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3 By Senators Whatley and Butler  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Armory Commission of  
9 Alabama consists of nine members.

10 This bill would increase the membership of  
11 the Armory Commission of Alabama to 15 members, to  
12 include three individuals appointed by the  
13 Lieutenant Governor and three individuals appointed  
14 by the Speaker of the House, and to require that  
15 the commission meet at least twice per year.

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17 A BILL  
18 TO BE ENTITLED  
19 AN ACT

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21 Relating to the Armory Commission of Alabama; to  
22 amend Sections 31-4-1 and 31-4-3 of the Code of Alabama 1975,  
23 to increase membership of the commission from nine members to  
24 15 members, and to require that the commission meet at least  
25 twice per year.

26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1           Section 1. Sections 31-4-1 and 31-4-3 of the Code of  
2 Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

3           "§31-4-1.

4           ~~"The Governor of Alabama, the Adjutant General of~~  
5 ~~Alabama, the Attorney General of Alabama, the two highest~~  
6 ~~ranking Army National Guard officers, and the highest ranking~~  
7 ~~Air National Guard officer, together with three duly qualified~~  
8 ~~electors of Alabama, to be appointed by the Governor, and to~~  
9 ~~serve for a term of six years, shall constitute the Armory~~  
10 ~~Commission of Alabama. The Governor shall be its chairman. The~~  
11 ~~three members of the commission who were appointed by the~~  
12 ~~Governor and who are serving on May 12, 1977, shall serve for~~  
13 ~~a term of six years from the date of their appointment, and~~  
14 ~~their successors shall be appointed for a term of six years.~~

15           "(a) The Armory Commission of Alabama shall consist  
16 of 15 members. The membership of the commission shall include  
17 all of the following:

18           "(1) The Governor of Alabama.

19           "(2) The Adjutant General of Alabama.

20           "(3) The Attorney General of Alabama.

21           "(4) The two highest ranking Army National Guard  
22 Officers.

23           "(5) The highest ranking Air National Guard Officer.

24           "(6) Three duly qualified electors of Alabama, to be  
25 appointed by the Governor.

26           "(7) Three individuals to be appointed by the  
27 Lieutenant Governor.

1           "(8) Three individuals to be appointed by the  
2 Speaker of the House.

3           "(b) All appointments shall be for a term of six  
4 years. As terms expire, successor board members shall be  
5 appointed pursuant to subsection (a).

6           "(c) The Governor shall be the chair of the  
7 commission.

8           "(d) All appointing authorities shall coordinate  
9 their appointments so that diversity of gender, race, and  
10 geographical areas are reflective of the makeup of this state.

11           "(e) All future appointments by an appointing  
12 authority shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate.

13           "§31-4-3.

14           "The commission may in its corporate name sue and be  
15 sued, contract and be contracted with, acquire real and  
16 personal property by gift, purchase, lease, hire, or  
17 condemnation, and may do all things and exercise all rights  
18 and powers reasonably necessary to carry out and perform the  
19 duties intended or required by this chapter. The members shall  
20 serve without compensation and shall be paid the expenses  
21 allowed by law while attending meetings of the commission or  
22 while traveling under orders for the performance of duty in  
23 connection with the business of the commission, the expense to  
24 be payable out of any funds available to the commission, or if  
25 the Governor so directs, out of the active military service  
26 appropriation. The commission shall hold regular or special  
27 meetings at Montgomery or other designated places at the

1 discretion and on call of the Governor, after reasonable  
2 notice, at least twice per year. A majority of the members  
3 shall constitute a quorum for the consideration of business.  
4 The commission may delegate to an executive committee,  
5 consisting of not less than three of its members, such of its  
6 duties and authority as it may deem proper and advisable, not  
7 inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter."

8 Section 2. 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.