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3 By Representative Laird
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Advisory Board of
9 Conservation and Natural Resources is composed of
10 the Governor, the Commissioner of Agriculture and
11 Industries, the Director of the Agricultural
12 Extension System, and 10 other members appointed by
13 the Governor, with one of these members being a
14 resident of each Congressional district as
15 constituted on January 1, 1998.

16 This bill would provide for the appointment
17 of two additional members to the advisory board who
18 would be commercial fishermen. These members would
19 be appointed by the Governor from a list of three
20 nominees for each position nominated by the
21 Organized Seafood Association of Alabama, Inc.

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23 A BILL
24 TO BE ENTITLED
25 AN ACT
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1 To amend Section 9-2-14 of the Code of Alabama 1975,
2 to provide for two additional members to be appointed to the
3 Advisory Board of Conservation and Natural Resources who would
4 be commercial fishermen.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

6 Section 1. Section 9-2-14 of the Code of Alabama
7 1975, is amended to read as follows:

8 "§9-2-14.

9 "(a) There shall be an Advisory Board of
10 Conservation and Natural Resources. The board shall consist of
11 the Governor, the Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries,
12 the Director of the Agricultural Extension System ex officio,
13 and 10 other members to be appointed by the Governor, one of
14 whom the Governor shall designate as chair of the Advisory
15 Board of Conservation and Natural Resources. The appointed
16 members of the board shall be selected with special reference
17 to training and experience along one or more of the principal
18 lines of activity vested in the Department of Conservation and
19 Natural Resources. The term of office of each appointed member
20 of the board shall be six years. Of members first appointed,
21 however, two members shall be appointed for two years, three
22 members shall be appointed for four years, two members shall
23 be appointed for five years and three members shall be
24 appointed for six years. The members of the board shall
25 receive no salary or compensation as members of the board, but
26 shall be reimbursed for expenses of travel, meals, and lodging

1 while in the performance of their duties as members of the
2 board, pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 36.

3 "(b) After July 1, 1998, the members of the advisory
4 board appointed by the Governor shall be appointed so that one
5 member of the board is a resident of each congressional
6 district as the districts are constituted on January 1, 1998,
7 and no more than two members are residents of the same
8 congressional district. If a member appointed from a
9 congressional district ceases to be a resident of the district
10 from which appointed, the member shall vacate his or her
11 office. This subsection shall not affect the term or
12 reappointment of any current member of the board.

13 "(c) The board shall hold semiannual regular
14 meetings at the time and place designated by the chair of the
15 board or the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural
16 Resources. The chair of the board or the Commissioner of
17 Conservation and Natural Resources may call special meetings
18 as may be necessary.

19 "(d) The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural
20 Resources shall be ex officio secretary of the board and shall
21 keep minutes of all meetings and a record of all proceedings
22 of the board. The commissioner shall receive no additional
23 compensation for the services.

24 "(e) On a transitional basis, one additional
25 transitional member of the Advisory Board of Conservation and
26 Natural Resources shall be appointed by the Governor from each
27 congressional district as constituted on January 1, 1998,

1 which is not currently represented on the board. A
2 transitional member shall serve a term of six years or until a
3 permanent member of the advisory board is appointed to
4 represent the congressional district where the transitional
5 member resides. A transitional member may be appointed a
6 permanent member to a full term of office. Transitional
7 members of the board shall have the same powers, rights, and
8 duties, and shall be reimbursed for expenses as other members
9 of the advisory board during their service on the board.

10 "(f) Two additional members of the advisory board
11 who are commercial fishermen shall be appointed by the
12 Governor from a list of three nominees for each position
13 nominated by the Organized Seafood Association of Alabama,
14 Inc. The term of the members shall be the same as for other
15 appointed members of the board. These members shall not be
16 considered for the purpose of determining the residency of the
17 other members of the board as provided in subsection (b)."

18 Section 2. This act shall become effective
19 immediately following its passage and approval by the
20 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.