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SYNOPSIS:

Under the existing law, termination dates are established for enumerated state agencies. The agencies are periodically reviewed by the Alabama Sunset Committee. After the review process is completed, the committee prepares its recommendations for the agencies to the Legislature in the form of sunset bills which either continue, terminate, or continue with modification each agency reviewed.

This bill would provide for the continuance of the Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board until October 1, 2025, with the following changes: To allow an organizational meeting of the board to be considered a regular quarterly meeting of the board.

A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

Relating to the Alabama Sunset Law; to continue the existence and functioning of the Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board until October 1, 2025, with certain modifications; to amend Section 34-21A-4, Code of Alabama 1975, to allow an organizational meeting of the board to be considered a regular

quarterly meeting of the board.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Pursuant to the Alabama Sunset Law, the sunset committee recommends the continuance of the Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board until October 1, 2025, with the additional recommendation for statutory change as set out in Section 3.

Section 2. The existence and functioning of the Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board, created and functioning pursuant to Chapter 21A of Title 34, Code of Alabama 1975, is continued until October 1, 2025, and those code sections are expressly preserved.

Section 3. Section 34-21A-4 of the Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§34-21A-4

(a) Within 30 days after the annual appointment of new members, the board shall meet for the purpose of organizing, electing new officers, and transacting ~~such~~ business as deemed necessary. This organizational meeting ~~shall not~~ may be considered a regular quarterly meeting of the board.

(b) The board shall meet at least four times a year on a quarterly basis with the board designating the months of the meetings for the coming year at its annual organizational meeting. Regular meetings shall be called by the chair who shall designate the time and place of each regular meeting. The chair or a majority of the members of the board may also call a special meeting of the board.

(c) Board members shall be given at least 10 days'

notice of regular meetings and a minimum of five days' notice for special meetings. The executive director shall give notice of any meeting to the media as considered appropriate under the circumstances.

(d) A quorum of the board shall consist of not less than five of the duly appointed members.

(e) Any motion passed by the board requires a majority of those members present.

(f) The members of the board shall receive one hundred dollars ($100) per day for board meetings and a per diem as recommended by the board consistent with applicable state laws for attending sessions of the board and for time spent in necessary travel to attend meetings of the board. In addition, each member shall be reimbursed for related travel expenses at the same rate as state employees receive, all to be paid from fees collected and deposited in the board fund."

Section 4. The Legislature concurs in the recommendations of the Sunset Committee as provided in Sections 1, 2, and 3.

Section 5. This act shall become effective June 1, 2024.