3 By Senator Whatley
4 RFD: Judiciary
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SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Armory Commission of Alabama consists of nine members.

This bill would increase the membership of the Armory Commission of Alabama to 15 members, to include three individuals appointed by the Lieutenant Governor and three individuals appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to require that the commission meet at least twice per year.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to the Armory Commission of Alabama; to amend Sections 31-4-1 and 31-4-3 of the Code of Alabama 1975, to increase membership of the commission from nine members to 15 members, and to require that the commission meet at least twice per year.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1 Section 1. Sections 31-4-1 and 31-4-3 of the Code of
2 Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

3 "§31-4-1.

4 ~~"The Governor of Alabama, the Adjutant General of~~
5 ~~Alabama, the Attorney General of Alabama, the two highest~~
6 ~~ranking Army National Guard officers, and the highest ranking~~
7 ~~Air National Guard officer, together with three duly qualified~~
8 ~~electors of Alabama, to be appointed by the Governor, and to~~
9 ~~serve for a term of six years, shall constitute the Armory~~
10 ~~Commission of Alabama. The Governor shall be its chairman. The~~
11 ~~three members of the commission who were appointed by the~~
12 ~~Governor and who are serving on May 12, 1977, shall serve for~~
13 ~~a term of six years from the date of their appointment, and~~
14 ~~their successors shall be appointed for a term of six years.~~

15 "(a) The Armory Commission of Alabama shall consist
16 of 15 members. The membership of the commission shall include
17 all of the following:

18 "(1) The Governor of Alabama.

19 "(2) The Adjutant General of Alabama.

20 "(3) The Attorney General of Alabama.

21 "(4) The two highest ranking Army National Guard
22 Officers.

23 "(5) The highest ranking Air National Guard Officer.

24 "(6) Three duly qualified electors of Alabama, to be
25 appointed by the Governor.

26 "(7) Three individuals to be appointed by the
27 Lieutenant Governor.

1 "(8) Three individuals to be appointed by the
2 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

3 "(b) All appointments shall be for a term of six
4 years. As terms expire, successor board members shall be
5 appointed pursuant to subsection (a).

6 "(c) The Governor shall be the chair of the
7 commission.

8 "(d) All appointing authorities shall coordinate
9 their appointments to assure the membership is inclusive and
10 reflects the racial, gender, geographic, urban, rural, and
11 economic diversity of this state.

12 "(e) All future appointments by an appointing
13 authority shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate.

14 "§31-4-3.

15 "The commission may in its corporate name sue and be
16 sued, contract and be contracted with, acquire real and
17 personal property by gift, purchase, lease, hire, or
18 condemnation, and may do all things and exercise all rights
19 and powers reasonably necessary to carry out and perform the
20 duties intended or required by this chapter. The members shall
21 serve without compensation and shall be paid the expenses
22 allowed by law while attending meetings of the commission or
23 while traveling under orders for the performance of duty in
24 connection with the business of the commission, the expense to
25 be payable out of any funds available to the commission, or if
26 the Governor so directs, out of the active military service
27 appropriation. The commission shall hold regular or special

1 meetings at Montgomery or other designated places at the
2 discretion and on call of the Governor, after reasonable
3 notice, at least twice per year. A majority of the members
4 shall constitute a quorum for the consideration of business.
5 The commission may delegate to an executive committee,
6 consisting of not less than three of its members, such of its
7 duties and authority as it may deem proper and advisable, not
8 inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter."

9 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
10 first day of the third month following its passage and
11 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.