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8 SYNOPSIS: Current law provides for the membership of
9 the Women's Commission and the procedures and rules
10 for the commission.

11 This bill would change the membership of the
12 commission and specify the number of members
13 required to constitute a quorum for holding
14 meetings and conducting business.

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16 A BILL
17 TO BE ENTITLED
18 AN ACT
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20 To amend Section 41-9-410 of the Code of Alabama
21 1975, relating to the Women's Commission; to change the
22 membership of the commission, and to specify the number of
23 members constituting a quorum for holding meetings and
24 conducting business.

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

26 Section 1. Section 41-9-410 of the Code of Alabama
27 1975, is amended to read as follows:

1 "§41-9-410.

2 "(a) There is hereby created and established a
3 continuing Women's Commission, hereinafter referred to as the
4 commission, which shall be composed of three members of the
5 House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the
6 House, two members of the Senate appointed by the President
7 Pro Tem of the Senate, ~~and 10~~ the following members appointed
8 by the Governor. ~~Of those members appointed by the Governor,~~
9 ~~one:~~ One member shall be appointed from each congressional
10 district ~~as the same are established on September 20, 1971,~~
11 and ~~two~~ three members shall be appointed from the
12 state-at-large. The additional at-large membership created by
13 the 2015 act amending this section shall be appointed by the
14 Governor in 2015, for a term of two years. Successors to this
15 position shall serve a term of five years. No existing
16 member's term of office may be shortened due to the creation
17 of the additional at-large membership. At least seven of the
18 members appointed by the Governor shall be women. The original
19 five members representing the Legislature shall be appointed
20 for terms of two years, and their successors shall be
21 appointed for terms of two years. Of those members initially
22 appointed by the Governor, five members shall be appointed for
23 terms of five years, and five members shall be appointed for
24 terms of three years, and the successors to such ~~10~~ appointees
25 shall serve for terms of five years.

1 "(b) Five members of the commission shall constitute
2 a quorum for purposes of holding meetings and transacting the
3 business of the commission.

4 "(c) Members shall be selected on the basis of their
5 interests and knowledge in, and their ability to make
6 contributions to, the solutions of problems related to the
7 status of women.

8 "(d) The commission shall report to the Governor and
9 the Legislature.

10 "(e) Vacancies on the commission shall be filled by
11 appointment in the same manner provided for the appointment of
12 the initial members. Any appointment to replace a member whose
13 position becomes vacant prior to the expiration of the term
14 shall be filled only for the remainder of the term.

15 "(f) Members of the commission shall receive no
16 compensation for their services, except that they may be
17 reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses incident to
18 their duties as members of the commission, in accordance with
19 state law."

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