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3 By Senator Gudger
4 RFD: Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, members of the Alabama
9 Small Business Commission are appointed by various
10 appointing authorities.

11 This bill would provide that every member of
12 the commission shall be appointed by the Lieutenant
13 Governor and would require an annual report to the
14 Lieutenant Governor.

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16 A BILL
17 TO BE ENTITLED
18 AN ACT

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20 Relating to the Alabama Small Business Commission;
21 to amend Section 41-29-240, Code of Alabama 1975, to further
22 provide for the appointment of members of the commission; and
23 to require an annual report to the Lieutenant Governor.

24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

25 Section 1. Section 41-29-240, Code of Alabama 1975,
26 is amended to read as follows:

27 "§41-29-240.

1 "(a) The Alabama Small Business Commission is
2 created as part of the Office of Small Business Advocacy.

3 "(b) The commission shall have the following duties:

4 "(1) Formulate policies encouraging innovation of
5 small business in the state.

6 "(2) Discuss issues critical to the economic growth
7 of small, independent businesses and their interests that will
8 encourage the formation of and foster the growth of small
9 businesses in the state.

10 "(3) Advise the Department of Commerce in
11 formulating and promoting policies relating to small
12 businesses.

13 "(4) Act as an advocate for small businesses and the
14 entrepreneurs who work to create opportunities for new small
15 businesses and sustain those that are already in existence.

16 "(5) Promote policies to assist new business
17 start-ups and expansion of existing businesses.

18 "(c) The commission shall be chaired by an appointee
19 of the Lieutenant Governor, who shall be a voting member. The
20 Director of the Business Development Division shall be
21 responsible for the administrative functions of the commission
22 including, but not limited to, the organization of meetings,
23 preparing the annual reports, and other items as needed by the
24 commission. The commission shall be composed of the following
25 members who shall be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor and
26 shall serve a term of two years with the option of being

1 reappointed to one additional term ~~by their appointing~~
2 ~~authority:~~

3 "(1) One member from each of the congressional
4 districts of the state ~~appointed by the Governor.~~

5 "(2) One member ~~appointed by the Governor~~ from a
6 list of three names submitted by the Alabama Homebuilders
7 Association.

8 "(3) One member ~~appointed by the Governor~~ from a
9 list of three names submitted by the Alabama Retail
10 Association.

11 "(4) One member ~~appointed by the Governor~~ from a
12 list of three names submitted by the Alabama Bankers
13 Association.

14 "(5) One member ~~appointed by the Governor~~ from a
15 list of three names submitted by the Medical Association of
16 Alabama.

17 "(6) One member ~~appointed by the Governor~~ from a
18 list of three names submitted by the Alabama Farmers
19 Federation.

20 "(7) One member ~~appointed by the Governor~~ from a
21 list of three names submitted by the Alabama Trucking
22 Association.

23 "(8) One member ~~appointed by the Governor~~ from a
24 list of three names submitted by the Alabama Association of
25 General Contractors.

1 "~~(9) One member appointed by the Governor~~ from a
2 list of three names submitted by the Alabama Automobile
3 Dealers Association.

4 "~~(10) One member appointed by the Governor~~ from the
5 manufacturing sector.

6 "~~(11) One member appointed by the Lieutenant~~
7 ~~Governor~~ from a list of three names submitted by the Alabama
8 Forestry Association.

9 "~~(12) One at-large member appointed by the~~
10 ~~Lieutenant Governor.~~

11 "~~(13) One member appointed by the Speaker of the~~
12 ~~House of Representatives~~ from the service, hospitality, and
13 tourism sector.

14 "~~(14) One member of the House of Representatives~~
15 ~~appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.~~

16 "~~(15) One member of the manufacturing sector~~
17 ~~appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.~~

18 "~~(16) One member of the Senate appointed by the~~
19 ~~President Pro Tempore of the Senate.~~

20 "(d) To the extent possible, the commission members
21 shall be small business owners representing businesses with 50
22 or fewer employees.

23 "(e) The commission shall prepare and submit an
24 annual report to the Lieutenant Governor no later than
25 December 31 of each year."

1 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
2 first day of the third month following its passage and
3 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.