

1 HB322  
2 206803-2  
3 By Representative Crawford  
4 RFD: Agriculture and Forestry  
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2 ENROLLED, An Act,

3           Relating to foresters; to amend Section 34-12-30,  
4 Code of Alabama 1975, to assign the responsibility of  
5 nominating successor members of the State Board of  
6 Registration for Foresters to both the Division of the Society  
7 of American Foresters and any active state forestry  
8 organization meeting certain criteria established by the  
9 board.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

13           "§34-12-30.

14           "(a) A State Board of Registration for Foresters is  
15 created whose duty it shall be to administer this chapter. The  
16 board shall consist of five foresters, who shall be selected  
17 and appointed by the Governor of Alabama from among 10  
18 nominees recommended by the Alabama Division of the Society of  
19 American Foresters and shall have the qualifications required  
20 by Section 34-12-31. Each member of the board shall receive a  
21 certificate of his or her appointment from the Governor and  
22 before beginning his or her term of office shall file with the  
23 Secretary of State his or her written oath of affirmation for  
24 the faithful discharge of his or her official duties. The five  
25 members of the initial board shall be appointed for terms of

1 one, two, three, four, and five years, respectively, and in  
2 making the appointment the Governor shall designate the term  
3 for which each of the members is appointed as provided for  
4 above. At the expiration of the term of any member of the  
5 initial board, the Governor ~~shall~~, from a list of three  
6 nominees recommended by the Alabama Division of the Society of  
7 American Foresters and any active state forestry organization  
8 meeting criteria established by the board pursuant to  
9 subsection (c), shall appoint for a term of five years a  
10 registered forester having the qualifications required by  
11 Section 34-12-31 to succeed the member whose term on the board  
12 is expiring. Nothing contained in this chapter shall prohibit  
13 any member whose term expires to be reappointed to succeed  
14 himself or herself on the board. After March 7, 1990, no  
15 member shall serve more than two full consecutive terms of  
16 office. If the Governor fails to make appointment in 90 days  
17 after expiration of any term, the board shall make the  
18 necessary appointment from nominees submitted as hereinabove  
19 provided and who meet the qualifications set out by Section  
20 34-12-31. Each member of the board shall hold office until the  
21 expiration of the term for which such member is appointed or  
22 until a successor shall have been duly appointed and shall  
23 have qualified.

24 "(b) The membership of the board shall be inclusive  
25 and reflect the racial, gender, geographic, urban/rural, and

1 economic diversity of the state. The board shall annually  
2 report to the Legislature by the second legislative day of  
3 each regular session the extent to which the board has  
4 complied with the diversity provisions of this subsection.

5 "(c) The board shall adopt rules setting qualifying  
6 criteria for active state forestry organizations to  
7 participate in the recommendation of nominees for placement  
8 for membership on the board pursuant to subsection (a)."

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

