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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to Jackson County; to create the Guntersville Reservoir Aquatic Plant Management Board of Jackson County to create and implement an aquatic plant management program on Lake Guntersville within the jurisdictional boundaries of Jackson County; to provide for membership of the board; and to authorize the board to receive and disburse funds for the purpose of managing invasive aquatic plants in Lake Guntersville.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. The Guntersville Reservoir Aquatic Plant Management Board of Jackson County is hereby created in Jackson County for the purpose of creating and implementing an aquatic plant management program for Lake Guntersville within the jurisdictional boundaries of Jackson County.

1 Section 2. (a) The Guntersville Reservoir Aquatic
2 Plant Management Board of Jackson County shall be composed of
3 the following nine members:

4 (1) The Mayor of Scottsboro or his or her designee.

5 (2) The Chair of the Jackson County Commission or
6 his or her designee.

7 (3) One member appointed by the State Senator
8 representing Jackson County.

9 (4) One member each appointed by each of the two
10 State Representatives representing districts of Jackson
11 County.

12 (5) One member appointed by the Alabama Bass Trail
13 with a background in sport fishing.

14 (6) One member appointed by the Mayor of Scottsboro
15 who shall be a homeowner on Lake Guntersville.

16 (7) One member appointed by the Jackson County
17 Economic Development Authority who shall be an ex officio,
18 nonvoting member.

19 (8) One member appointed by the Scottsboro-Jackson
20 County Chamber of Commerce who shall be an ex officio,
21 nonvoting member.

22 (b) Within 60 days of the effective date of this
23 act, the Mayor of Scottsboro shall convene a meeting of the
24 board to elect from its members a chair, vice chair, and other
25 officers as the mayor deems necessary. The board shall adopt
26 rules to govern its proceedings. A majority of the voting
27 members of the board shall constitute a quorum for all

1 meetings. The board shall meet as determined by the chair. A
2 written record shall be maintained of all meetings.

3 (c) All appointed board members shall serve at the
4 pleasure of their appointing authority.

5 (d) Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as
6 other designations and appointments are made.

7 (e) Members of the board shall serve without
8 compensation.

9 (f) All members of the board shall be immune from
10 individual civil liability while acting within the scope of
11 their duties as board members.

12 Section 3. The Guntersville Reservoir Aquatic Plant
13 Management Board of Jackson County shall develop and, to the
14 extent feasible using available funding, implement an aquatic
15 plant management program in the waters of Lake Guntersville in
16 Jackson County. The program shall address both short term and
17 long term plant management goals balancing the need for
18 controlling invasive aquatic plants with available funding. In
19 order to carry out its duties, the board shall have authority
20 to do any of the following:

21 (1) Receive funds from federal and state governments
22 or any private or public entity, in the form of grants,
23 appropriated funds, private, corporation, or foundation
24 contributions, or from any other source.

25 (2) Disburse funds in the form of grants or
26 subsidies or contract with persons or entities for the purpose

1 of managing invasive species of aquatic vegetation in Lake
2 Gunterville in accordance with state and federal law.

3 (3) Using available funds, employ or contract with a
4 person or persons to administer and oversee the day-to-day
5 operations of the aquatic plant management program.

6 (4) Merge with a similar entity in an adjoining
7 county by mutual agreement.

8 Section 4. This act shall become effective on the
9 first day of the third month following its passage and
10 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.