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3 By Senator Whatley  
4 RFD: Veterans and Military Affairs  
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7 A BILL  
8 TO BE ENTITLED  
9 AN ACT

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11 Relating to the Armory Commission of Alabama; to  
12 amend Sections 31-4-1 and 31-4-3 of the Code of Alabama 1975,  
13 to increase membership of the commission from nine members to  
14 15 members, and to require that the commission meet at least  
15 twice per year.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

17 Section 1. Section 31-4-1 of the Code of Alabama  
18 1975, is amended to read as follows:

19 "§31-4-1.

20 ~~"The Governor of Alabama, the Adjutant General of~~  
21 ~~Alabama, the Attorney General of Alabama, the two highest~~  
22 ~~ranking Army National Guard officers, and the highest ranking~~  
23 ~~Air National Guard officer, together with three duly qualified~~  
24 ~~electors of Alabama, to be appointed by the Governor, and to~~  
25 ~~serve for a term of six years, shall constitute the Armory~~  
26 ~~Commission of Alabama. The Governor shall be its chairman. The~~  
27 ~~three members of the commission who were appointed by the~~

1 ~~Governor and who are serving on May 12, 1977, shall serve for~~  
2 ~~a term of six years from the date of their appointment, and~~  
3 ~~their successors shall be appointed for a term of six years.~~

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

7 "(1) The Governor of Alabama.

8 "(2) The Adjutant General of Alabama.

9 "(3) The Attorney General of Alabama.

10 "(4) The two highest ranking Army National Guard  
11 Officers.

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

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

15 "(7) Three individuals to be appointed by the  
16 Lieutenant Governor.

17 "(8) Three individuals to be appointed by the  
18 Speaker of the House.

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

22 "(c) The Governor shall be the chair of the  
23 commission.

24 "(d) All appointing authorities shall coordinate  
25 their appointments so that diversity of gender, race, and  
26 geographical areas are reflective of the makeup of this state.

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

3                   Section 2. Section 31-4-3 of the Code of Alabama  
4 1975, is amended to read as follows:

5                   "§31-4-3.

6                   "The commission may in its corporate name sue and be  
7 sued, contract and be contracted with, acquire real and  
8 personal property by gift, purchase, lease, hire, or  
9 condemnation, and may do all things and exercise all rights  
10 and powers reasonably necessary to carry out and perform the  
11 duties intended or required by this chapter. The members shall  
12 serve without compensation and shall be paid the expenses  
13 allowed by law while attending meetings of the commission or  
14 while traveling under orders for the performance of duty in  
15 connection with the business of the commission, the expense to  
16 be payable out of any funds available to the commission, or if  
17 the Governor so directs, out of the active military service  
18 appropriation. The commission shall hold regular or special  
19 meetings at Montgomery or other designated places at the  
20 discretion and on call of the Governor, after reasonable  
21 notice, at least twice per year. A majority of the members  
22 shall constitute a quorum for the consideration of business.  
23 The commission may delegate to an executive committee,  
24 consisting of not less than three of its members, such of its  
25 duties and authority as it may deem proper and advisable, not  
26 inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter."

1                   Section 3. 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.

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Senate

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Yeas 31  
Nays 0

Patrick Harris,  
Secretary.