JOHN H. MERRILL SECRETARY OF STATE

ALABAMA STATE CAPITOL MONTGOMERY, AL 36130

# STATE OF ALABAMA

I, John H. Merrill, Secretary of State of the State of Alabama, having custody of the Great and Principal Seal of said State, do hereby certify that

the attached certification is the prescribed language for the proposed constitutional amendments to appear on the ballot for the General Election to be held Tuesday, November 3, 2020, in the State of Alabama. Please take all steps necessary to ensure that the proposed Statewide Constitutional Amendments and, where applicable, Local Constitutional Amendments appear on the ballot in the precise language.



In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State, at the Capitol, in the City of Montgomery, on this day.

August 29, 2020

Date

John H. Merrill

**Secretary of State** 

## "Shall the following Amendments to the Constitution of Alabama be adopted?"

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT STATEWIDE

#### **Statewide Amendment 1**

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to amend Article VIII of 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 only a citizen of the United States has the right to vote. (Proposed by Act 2019-330)

Yes() No()

#### **Statewide Amendment 2**

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to increase the membership of the Judicial Inquiry Commission and further provide for the appointment of the additional members; further provide for the membership of the Court of the Judiciary and further provide for the appointment of the additional members; further provide for the process of disqualifying an active judge; repeal provisions providing for the impeachment of Supreme Court Justices and appellate judges and the removal for cause of the judges of the district and circuit courts, judges of the probate courts, and judges of certain other courts by the Supreme Court; delete the authority of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to appoint an Administrative Director Courts; provide the Supreme Court of Alabama with authority to appoint an Administrative Director of Courts; require the Legislature to establish procedures for the appointment of the Administrative Director of Courts; delete the requirement that a district court hold court in each incorporated municipality with a population of 1,000 or more where there is no municipal court; provide that the procedure for the filling of vacancies in the office of a judge may be changed by local constitutional amendment; delete certain language relating to the position of constable holding more than one state office; delete a provision providing for the temporary maintenance of the prior judicial system; repeal the office of circuit solicitor; and make certain nonsubstantive stylistic changes. (Proposed by Act 2019-187)

#### **Statewide Amendment 3**

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide that a judge,
other than a judge of probate, appointed to fill a vacancy would serve an initial term until the
first Monday after the second Tuesday in January following the next general election after
the judge has completed two years in office. (Proposed by Act 2019-346)

Yes ( )
No ( )

#### **Statewide Amendment 4**

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to authorize the Legislature to recompile the Alabama Constitution and submit it during the 2022 Regular Session, and provide a process for its ratification by the voters of this state. (Proposed by Act 2019-271)

Yes() No()

#### **Statewide Amendment 5**

Relating to Franklin County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide that a person is not liable for using deadly physical force in self-defense or in the defense of another person on the premises of a church under certain conditions. (Proposed by Act 2019-194)

#### **Statewide Amendment 6**

Relating to Lauderdale County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide that a person is not liable for using deadly physical force in self-defense or in the defense of another person on the premises of a church under certain conditions. (Proposed by Act 2019-193)

### <u>PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF LOCAL APPLICATION</u> TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT IN ONLY THE COUNTY OF APPLICATION

#### **Baldwin County Local Amendment 1**

Relating to Baldwin County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of
1901, to allow the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County to exercise equity jurisdiction
concurrent with that of the circuit court in cases originally filed in the Probate Court of
Baldwin County if the Judge of Probate is a member of the Alabama State Bar. (Proposed by
Act 2019-229)

Yes ( ) No ( )

#### **Baldwin County Local Amendment 2**

Relating to Baldwin County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, to authorize the Legislature by local law to provide for the incorporation of a toll road and bridge authority as a public corporation in the county for the purposes of acquiring, designing, constructing, equipping, regulating, improving, operating, and maintaining a new toll road and bridge project in the county in order to extend the present northern terminus of the Baldwin Beach Express to U.S. Interstate Highway 65. (Proposed by Act 2019-300)

Yes () No ()

#### **Baldwin County Local Amendment 3**

Relating to Baldwin County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to define the Rosinton Landmark District within the county and to prohibit the annexation by local law of any property within the district into any municipality except under certain conditions. (Proposed by Act 2019-287)

#### **Baldwin County Local Amendment 4**

Relating to Baldwin County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of
1901, to define the Barnwell Landmark District within the county and to prohibit the
annexation by local law of any property within the district into any municipality except under
certain conditions. (Proposed by Act 2020-98)

Yes() No()

#### **Barbour County**

Relating to Barbour County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to phase out the supernumerary system for certain elected county officials and allow them to participate in the Employees' Retirement System. (Proposed by Act 2019-166)

Yes() No()

#### **Bibb County**

Relating to Bibb County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to allow the Judge of Probate of Bibb County to exercise equity jurisdiction concurrent with that of the circuit court in cases originally filed in the Probate Court of Bibb County if the Judge of Probate is a member of the Alabama State Bar. (Proposed by Act 2020-91)

#### **Butler County**

Relating to Butler County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama 1901, to
provide, commencing with the election of members to the county board of education in
November 2020, that members shall be elected to serve for terms of four years. (Proposed by
Act 2020-94)

Yes() No()

