SB88

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RFD: County and Municipal Government

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SYNOPSIS:

Existing law provides for seven members to sit on the Alabama Firefighters' Personnel Standards and Education Commission.

This bill would increase the membership of the commission to eight, by providing for the appointment of an individual who is a volunteer firefighter by the Presiding Officer of the Senate.

This bill would also make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style.

A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

Relating to the Alabama Firefighters' Personnel Standards and Education Commission; to amend Section 36-32-2, Code of Alabama 1975; to increase the membership of the commission; to provide for the additional member's appointment and qualifications; and to make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 36-32-2, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§36-32-2

(a) The Alabama Firefighters' Personnel Standards and Education Commission shall consist of ~~seven~~eight members, each of whom shall be a qualified elector of the state who is over ~~the age of~~ 18 years of age. The Professional Firefighters Association of Alabama shall ~~nominate~~appoint one certified firefighter to serve for a term of four years; the Alabama Firefighter's Association shall ~~nominate~~appoint one certified firefighter to serve for a term of four years; the Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs shall ~~nominate~~appoint one certified firefighter to serve for a term of four years; the Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments shall ~~nominate~~appoint one certified volunteer firefighter to serve for a term of four years; the Presiding Officer of the Senate shall appoint one certified volunteer firefighter who is experienced in the mentorship and training of aspiring volunteer firefighters to serve for a term of four years; the ~~State~~state Fire Marshal or his or her designee shall serve as a member; the Lieutenant Governor shall ~~nominate~~appoint one member; and the Governor shall ~~nominate~~appoint one member ~~of the commission~~. The members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor and the Governor shall each serve for terms of four years.

(b) Should a vacancy occur during the term of a commission member, the original ~~nominating entity~~appointing authority shall ~~nominate~~appoint a replacement to serve for the

remainder of the term. Each ~~nominee~~appointee shall be confirmed by the Senate before the ~~nominee~~appointee becomes a member of the commission. Except for the state Fire Marshall, ~~No~~no commissioner who is then serving on the commission or whose term has just expired shall be required to be reconfirmed for a new term~~, once nominated by the Professional Firefighters Association of Alabama, the Alabama Firefighters Association, the Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs, the Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments, the Lieutenant Governor, or the Governor~~. Each member of the commission shall serve until his or her successor is confirmed by the Senate. If the Senate rejects the ~~nominee~~appointee, the ~~nominating entity~~appointing authority shall make a replacement ~~nomination~~appointment. ~~The nominee of the Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs shall be appointed in 2013 at the expiration of the term of office of the designee of the Governor whose appointment ends in 2013. The nominee of the Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments shall be appointed in 2014 at the expiration of the term of office of the designee of the Governor whose appointment ends in 2014.~~ No commissioner may serve more than two consecutive terms.

(c) The members may adopt bylaws to govern the organization of the commission, its meetings, and activities; provided, that the bylaws shall not conflict with this chapter.

~~(b)~~(d) The appointing authorities shall coordinate their appointments to assure that the membership of the commission ~~shall be~~is inclusive and ~~reflect~~reflects the

racial, gender, geographic, ~~urban/rural~~urban, rural, and economic diversity of the state."

Section 2. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2024.