

1 SB278
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3 By Senator Gudger
4 RFD: Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development
5 First Read: 16-APR-19

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7 A BILL
8 TO BE ENTITLED
9 AN ACT

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11 Relating to the Alabama Small Business Commission;
12 to amend Section 41-29-240, Code of Alabama 1975, to further
13 provide for the appointment of members of the commission; and
14 to require an annual report to the Lieutenant Governor.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

16 Section 1. Section 41-29-240, Code of Alabama 1975,
17 is amended to read as follows:

18 "§41-29-240.

19 "(a) The Alabama Small Business Commission is
20 created as part of the Office of Small Business Advocacy.

21 "(b) The commission shall have the following duties:

22 "(1) Formulate policies encouraging innovation of
23 small business in the state.

24 "(2) Discuss issues critical to the economic growth
25 of small, independent businesses and their interests that will
26 encourage the formation of and foster the growth of small
27 businesses in the state.

1 "(3) Advise the Department of Commerce in
2 formulating and promoting policies relating to small
3 businesses.

4 "(4) Act as an advocate for small businesses and the
5 entrepreneurs who work to create opportunities for new small
6 businesses and sustain those that are already in existence.

7 "(5) Promote policies to assist new business
8 start-ups and expansion of existing businesses.

9 "(c) The commission shall be chaired by an appointee
10 of the Lieutenant Governor, who shall be a voting member. The
11 Director of the Business Development Division shall be
12 responsible for the administrative functions of the commission
13 including, but not limited to, the organization of meetings,
14 preparing the annual reports, and other items as needed by the
15 commission. The commission shall be composed of the following
16 members who shall be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor and
17 shall serve a term of two years with the option of being
18 reappointed to one additional term ~~by their appointing~~
19 ~~authority:~~

20 "(1) One member from each of the congressional
21 districts of the state ~~appointed by the Governor.~~

22 "(2) One member ~~appointed by the Governor~~ from a
23 list of three names submitted by the Alabama Homebuilders
24 Association.

25 "(3) One member ~~appointed by the Governor~~ from a
26 list of three names submitted by the Alabama Retail
27 Association.

1 "~~(4) One member appointed by the Governor~~ from a
2 list of three names submitted by the Alabama Bankers
3 Association.

4 "~~(5) One member appointed by the Governor~~ from a
5 list of three names submitted by the Medical Association of
6 Alabama.

7 "~~(6) One member appointed by the Governor~~ from a
8 list of three names submitted by the Alabama Farmers
9 Federation.

10 "~~(7) One member appointed by the Governor~~ from a
11 list of three names submitted by the Alabama Trucking
12 Association.

13 "~~(8) One member appointed by the Governor~~ from a
14 list of three names submitted by the Alabama Association of
15 General Contractors.

16 "~~(9) One member appointed by the Governor~~ from a
17 list of three names submitted by the Alabama Automobile
18 Dealers Association.

19 "~~(10) One member appointed by the Governor~~ from the
20 manufacturing sector.

21 "~~(11) One member appointed by the Lieutenant~~
22 ~~Governor~~ from a list of three names submitted by the Alabama
23 Forestry Association.

24 "~~(12) One at-large member appointed by the~~
25 ~~Lieutenant Governor.~~

1 "~~(13) One member appointed by the Speaker of the~~
2 ~~House of Representatives~~ from the service, hospitality, and
3 tourism sector.

4 "~~(14) One member of the House of Representatives~~
5 ~~appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.~~

6 "~~(15) One member of the manufacturing sector~~
7 ~~appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.~~

8 "~~(16) One member of the Senate appointed by the~~
9 ~~President Pro Tempore of the Senate.~~

10 "(d) To the extent possible, the commission members
11 shall be small business owners representing businesses with 50
12 or fewer employees.

13 (e) The Lieutenant Governor shall coordinate his or
14 her appointments so that diversity of gender, race, and
15 geographical areas is reflective of the makeup of this state.

16 "~~(e)~~ (f) The commission shall prepare and submit an
17 annual report to the Lieutenant Governor no later than
18 December 31 of each year."

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

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Senate

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Yeas 28
Nays 0

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Secretary.