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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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4 ENROLLED, An Act,

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

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

12 "§41-29-240.

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

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

16 "(1) Formulate policies encouraging innovation of
17 small business in the state.

18 "(2) Discuss issues critical to the economic growth
19 of small, independent businesses and their interests that will
20 encourage the formation of and foster the growth of small
21 businesses in the state.

22 "(3) Advise the Department of Commerce in
23 formulating and promoting policies relating to small
24 businesses.

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

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

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

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

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

23 "(3) One member ~~appointed by the Governor~~ from a
24 list of three names submitted by the Alabama Retail
25 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) Each appointing authority shall coordinate his
14 or 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 Governor~~ each appointing authority no
18 later than 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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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, as amended.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
Amended and passed 30-MAY-19

Senate concurred in House amendment 30-MAY-19

By: Senator Gudger