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3 AMENDMENT TO HB153
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8 On page 1, after line 14 insert the following
9 language:

10 Existing law provides for semi-annual meetings of
11 the Board of Trustees of Alabama State University.

12 This bill would authorize the board to conduct
13 meetings of the board, or of any committee of the board, by
14 telephone or video conference or similar means under certain
15 conditions.
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17 On page 1, delete lines 20 through 23 in their
18 entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following language:

19 Relating to university boards of trustees; to
20 authorize the Board of Trustees of the University of West
21 Alabama to allow participation in certain meetings by
22 telephone or video conference, or by similar means under
23 certain conditions; and to authorize the Board of Trustees of
24 Alabama State University to hold certain meetings by telephone
25 or video conference, or by similar means under certain
26 conditions.
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1 On page 1, line 25, delete "Section 16-53-4, Code of
2 Alabama, is" and insert in lieu thereof the following:

3 Sections 16-50-26 and 16-53-4, Code of Alabama 1975,
4 are

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6 On page 1, after line 26, insert the following
7 language:

8 "§16-50-26.

9 "The first meeting of the Board of Trustees of
10 Alabama State University after all members have been appointed
11 shall be upon the call of the president of the board. The
12 board shall hold regular meetings on the first Thursdays in
13 May and November at the university unless the board, in
14 regular session, shall determine to hold its meetings at some
15 other time and place. The regular May meeting shall be the
16 regular annual meeting at which the membership of the board
17 shall select a president and president pro tempore of the
18 board from among its members. Special meetings of the board
19 may be assembled by either one of the two methods outlined as
20 follows:

21 "(1) Commencing with the first regular May meeting
22 in 2020, special meetings of the board may be called by the
23 president of the board. In calling special meetings, the
24 president of the board shall mail a written notice to each
25 trustee, naming the time and place thereof, with terms as
26 provided in the bylaws of the board, at least 10 days in
27 advance of the date of the meetings.

1 "(2) Upon the application in writing of any four
2 members of the board, the president of the board shall call a
3 special meeting, naming the time and place thereof and causing
4 notices to be issued in writing to the several members of the
5 board. Meetings shall not be held on a date less than 10 days
6 subsequent to the notices from the president of the board.

7 "(3) An emergency meeting of the board may be called
8 when circumstances exist that are deemed by the president of
9 the board, by the president pro tempore of the board, or by
10 three members of the board to present a risk to personal
11 health, safety, or property or to the operation of the
12 university. The three board members shall communicate their
13 request for an emergency meeting to the president of the board
14 or to the president pro tempore of the board by the most
15 expedient means available to them. Notice of an emergency
16 meeting shall be given at least 72 hours before the time the
17 emergency meeting is to commence unless the circumstances of
18 the emergency require the meeting to convene sooner.

19 "(4) Members of the board may participate in a
20 meeting of the board or any committee of the board by means of
21 telephone conference, video conference, or similar
22 communications equipment by means of which all persons
23 participating in the meeting may hear each other at the same
24 time. Participation by ~~such~~ these means shall constitute
25 presence in person at a meeting for all purposes. ~~However, a~~ A
26 majority of a quorum of the members of the board, or, in the
27 event of a meeting of only the executive committee, a majority

1 of a quorum of the executive committee of the board, shall not
2 be required to be physically present at the location noticed
3 and called for the meeting in order to conduct any business or
4 deliberation. ~~Members of the board and any committees of the~~
5 ~~board may not utilize electronic communications except as in~~
6 ~~compliance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.~~ Except for
7 emergency meetings, notice of board meetings shall be provided
8 in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act and telephone
9 or video conference or similar communications equipment shall
10 also allow members of the public the opportunity to
11 simultaneously listen to or observe ~~such~~ the meetings.