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3 By Senator McGill (N & P)
4 RFD: Local Legislation No. 1
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4 With Notice and Proof

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6 ENROLLED, An Act,

7 Relating to Jackson County; to create the
8 Guntersville Reservoir Aquatic Plant Management Board of
9 Jackson County to create and implement an aquatic plant
10 management program on Lake Guntersville within the
11 jurisdictional boundaries of Jackson County; to provide for
12 membership of the board; and to authorize the board to receive
13 and disburse funds for the purpose of managing invasive
14 aquatic plants in Lake Guntersville.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

16 Section 1. The Guntersville Reservoir Aquatic Plant
17 Management Board of Jackson County is hereby created in
18 Jackson County for the purpose of creating and implementing an
19 aquatic plant management program for Lake Guntersville within
20 the jurisdictional boundaries of Jackson County.

21 Section 2. (a) The Guntersville Reservoir Aquatic
22 Plant Management Board of Jackson County shall be composed of
23 the following nine members:

24 (1) The Mayor of Scottsboro or his or her designee.

1 (2) The Chair of the Jackson County Commission or
2 his or her designee.

3 (3) One member appointed by the State Senator
4 representing Jackson County.

5 (4) One member each appointed by each of the two
6 State Representatives representing districts of Jackson
7 County.

8 (5) One member appointed by the Alabama Bass Trail
9 with a background in sport fishing.

10 (6) One member appointed by the Mayor of Scottsboro
11 who shall be a homeowner on Lake Guntersville.

12 (7) One member appointed by the Jackson County
13 Economic Development Authority who shall be an ex officio,
14 nonvoting member.

15 (8) One member appointed by the Scottsboro-Jackson
16 County Chamber of Commerce who shall be an ex officio,
17 nonvoting member.

18 (b) Within 60 days of the effective date of this
19 act, the Mayor of Scottsboro shall convene a meeting of the
20 board to elect from its members a chair, vice chair, and other
21 officers as the mayor deems necessary. The board shall adopt
22 rules to govern its proceedings. A majority of the voting
23 members of the board shall constitute a quorum for all
24 meetings. The board shall meet as determined by the chair. A
25 written record shall be maintained of all meetings.

1 (c) All appointed board members shall serve at the
2 pleasure of their appointing authority.

3 (d) Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as
4 other designations and appointments are made.

5 (e) Members of the board shall serve without
6 compensation.

7 (f) All members of the board shall be immune from
8 individual civil liability while acting within the scope of
9 their duties as board members.

10 Section 3. The Guntersville Reservoir Aquatic Plant
11 Management Board of Jackson County shall develop and, to the
12 extent feasible using available funding, implement an aquatic
13 plant management program in the waters of Lake Guntersville in
14 Jackson County. The program shall address both short term and
15 long term plant management goals balancing the need for
16 controlling invasive aquatic plants with available funding. In
17 order to carry out its duties, the board shall have authority
18 to do any of the following:

19 (1) Receive funds from federal and state governments
20 or any private or public entity, in the form of grants,
21 appropriated funds, private, corporation, or foundation
22 contributions, or from any other source.

23 (2) Disburse funds in the form of grants or
24 subsidies or contract with persons or entities for the purpose

1 of managing invasive species of aquatic vegetation in Lake
2 Gunterville in accordance with state and federal law.

3 (3) Using available funds, employ or contract with a
4 person or persons to administer and oversee the day-to-day
5 operations of the aquatic plant management program.

6 (4) Merge with a similar entity in an adjoining
7 county by mutual agreement.

8 Section 4. This act shall become effective on the
9 first day of the third month following its passage and
10 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
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By: Senator McGill