

1 HB99  
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3 By Representative Shedd  
4 RFD: Children and Senior Advocacy  
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SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Department of Senior Services and the Commission of the Department of Senior Services are advised by an advisory board of directors. The board consists of 16 members, three of whom serve in an ex officio capacity.

This bill would provide that the three members who serve in an ex officio capacity, the Commissioner of the State Department of Labor, the State Health Officer, and the Commissioner of the State Department of Human Resources, be voting members on the board and would allow those members to appoint a designee to serve in their place.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to the advisory board of directors to the Department of Senior Services; to amend Section 38-3-1, Code

1 of Alabama 1975, to further provide for the voting power and  
2 membership of the board.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

4 Section 1. Section 38-3-1, Code of Alabama 1975, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 "§38-3-1.

7 "(a) There is ~~hereby~~ created the Department of  
8 Senior Services of the State of Alabama, which shall be under  
9 the direction and control of the Commissioner of the  
10 Department of Senior Services.

11 "(b) There is created an advisory board of  
12 directors, which shall consist of 16 members, ~~which~~ and shall  
13 advise the commissioner in the administration of the  
14 department.

15 "(c) (1) The advisory board shall be composed of the  
16 following:

17 "a. two Two members of the Senate, ~~to be~~ appointed  
18 by the President of the Senate.

19 "b. two Two members of the House of Representatives, ~~to be~~  
20 appointed by the Speaker of the House.

21 "c. the The Commissioner of the State Department of  
22 Labor, or his or her designee.

23 "d. the The State Health Officer, ~~and the~~ or his or  
24 her designee.

25 "e. The Commissioner of the State Department of  
26 Human Resources, or his or her designee. ~~as ex officio~~  
27 ~~members, and nine~~

1           "f. Nine members, ~~to be~~ appointed by the Governor  
2 for terms concurrent with the term of the Governor. Of the  
3 members appointed by the Governor, one shall be a  
4 representative of business, one shall be a representative of  
5 labor, one shall be a representative of the medical  
6 profession, three shall be representatives of senior citizen  
7 organizations, and the remaining three shall be responsible  
8 citizens of the state.

9           "(2) Upon reappointment, The appointing authorities  
10 shall coordinate their appointments to ensure that the  
11 membership of the board ~~shall be~~ is inclusive and ~~reflect~~  
12 reflects the racial, gender, geographic, urban/rural, and  
13 economic diversity of the state."

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