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INTRODUCTION TO THE IVERSITY OF LABAMASYSTEM

TheUniversity of Alabama was created by statute in 1820 and opened its doors on April 18, 1831, as The University of the State of Alabama. The University was elevated to constitutional status in the Constitution of Alabama in 1868. Its statutory corporateistence, under the name "The Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama" appears in the 1975 Ala. Code §§176 to 1647-204, and its constitutional status is recognized in the Alabama Constitution, article XIV, §264 as amended and Amendment 399. Until 1969, the University, with branch campuses and extension centers around the State, was headed by a single president on the Tuscaloosa campus. In 1969, The Board of Trustees established separate campuses in Birmingham and Huntsville whose presidents, along with the president of the Tuscaloosa campus, reported directly to the Board. In 1974, The