

1 HB255  
2 209327-1  
3 By Representative Shedd  
4 RFD: Boards, Agencies and Commissions  
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SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the advisory board of directors of the Department of Senior Services consists of nine members. This bill would authorize the appointment of an additional board member representing a disability organization.

Under existing law, the Secretary of the State Department of Labor, the State Health Officer, and the Commissioner of the State Department of Human Resources are ex officio members of the advisory board. This bill would authorize each of these ex officio members to name an individual to act as his or her designee on the board.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

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

1 Code of Alabama 1975; to allow authorization of a designee to  
2 attend meetings on behalf of an ex officio member of the  
3 board; and to authorize the appointment of an additional board  
4 member who would represent an organization serving individuals  
5 with disabilities.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

9 "§38-3-1.

10 "(a) There is hereby created the Department of  
11 Senior Services of the State of Alabama, which shall be under  
12 the direction and control of the Commissioner of the  
13 Department of Senior Services.

14 "(b) There is created an advisory board of directors  
15 ~~which~~ that shall consist of 16 members, ~~which~~ and shall advise  
16 the commissioner in the administration of the department. The  
17 advisory board shall be composed of two members of the Senate  
18 to be appointed by the President of the Senate; two members of  
19 the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of  
20 the House; the ~~Commissioner~~ Secretary of the State Department  
21 of Labor or his or her designee, the State Health Officer or  
22 his or her designee, and the Commissioner of the State  
23 Department of Human Resources or his or her designee, as ex  
24 officio members; and ~~nine~~ 10 members to be appointed by the  
25 Governor for terms concurrent with the term of the Governor.  
26 Of the members appointed by the Governor, one shall be a  
27 representative of business, one shall be a representative of

1 labor, one shall be a representative of the medical  
2 profession, three shall be representatives of senior citizen  
3 organizations, one shall be a representative of an  
4 organization serving individuals with disabilities, and the  
5 remaining three shall be responsible ~~citizens~~ residents of the  
6 state. Upon reappointment, the membership of the board shall  
7 be inclusive and reflect the racial, gender, geographic,  
8 urban/rural, and economic diversity of the state. The name of  
9 any designee to the advisory board of directors authorized by  
10 this chapter shall be submitted in writing to the Commissioner  
11 of the Department of Senior Services."

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