

1 SB418
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3 By Senator Whatley
4 RFD: Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry
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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 four additional members to the advisory board.
18 Two of these members would be commercial fishermen
19 appointed as follows: One would be appointed by the
20 chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture,
21 Conservation, and Forestry and one would be
22 appointed by the chair of the House Committee on
23 Agriculture and Forestry. Both of these members
24 would be appointed from a list of three nominees
25 for each position nominated by the Organized
26 Seafood Association of Alabama, Inc. The other two

1 additional members would be at-large members
2 appointed by the chairs of the same committees.
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7 AN ACT
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8 To amend Section 9-2-14 of the Code of Alabama 1975,
9 to provide for additional members to be appointed to the
10 Advisory Board of Conservation and Natural Resources.
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12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

15 "§9-2-14.

16 "(a) There shall be an Advisory Board of
17 Conservation and Natural Resources. The board shall consist of
18 the Governor, the Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries,
19 the Director of the Agricultural Extension System *ex officio*,
20 and 10 other members to be appointed by the Governor, one of
21 whom the Governor shall designate as chair of the Advisory
22 Board of Conservation and Natural Resources. The appointed
23 members of the board shall be selected with special reference
24 to training and experience along one or more of the principal
25 lines of activity vested in the Department of Conservation and
26 Natural Resources. The term of office of each appointed member
27 of the board shall be six years. Of members first appointed,
 however, two members shall be appointed for two years, three

1 members shall be appointed for four years, two members shall
2 be appointed for five years and three members shall be
3 appointed for six years. The members of the board shall
4 receive no salary or compensation as members of the board, but
5 shall be reimbursed for expenses of travel, meals, and lodging
6 while in the performance of their duties as members of the
7 board, pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 36.

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

18 "(c) The board shall hold semiannual regular
19 meetings at the time and place designated by the chair of the
20 board or the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural
21 Resources. The chair of the board or the Commissioner of
22 Conservation and Natural Resources may call special meetings
23 as may be necessary.

24 "(d) The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural
25 Resources shall be ex officio secretary of the board and shall
26 keep minutes of all meetings and a record of all proceedings

1 of the board. The commissioner shall receive no additional
2 compensation for the services.

3 "(e) On a transitional basis, one additional
4 transitional member of the Advisory Board of Conservation and
5 Natural Resources shall be appointed by the Governor from each
6 congressional district as constituted on January 1, 1998,
7 which is not currently represented on the board. A
8 transitional member shall serve a term of six years or until a
9 permanent member of the advisory board is appointed to
10 represent the congressional district where the transitional
11 member resides. A transitional member may be appointed a
12 permanent member to a full term of office. Transitional
13 members of the board shall have the same powers, rights, and
14 duties, and shall be reimbursed for expenses as other members
15 of the advisory board during their service on the board.

16 "(f) (1) Two additional members of the advisory board
17 who are commercial fishermen shall be appointed from a list of
18 three nominees for each position nominated by the Organized
19 Seafood Association of Alabama, Inc. One of these additional
20 members shall be appointed by the chair of the Senate
21 Committee on Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry, or its'
22 successor, and one of these additional members shall be
23 appointed by the chair of the House Committee on Agriculture
24 and Forestry, or its' successor.

25 "(2) Two additional members shall be appointed
26 at-large. One of these additional members shall be appointed
27 by the chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture,

1 Conservation, and Forestry, or its' successor, and one of
2 these additional members shall be appointed by the chair of
3 the House Committee on Agriculture and Forestry or its'
4 successor.

5 "(3) The term of the members appointed pursuant to
6 this subsection shall be the same as for other appointed
7 members of the board. These members shall not be considered
8 for the purpose of determining the residency of the other
9 members of the board as provided in subsection (b)."

10 Section 2. This act shall become effective
11 immediately following its passage and approval by the
12 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.