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3 By Senators Stutts and Melson  
4 RFD: Education Policy  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the membership of the  
9 Board of Trustees for the University of North  
10 Alabama does not include the office of the State  
11 Superintendent of Education and includes one  
12 at-large member who may be from within or without  
13 the state.

14 This bill would make a technical correction  
15 to remove a reference to the State Superintendent  
16 of Education in the law establishing the membership  
17 of the board as a body corporate under the name of  
18 the university.

19 This bill would also add an additional  
20 at-large member, who may be from within or without  
21 the state, to the board.

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23 A BILL  
24 TO BE ENTITLED  
25 AN ACT  
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1           To amend Section 16-51-1 and Section 16-51-3, as  
2 amended by Act 2018-144, 2018 Regular Session, Code of Alabama  
3 1975, relating to the University of North Alabama; to make a  
4 technical correction reflecting the removal of the office of  
5 the State Superintendent of Education from membership on the  
6 board; and to add an additional at-large member, from within  
7 or without the state, to the board.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

9           Section 1. Section 16-51-1 and Section 16-51-3, as  
10 amended by Act 2018-144, 2018 Regular Session, of the Code of  
11 Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

12           "§16-51-1.

13           "~~The Governor and the State Superintendent of~~  
14 ~~Education, by virtue of their respective offices~~ the office,  
15 and the trustees appointed from the several congressional  
16 districts of the state, pursuant to Section 16-51-3, and their  
17 successors in office, are constituted a body corporate under  
18 the name of the University of North Alabama.

19           "§16-51-3.

20           "(a) There is created a Board of Trustees for the  
21 University of North Alabama, the state educational institution  
22 at Florence, Alabama. The board of trustees shall consist of  
23 all of the following:

24           "(1) Six members who are residents of the fourth and  
25 fifth congressional districts, as those districts were  
26 constituted on January 1, 2018, at least two of whom shall be  
27 residents of the county in which the institution is located.

1           "(2) Three members from the state at large.

2           "(3) ~~One~~ Two at-large ~~member~~ members from within or  
3 outside of the state.

4           "(4) The Governor, who shall be ex officio president  
5 of the board.

6           "(b) The trustees shall be appointed by the  
7 Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate  
8 and, except for the first trustees appointed, shall hold  
9 office for a term of 12 years, until 2015, and until their  
10 successors shall be appointed and qualified. The Governor  
11 shall coordinate his or her appointments so that diversity of  
12 gender, race, and geographical areas is reflective of the  
13 makeup of this state. Beginning in 2015, the board shall be  
14 divided into three groups, so that reappointments may be made  
15 each two years. In 2015, three members shall be appointed for  
16 terms of two years, and three members shall be appointed for  
17 terms of four years, and three members shall be appointed for  
18 terms of six years. The initial term of the at-large ~~member~~  
19 members appointed pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection  
20 (a) shall be six years. Thereafter, all successor members  
21 shall be appointed for six-year terms. A trustee may be  
22 reappointed to additional terms.

23           "(c) No trustee shall receive any pay or emolument  
24 other than his or her actual expenses incurred in the  
25 discharge of his or her duties as such. No employee of the  
26 university shall be eligible to serve on its board of  
27 trustees."

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