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Alabama Constitutional Amendments as they appear on the Nov. 6, 2012 ballot



SUMMARY

POSITION

AMENDMENT 1: Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to the Forever Wild Land Trust, to reauthorize the trust for a 20-year period. (Proposed by Act 2011-315)

Extends payments to Forever Wild Land Trust for next 20 years, ending with FY 2032.

NEUTRAL

AMENDMENT 2: Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, to allow issuance by the state from time to time of general obligation bonds under the authority of Section 219.04 and Section 219.041 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, so long as the aggregate principal amount of all such general obligation bonds at any time outstanding is not in excess of \$750 million. This amendment would replace the maximum aggregate principal limitations currently contained in said Sections 219.04 and 219.041. The proposed amendment would also allow issuance by the State of general obligation refunding bonds under the authority of Sections 219.04 and 219.041 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, subject to certain minimum savings thresholds and limitations of maximum average maturity. (Proposed by Act 2012-567)

Allows the state to refund and repurchase general obligation bonds and to issue more general obligation bonds as the bond obligations are paid, with a cap of \$750 million in outstanding debt.

NEUTRAL

AMENDMENT 3: Relating to Baldwin County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to define the Stockton Landmark District within the county and to prohibit the annexation by local law of any property within the district into any municipality. (Proposed by Act 2011-316)

Would define the Stockton Landmark District within the county and prohibit any municipal annexation within the district.

NEUTRAL

AMENDMENT 4: Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to repeal portions of Amendment 111, now appearing as Section 256 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, relating to separation of schools by race and to repeal Section 259, Amendment 90, and Amendment 109, relating to the poll tax. (Proposed by Act 2011-353)

Removes racist language from Constitution dealing with education and eliminates imposition of any poll tax.

SUPPORT

AMENDMENT 5: Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide for the transfer of the assets and liabilities of the Water Works and Sewer Board of the City of Prichard to the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, presently known as the Mobile Area Water and Sewer System. (Proposed by Act 2011-543)

Provides for transfer of assets and liabilities from the Water Works and Sewer Board to the Water and Sewer Commissioners of Mobile.

NEUTRAL

AMENDMENT 6: Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to prohibit any person, employer, or health care provider from being compelled to participate in any health care system. (Proposed by Act 2011-617)

Prohibits mandated health care for any person, employee or health care provider. Amendment 6 is Alabama's attempt to reject the mandates in the Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act.

SUPPORT

AMENDMENT 7: Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to amend Amendment 579 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 177 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, to provide that the right of individuals to vote for public office, public votes on referenda, or votes of employee representation by secret ballot is fundamental. (Proposed by Act 2011-656)

Guarantees the right of individuals to vote for public office and referendums by secret ballot as fundamental. Amendment 7 is designed to protect Alabamians from threat or coercion when deciding how to best represent their interests.

SUPPORT

AMENDMENT 8: Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to repeal the existing provisions for legislative compensation and expenses and establish the basic compensation of the Legislature at the median household income in Alabama; to require legislators to submit signed vouchers for reimbursement for expenses; and to prohibit the Legislature from increasing the compensation or expenses payable to its members. (Proposed by Act 2012-269)

Repeals current provisions for legislative pay and ties legislative pay to median household income in Alabama. Requires legislators to submit vouchers for reimbursements and prohibits Legislature from increasing its compensation.

SUPPORT

AMENDMENT 9: Proposing an amendment to the private corporation provisions of Article 12 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to become effective January 1, 2014, to continue the authority of the Legislature to pass general laws pertaining to corporations and other entities; to continue the authority of the Legislature to regulate and impose a business privilege tax on corporations and other entities; and to repeal various provisions concerning private corporations, railroads, and canals. (Proposed by Act 2012-275)

Enables clean-up of Article 12 of the State Constitution by giving the authority to Legislature to pass general law pertaining to corporations and other entities. Replaces outdated provisions dealing with private corporations, railroads and canals.

SUPPORT

AMENDMENT 10: Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, effective January 1, 2014, to amend Section 247 relating to the authority of the Legislature concerning banks and banking, to repeal various other provisions of Article XIII concerning banks and banking, and to repeal Amendment 154 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 255.01 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, subject to the contingency that a new Article XII of the state constitution is adopted that repeals existing Section 232 of the state constitution, and subject to the contingency that Sections 10A-2-15.01 and 10A-2-15.02, Code of Alabama 1975, are repealed. (Proposed by Act 2012-276)

Revises and recompiles the sections of the Constitution dealing with banks and banking. Prohibits the state from becoming a stockholder in any bank or banking corporation. Revises Alabama Constitution via article-by-article method.

SUPPORT