#### **Calhoun County**

Relating to Calhoun County; proposing a local constitutional amendment to Amendment 508 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 1 of the Calhoun County Local Amendments of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, authorizing the operation of bingo games for prizes or money in the county, to prohibit any bingo permittee or licensee from operating bingo within 1,000 yards of a residential area within unincorporated areas of the county. (Proposed by Act 2019-80, amended by Act 2020-88)

Yes () No ()

#### **Colbert County**

Relating to Colbert County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide that a person is not liable for using deadly physical force in self-defense or in the defense of another person on the premises of a church under certain conditions. (Proposed by Act 2020-90)

#### **Crenshaw County**

Relating to Crenshaw County; proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of
1901, to authorize the Crenshaw County Commission to authorize the Crenshaw County
Commission to levy an additional ad valorem tax at the rate not to exceed three mills on each
dollar of assessed value of taxable property in the county to be distributed to the Crenshaw
County Health Care Authority for public hospital purposes and related health care purposes.
(Proposed by Act 2020-100)

Yes ( ) No ( )

#### **Dallas County**

Relating to Dallas County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide that vacancies in the Office of District Court Judge in Dallas County, are filled by the Governor based on nominations made by the Dallas County Judicial Commission and the appointee holds office until the next general election for any state officer held at least six months after the vacancy occurs. (Proposed by Act 2020-95)

Yes() No()

#### **Escambia County**

Relating to Escambia County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to define the Canoe Landmark District within the county and to prohibit the annexation by local law of any property within the district into any municipality except under certain conditions. (Proposed by Act 2019-63)

#### **Fayette County**

Relating to Fayette County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of
1901, to provide for the levy of an additional fire protection ad valorem tax of three mills on
real property to be paid to the Fayette County Firefighters Association to be distributed
equally among the paid and volunteer fire departments in the county. (Proposed by Act 2020-
89)

Yes ( ) No ( )

#### **Houston County**

Relating to Houston County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide that the Judge of Probate of Houston County would be required to be an attorney licensed in this state. (Proposed by Act 2019-190)

Yes ( ) No ( )

#### **Lamar County**

Relating to Lamar County, to authorize the Legislature to place the judge of probate on a salary and provide for the fees, commissions, allowances, and percentages collected by the judge of probate to be deposited in the county treasury. The amendment would ratify and confirm prior acts and any salary paid to the judge of probate effective for the term which commenced in January 1989. (Proposed by Act 2019-191)

#### **Lauderdale County**

Proposing a local constitutional amendment relating to Lauderdale County, to repeal
Amendments 819 and 918 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section
4.10, Local Amendments, Lauderdale County, Official Recompilation of the Constitution of
Alabama of 1901, as amended, which provide for the Lauderdale County Judicial
Commission, created for the purpose of nominating to the Governor persons for appointment
to fill a vacancy in the office of the judge of the circuit court or the office of the judge of the
district court in Lauderdale County. (Proposed by Act 2019-192)

Yes() No()

#### **Limestone County**

Relating to Limestone County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide that a person is not liable for using deadly physical force in self-defense or in the defense of another person on the premises of a church under certain conditions. (Proposed by Act 2020-92)

Yes() No()

#### Marengo County

Relating to Marengo County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to allow the Judge of Probate of Marengo County to exercise equity jurisdiction concurrent with that of the circuit court in cases originally filed in the Probate Court of Marengo County if the Judge of Probate is a member of the Alabama State Bar. (Proposed by Act 2020-173)

#### **Pickens County**

Relating to Pickens County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of
1901, to provide that the county superintendent of education shall continue to be elected by
the qualified electors of the county. (Proposed by Act 2020-35)

Yes() No()

#### **Shelby County**

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to Shelby County, to authorize Shelby County and cities and utilities in the county to enter into contracts to provide mutual aid to each other to restore utility service in the event of natural disasters or other emergencies. (Proposed by Act 2020-93)

Yes() No()

#### St. Clair County

Relating to St. Clair County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to authorize the governing body of St. Clair County to levy and collect a special public school district ad valorem tax in each school district in the county, as defined in the amendment, subject to an election in the school district; and to provide for the use of the proceeds for public school purposes in the district where levied. (Proposed by Act 2019-64)

#### Talladega County Local Amendment 1

Relating to Talladega County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of
1901, to provide that a person is not liable for using deadly physical force in self-defense or
in the defense of another person on the premises of a church under certain conditions.
(Proposed by Act 2020-16)

Yes() No()

#### **Talladega County Local Amendment 2**

Relating to Talladega County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide that septage may not be applied on land as a fertilizer or soil amendment or otherwise. (Proposed by Act 2020-172)

Yes () No ()

#### **Tallapoosa County**

Relating to Tallapoosa County, proposing a local amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to authorize the Legislature by local law to provide for the establishment of a road maintenance district in Willow Point Estates and to allow property owners in Willow Point Estates to assess themselves to pay for road maintenance. (Proposed by Act 2020-97)

#### **Walker County Local Amendment 1**

Relating to Walker County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to allow the Judge of Probate of Walker County to exercise equity jurisdiction concurrent with that of the circuit court in cases originally filed in the Probate Court of Walker County if the Judge of Probate is a member of the Alabama State Bar. (Proposed by Act 2020-96)

Yes ( ) No ( )

#### **Walker County Local Amendment 2**

Relating to Walker County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide that elected and appointed officials in Walker County may participate in the Employees' Retirement System in lieu of participating in a supernumerary program or system. (Proposed by Act 2020-99)