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3 By Senator Stutts
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.