

1 SB418  
2 128594-1  
3 By Senator Whatley  
4 RFD: Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry  
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SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Advisory Board of Conservation and Natural Resources is composed of the Governor, the Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries, the Director of the Agricultural Extension System, and 10 other members appointed by the Governor, with one of these members being a resident of each Congressional district as constituted on January 1, 1998.

This bill would provide for the appointment of four additional members to the advisory board. Two of these members would be commercial fishermen appointed as follows: One would be appointed by the chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry and one would be appointed by the chair of the House Committee on Agriculture and Forestry. Both of these members would be appointed from a list of three nominees for each position nominated by the Organized 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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4 A BILL  
5 TO BE ENTITLED  
6 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.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

14 "§9-2-14.

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