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2 SLVVU85-1
3 By Senator Barfoot
4 RFD: Judiciary
5 First Read: 20-Jan-26



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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 Under existing law, members of the Board of
6 Pardons and Paroles serve six-year terms commencing on
7 July 1.

8 This bill would change the term start date from
9 July 1 to March 1.

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12 A BILL

13 TO BE ENTITLED

14 AN ACT

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16 Relating to the Board of Pardons and Paroles; to amend
17 Section 15-22-20, Code of Alabama 1975; to change the date on
18 which a member of the Board of Pardons and Paroles'
19 appointment commences from July 1 to March 1.

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

21 Section 1. Section 15-22-20, Code of Alabama 1975, is
22 amended to read as follows:

23 "§15-22-20

24 (a) There shall be a Board of Pardons and Paroles ~~which~~
25 ~~shall consist~~ that consists of three members. The membership
26 of the board shall be inclusive and reflect the racial,
27 gender, geographic, ~~urban/rural~~ urban, rural, or and economic
28 diversity of the state. At least one member shall be a current



29 or former law enforcement officer with a minimum of 10 years'
30 experience in or with a law enforcement agency ~~which~~that has
31 among its primary duties and responsibilities the
32 investigation of violent crimes or the apprehension, arrest,
33 or supervision of the perpetrators~~thereof~~.

34 (b) Any vacancy occurring on the board, whether for an
35 expired or unexpired term, shall be filled by appointment by
36 the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, from
37 a list of five qualified ~~persons nominated~~individuals
38 submitted by a ~~board~~nominating committee consisting of the
39 Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of
40 Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
41 The nominating ~~board shall~~committee, as soon as practicable
42 after a vacancy occurs, whether for an expired or unexpired
43 term, shall meet and select by majority vote the names of five
44 ~~persons~~individuals to be submitted to the Governor. The ~~board~~
45 nominating committee shall immediately submit its nominations
46 to the Governor, who shall make his or her appointment from
47 the list within 10 days. Appointees shall begin serving
48 immediately upon appointment, until confirmed or rejected by
49 the Senate. Appointments made at times when the Senate is not
50 in regular session shall be effective ad interim. Any
51 appointment made by the Governor while the Senate is in
52 regular session must be submitted to the Senate not later than
53 the third legislative day following the date of the
54 appointment~~; any~~. Any appointment made while the Senate is not
55 in regular session shall be submitted not later than the third
56 legislative day following the reconvening of the Legislature



57 in regular session. If the Senate fails to vote on an
58 appointee's confirmation before adjourning sine die during the
59 regular session in which the appointee is appointed, the
60 appointee is deemed to be confirmed.

61 (c) (1) Members Commencing on October 1, 2026, members
62 of the board shall be appointed for terms of six years
63 commencing on July 1 March 1. in the years 1953, 1955, and
64 1957, and The terms of the members serving on the board on
65 October 1, 2026, shall end on the last day of February during
66 the sixth year of their term.

67 (2) Members of the board shall serve until their
68 successors are appointed and qualified.

69 (3) Any person appointed to fill the vacancy for an
70 unexpired term shall vacate the office upon the expiration of
71 that unexpired term.

72 (d) The Governor shall designate one of the members as
73 chair, and the chair shall preside at sessions of the board.

74 (e) Each member shall take the constitutional oath of
75 office and shall be subject to impeachment for any of the
76 causes specified in Section 173 of the Constitution; and the
77 of Alabama of 2022. The procedure in cases of impeachment
78 shall be in the manner provided by Section 175 of the
79 Constitution; provided, however, that in the event of Alabama
80 of 2022. If the Governor shall determine determines that any
81 member of the board is incapacitated by reason of physical or
82 mental disability or illness to the extent that the member
83 cannot efficiently perform the duties of his or her office, he
84 or she shall direct the Attorney General to proceed to the

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85 determination of that issue in an inquisition proceeding
86 instituted by him or her in the Circuit Court of Montgomery
87 County, Alabama. In the event the issue is determined in the
88 court against the board member, the court shall declare the
89 office vacant, ~~and the same office~~ shall be vacated, and a
90 successor appointed, as provided in this section.

91 (f) Two members of the board ~~shall constitute~~
92 constitute a quorum for the transaction of the official
93 business of the board.

94 (g) The members of the board shall hold no other office
95 of profit during their incumbency.

96 (h) The annual compensation of the chair and each
97 associate member of the Board of Pardons and Paroles shall be
98 an amount as is provided by law. The salaries shall be paid in
99 equal installments from the State Treasury in the same manner
100 that salaries of other state officers are paid."

101 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
102 1, 2026.