

- 1 SB45
- 2 1BTCLZ3-1
- 3 By Senator Allen
- 4 RFD: Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development
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| 4  | SYNOPSIS:                                                      |
| 5  | Under existing law, the Alabama Athlete Agents                 |
| 6  | Commission is composed of the Secretary of State and 18        |
| 7  | other members.                                                 |
| 8  | This bill would authorize the Secretary of State               |
| 9  | to designate an individual to serve in his her place on        |
| 10 | the commission.                                                |
| 11 | This bill would also make nonsubstantive,                      |
| 12 | technical revisions to update the existing code                |
| 13 | language to current style.                                     |
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| 17 | A BILL                                                         |
| 18 | TO BE ENTITLED                                                 |
| 19 | AN ACT                                                         |
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| 21 | Relating to the Alabama Athlete Agents Commission; to          |
| 22 | amend Section 8-26B-30, Code of Alabama 1975, to authorize the |
| 23 | Secretary of State to designate an individual to serve in his  |
| 24 | or her place on the commission; and to make nonsubstantive,    |
| 25 | technical revisions to update the existing code language to    |
| 26 | current style.                                                 |
| 27 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:                   |
| 28 | Section 1. Section 8-26B-30, Code of Alabama 1975, is          |



29 amended to read as follows: 30 "\$8-26B-30 31 (a) The Alabama Athlete Agents Commission is continued 32 in existence. The commission shall consist of the Secretary of 33 State or an individual designated by the Secretary of State 34 and 18 members to be appointed as follows: 35 (1) One member appointed by the Governor. 36 (2) One member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor. 37 (3) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. 38 39 (4) The athletic director or an individual appointed by the athletic director at each of the following institutions of 40 41 higher education: 42 a. Auburn University. 43 b. University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa. c. University of South Alabama. 44 45 d. Alabama State University. 46 e. Alabama A & M University. f. Tuskegee University. 47 48 g. Troy University. 49 h. Jacksonville State University. i. University of North Alabama. 50 51 j. University of West Alabama. 52 k. Miles College. 53 1. University of Montevallo. m. University of Alabama, Huntsville. 54 n. University of Alabama, Birmingham. 55 56 (5) One member appointed by the Alabama High School



57 Athletic Association.

58 (b) In appointing members to the board, the appointing 59 power shall select those persons individuals whose 60 appointments, to the extent possible, ensure that the membership of the board is inclusive and reflects the racial, 61 62 gender, <u>urban/rural</u> urban, rural, and economic diversity of 63 the state. All appointed members of the commission shall be 64 citizens of the United States and residents of Alabama. The 65 term of each appointed commission member shall be three years and members are eligible for reappointment. If a vacancy 66 67 occurs, the appointing power for the vacant position shall appoint a successor who shall take office immediately and 68 serve the remainder of the unexpired term. Members of the 69 70 Alabama Athlete Agents Commission serving on October 1, 2016, 71 shall continue to serve on the Alabama Athlete Agents Commission until their term expires. 72

(c) Within 15 days after their appointment, the members of the commission shall take an oath before any person <u>individual</u> lawfully authorized to administer oaths in this state to faithfully and impartially perform their duties as members of the commission, and the same shall be filed with the Secretary of State.

79 (d) The Governor may remove from the commission any80 appointed member for neglect of duty or other just cause.

81 (e) The commission shall elect annually a chair, a vice82 chair, and a secretary-treasurer from its members.

(f) A majority of the commission shall constitute aquorum for the transaction of business.

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(g) The Secretary of State shall keep records of the proceedings of the commission; and, in any proceeding in court, civil or criminal, arising out of or founded upon any provision of this chapter, copies of those records certified as correct by the Secretary of State shall be admissible in evidence as tending to prove the content of the records.

91 (h) The Secretary of State shall have printed and 92 published for distribution an annual register which shall 93 contain the names, arranged alphabetically, of all persons registered under this chapter. The Secretary of State shall 94 95 also provide a quarterly report to the commission of all agents registered during the guarter, any suspension or 96 97 revocation of registered agents during the guarter, and other 98 disciplinary action taken against an agent.

99 (i) The Secretary of State may employ personnel and 100 arrange for assistance, service, and supplies as the Secretary 101 of State may require for the performance of the duties of the 102 commission.

103 (j) The commission may promulgate adopt and, from time to time, amend rules and standards of conduct for athlete 104 105 agents appropriate for the protection of the residents of the 106 state. At least 35 days prior to the completion of notice of 107 any rule or amendment, the Secretary of State shall mail 108 copies of the proposed rule or amendment to all persons 109 registered under this chapter, with a notice advising them of 110 the completion of notice of the rule or amendment and requesting that they submit advisory comments thereon at least 111 112 15 days prior to the completion of notice. Failure to receive

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by mail a rule, amendment, or notice by all persons registered under this chapter shall not affect the validity of the rule or amendment.

116 (k) Except for the Secretary of State, each member of 117 the commission  $\tau$  who is not otherwise reimbursed by public 118 funds for services provided to this commission<sub> $\tau$ </sub> shall be paid 119 fifty dollars (\$50) for each day the member is actively 120 engaged in the discharge of official duties as a member of the 121 commission, and shall also be entitled to, and shall receive, reimbursement for actual necessary expenses incurred in the 122 123 discharge of official duties on behalf of the commission.

(1) The Alabama Athlete Agents Commission shall be
subject to the Alabama Sunset Law, Chapter 20, Title 41, as an
enumerated agency as provided in Section 41-20-3, and shall
have a termination date of October 1, 2019, and every four
years thereafter, unless continued pursuant to the Alabama
Sunset Law."

Section 2. This act shall become effective on June 1,2025.