

1 HB322
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3 By Representative Crawford
4 RFD: Agriculture and Forestry
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SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Division of the Society of American Foresters nominates foresters to succeed members of the State Board of Registration for Foresters at the end of their terms.

This bill would assign the responsibility of nominating successor members of the State Board of Registration for Foresters to both the Division of the Society of American Foresters and any active state forestry organization meeting certain criteria established by the board.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to foresters; to amend Section 34-12-30, Code of Alabama 1975, to assign the responsibility of nominating successor members of the State Board of Registration for Foresters to both the Division of the Society

1 of American Foresters and any active state forestry
2 organization meeting certain criteria established by the
3 board.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

5 Section 1. Section 34-12-30, Code of Alabama 1975,
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 "§34-12-30.

8 "(a) A State Board of Registration for Foresters is
9 created whose duty it shall be to administer this chapter. The
10 board shall consist of five foresters, who shall be selected
11 and appointed by the Governor of Alabama from among 10
12 nominees recommended by the Alabama Division of the Society of
13 American Foresters and shall have the qualifications required
14 by Section 34-12-31. Each member of the board shall receive a
15 certificate of his or her appointment from the Governor and
16 before beginning his or her term of office shall file with the
17 Secretary of State his or her written oath of affirmation for
18 the faithful discharge of his or her official duties. The five
19 members of the initial board shall be appointed for terms of
20 one, two, three, four, and five years, respectively, and in
21 making the appointment the Governor shall designate the term
22 for which each of the members is appointed as provided for
23 above. At the expiration of the term of any member of the
24 initial board, the Governor ~~shall~~, from a list of three
25 nominees recommended by the Alabama Division of the Society of
26 American Foresters and any active state forestry organization
27 meeting criteria established by the board pursuant to

1 subsection (c), shall appoint for a term of five years a
2 registered forester having the qualifications required by
3 Section 34-12-31 to succeed the member whose term on the board
4 is expiring. Nothing contained in this chapter shall prohibit
5 any member whose term expires to be reappointed to succeed
6 himself or herself on the board. After March 7, 1990, no
7 member shall serve more than two full consecutive terms of
8 office. If the Governor fails to make appointment in 90 days
9 after expiration of any term, the board shall make the
10 necessary appointment from nominees submitted as hereinabove
11 provided and who meet the qualifications set out by Section
12 34-12-31. Each member of the board shall hold office until the
13 expiration of the term for which such member is appointed or
14 until a successor shall have been duly appointed and shall
15 have qualified.

16 "(b) The membership of the board shall be inclusive
17 and reflect the racial, gender, geographic, urban/rural, and
18 economic diversity of the state. The board shall annually
19 report to the Legislature by the second legislative day of
20 each regular session the extent to which the board has
21 complied with the diversity provisions of this subsection.

22 "(c) The board shall adopt rules setting qualifying
23 criteria for active state forestry organizations to
24 participate in the recommendation of nominees for placement
25 for membership on the board pursuant to subsection (a)."

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.