

## SB27 INTRODUCED



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2 FKGXY5D-1  
3 By Senator Elliott  
4 RFD: County and Municipal Government  
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## 4 SYNOPSIS:

5 Under existing law, the Board of Trustees of the  
6 Department of Archives and History is composed of two  
7 members from each congressional district and two  
8 at-large members.

9 This bill would increase the composition of the  
10 board to 17 members and revise the manner in which  
11 members are appointed.

12 This bill would provide for retroactive effect.

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

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18 A BILL

19 TO BE ENTITLED

20 AN ACT

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22 Relating to the Department of Archives and History; to  
23 amend Sections 41-6-3 and 41-6-4, Code of Alabama 1975; to  
24 further provide for the composition of the Board of Trustees  
25 of the Department of Archives and History; to further provide  
26 for the filling of vacancies on the board; and to provide for  
27 retroactive effect.

28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:



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Section 1. Sections 41-6-3 and 41-6-4, Code of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

"§41-6-3

(a) The department shall be under the control of the Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History, which shall consist of one member from each congressional district ~~and the additional members selected pursuant to subsection (b)~~ as the districts existed on January 1, 2025, nine at-large members, and the Governor or his or her designee.

~~(b) Two additional at-large members shall be selected and an additional member shall be selected from each U.S. Congressional District. The additional members shall be selected by the board of trustees and their names shall be communicated to the Senate not later than the fifth legislative day of the 2004 Regular Session of the Legislature. Newly selected members shall be confirmed by the Senate in the same manner as vacancies filled pursuant to Section 41-6-4. The board of trustees shall select three of the new members to serve initial terms of two years, three of the new members to serve initial terms of four years, and three of the new members to serve initial terms of six years. All successor members shall serve terms of six years and shall be selected as provided in Section 41-6-4.~~

(b) Each vacancy in an appointed board seat, as the vacancy arises, whether by expiration of term of service or by death, resignation, or removal shall be filled as follows:

(1) Seat 1, a resident of Congressional District 1, for



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a six-year term commencing January 1, 2027, and every six years thereafter, appointed by the Governor.

(2) Seat 2, a resident of Congressional District 2, for a six-year term commencing January 1, 2029, and every six years thereafter, appointed by the Governor.

(3) Seat 3, a resident of Congressional District 3, for a six-year term commencing January 1, 2030, and every six years thereafter, appointed by the Governor.

(4) Seat 4, a resident of Congressional District 4, for a six-year term commencing January 1, 2026, and every six years thereafter, appointed by the Governor.

(5) Seat 5, a resident of Congressional District 5, for a six-year term commencing January 1, 2028, and every six years thereafter, appointed by the Governor.

(6) Seat 6, a resident of Congressional District 6, for a six-year term commencing January 1, 2028, and every six years thereafter, appointed by the Governor.

(7) Seat 7, a resident of Congressional District 7, for a six-year term commencing January 1, 2025, and every six years thereafter, appointed by the Governor.

(8) Seat 8, a resident of the state at-large, for a six-year term commencing January 1, 2025, and every six years thereafter, appointed by the Governor.

(9) Seat 9, a resident of the state at-large, for a six-year term commencing January 1, 2028, and every six years thereafter, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives from three nominees provided by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.



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85       (10) Seat 10, a resident of the state at-large, for a  
86       six-year term commencing January 1, 2030, and every six years  
87       thereafter, appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
88       Representatives.

89       (11) Seat 11, a resident of the state at-large, for a  
90       six-year term commencing January 1, 2027, and every six years  
91       thereafter, appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
92       Representatives.

93       (12) Seat 12, a resident of the state at-large, for a  
94       six-year term commencing January 1, 2026, and every six years  
95       thereafter, appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
96       Representatives.

97       (13) Seat 13, a resident of the state at-large, for a  
98       six-year term commencing January 1, 2025, and every six years  
99       thereafter, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
100       Senate.

101       (14) Seat 14, a resident of the state at-large, for a  
102       six-year term commencing January 1, 2027, and every six years  
103       thereafter, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
104       Senate.

105       (15) Seat 15, a resident of the state at-large, for a  
106       six-year term commencing January 1, 2029, and every six years  
107       thereafter, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
108       Senate from three nominees provided by the Minority Leader of  
109       the Senate.

110       (16) Seat 16, a resident of the state at-large, for a  
111       six-year term commencing January 1, 2026, and every six years  
112       thereafter, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the



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Senate.

(c) The ~~membership of the board of trustees appointing authorities~~ shall ~~be~~ coordinate their appointments to assure that the membership of the board is inclusive and ~~shall reflect~~ reflects the racial ~~and~~, gender, geographic, urban, rural, and economic diversity of the state.

(d) Each appointed member shall serve at the pleasure of his or her appointing authority."

"§41-6-4

(a) ~~The board of trustees shall fill all vacancies occurring on the board, whether by expiration of term of service or by death or resignation, but the~~ The names of all ~~successor~~ newly appointed board members shall be communicated to the then current session or the next ensuing regular session of the state Senate for confirmation. If the Senate rejects any ~~successor trustee~~ appointed member, the ~~board appointing authority~~ shall proceed forthwith to fill the vacancy with a different appointee.

(b) ~~A trustee~~ An individual appointed to succeed a member whose term has expired shall serve for a term of six years. ~~A person~~ An individual appointed to fill a vacancy occurring by death ~~or~~, resignation, or removal shall only serve out the unexpired term of his or her predecessor. ~~A person whose appointment to the board has been confirmed by the Senate shall serve beyond his or her expired term until a successor has been confirmed by the Senate.~~

(c) The board shall hold at the State Capital at least one regular meeting during every year ~~and as many special~~



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~~meetings as may be necessary, and at any meeting.~~ a A majority  
of the ~~trustees~~ board members shall constitute a quorum. The  
Governor ~~of the state,~~ or his or her designee, shall be a  
voting member of the board as authorized by Section 41-6-3,  
and he or she ~~shall~~, as far as possible, shall lend every  
encouragement to the success and ~~upbuilding~~ development of the  
department. The director shall be the secretary of the board.  
~~The trustees~~ Members of the board shall receive no  
compensation for their services. Each member of the board ~~of~~  
~~trustees~~ shall be reimbursed at the same per diem and travel  
allowance amounts paid by law to state employees for each day  
of attendance of the business of the board.

(d) The board may do all of the following:

(1) Adopt rules for its own government and also for the  
government of the department.

(2) Elect a director and provide for the selection or  
appointment of other officials or employees as may be  
authorized.

(3) Provide for the publication of historical material  
pertaining to the state under the supervision of the director.

(4) Control and expend ~~such~~ appropriations as may be  
made for the maintenance of the department.

(5) Perform ~~such~~ other acts as may be necessary to  
carry out the intent and purposes of this article."

Section 2. This act shall be retroactive to January 1,  
2025.

Section 3. This act shall become effective immediately.