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By Senator Ross
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ENROLLED, An Act,
To establish the Alabama Historical Records Advisory Board and to enumerate its powers, duties, membership, and terms of office.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. As used in this act the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(1) NHPRC. The National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) is a federal statutory body affiliated with the United States National Archives and Records Administration. It provides grant funds for a wide range of activities to preserve, publish, and encourage the use of documentary sources relating to the history of the United States.

(2) AHRC. The Alabama Historical Records Coordinator (AHRC) is designated as the full-time professional official in charge of the Alabama Department of Archives and History and is the central coordinating officer for the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) historical records grant program in the state.

Section 2. The Alabama Historical Records Advisory Board (AHRAB) is created to serve as a state advisory body for
historical records planning and to coordinate, as appropriate, the development, review, submission, and implementation of NHPRC and other grant-funded records projects developed and carried out within the state for the preservation and use of Alabama's historical records.

Section 3. The board shall perform the following duties:

(1) Develop state priorities for historical records as part of a state board plan under program guidelines from the NHPRC.

(2) Promote an understanding of the role and value of historical records in Alabama.

(3) Solicit and develop proposals for NHPRC or other grant projects.

(4) Foster and support cooperative networks and programs dealing with historical records.

(5) Review and monitor the operation and progress of projects in the state financed by NHPRC grants.

(6) Advise the state archives and other statewide archival, records, or information agencies.

(7) Advise the NHPRC on archival issues of interest to the archival community in Alabama.

(8) Provide programs for Alabama repositories to assist them in efforts to preserve and promote appreciation for Alabama's historical records.
Section 4. The board shall be composed of the AHRC, who shall serve as chair of the board, and 15 members selected as representatives, one from each of the following organizations in accordance with the provisions of each organization's articles of incorporation, bylaws, or procedures:

1. The Association of County Commissions of Alabama.
2. The Alabama Genealogical Society.
3. The Alabama Historical Association.
12. The Society of Alabama Archivists.
13. The Sons of Confederate Veterans.
14. The United Daughters of the Confederacy.
15. The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute.

Section 5. Members of the board shall serve terms of three years each and are eligible for additional terms of
office. The terms of the first board shall be staggered by
drawing for one-year, two-year, and three-year terms.
Thereafter, members shall serve three-year terms so that one
third of the board is newly appointed or reappointed each year
by the respective organizations. Members may continue to serve
until successors are appointed. The board shall reflect the
racial, gender, geographic, urban and rural, and economic
diversity of the state.

Section 6. Members of the AHRAB shall serve without
compensation but shall be entitled to and may receive
compensation for travel expenses incurred during the course of
project activities from AHRAB grant funds if the project
budget allows.

Section 7. This act shall become effective
immediately following its passage and approval by the
Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.
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President Pro Tempore of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate.

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Secretary

House of Representatives
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