# SAMPLE BALLOT

This is a common ballot, however, this office will appear only in certain precincts which will apply to your districts.

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DISTRICT



**OFFICIAL BALLOT** 

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY, CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND SPECIAL ELECTION CHOCTAW COUNTY, ALABAMA MAY 24, 2022

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTER**

TO VOTE YOU MUST BLACKEN THE OVAL  $\bigcirc$  COMPLETELY! lacktriangle IF YOU SPOIL YOUR BALLOT, DO NOT ERASE, BUT ASK FOR A NEW BALLOT.

### FOR GOVERNOR (Vote for One)

- YOLANDA ROCHELLE FLOWERS
- MALIKA SANDERS FORTIER
- PATRICIA SALTER JAMIESON
- ARTHUR KENNEDY
- CHAD "Chig" MARTIN
- O DOUG "New Blue" SMITH

## FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR

- WILL BOYD
- BRANDAUN DEAN
- LANNY JACKSON

#### FOR MEMBER, CHOCTAW COUNTY COMMISSION, DISTRICT NO. 2 (Vote for One)

- O VICTOR JACKSON, SR
- C. D. "Budd" RUFFIN

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

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT STATEWIDE

## **STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 1**

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, authorizing the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds of the State of Alabama of up to \$85,000,000 for the purposes of the improvement, renovation, equipping, acquisition, provision, construction, and maintenance of Alabama state parks under the jurisdiction of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and public historical sites and public historical parks under the jurisdiction of the Alabama Historical Commission. (Proposed by Act 2021-326)

- O YES
- $\circ$  NO

## COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT CHOCTAW COUNTY, ALABAMA

### SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE LEVY OF A 1 MILL SCHOOL TAX

(Amendment No. 3, Section 2, Constitution of Alabama of 1901)

Shall the governing body of Choctaw County, Alabama, be authorized to levy annually, for a period of twenty-five (25) consecutive years commencing with the tax year that will begin on October 1, 2023 (for which tax year the tax will become due and payable on October 1, 2024), a special district tax of ten cents on each one hundred dollars (equal to one mill on each dollar) of the assessed value of the taxable property located within the County School District in said county, the area comprising the said district being all the area lying within the County, for public school purposes, which levy shall be in lieu of the one mill tax for public school purposes authorized at an election held on November 3, 1998, and shall not constitute an increase in the rate of taxation presently authorized in the County?

- FOR proposed taxation
- AGAINST proposed taxation

## SPECIAL ELECTION FOR RENEWAL AND CONTINUATION OF THE LEVY OF A 3 MILL COUNTYWIDE SCHOOL TAX

(Amendment No. 3, Section 1, Constitution of Alabama of 1901)

Shall the governing body of Choctaw County, Alabama, be authorized to levy annually, for a period of twenty-five (25) consecutive years, commencing with the levy for the tax year that will begin on October 1, 2023 (for which tax year taxes will become due and payable on October 1, 2024), for public school purposes in said county, a special property tax at the rate of thirty cents on each one hundred dollars (equal to three mills on each dollar) of the assessed value of the taxable property in said county, which special tax shall be in renewal and continuation of the special tax at the same rate and for the same purpose that is now being levied in the said county?

- FOR proposed taxation
- AGAINST proposed taxation

### SPECIAL ELECTION FOR RENEWAL AND CONTINUATION OF THE LEVY OF A 5 MILL COUNTYWIDE SCHOOL TAX

(Amendment No. 202, Constitution of Alabama of 1901)

Shall the governing body of Choctaw County, Alabama, be authorized to renew and continue to levy annually, for a period of twenty-five (25) consecutive years commencing with the tax year that will begin on October 1, 2023 (for which tax year the tax will become due and payable on October 1, 2024), a special county tax of fifty cents on each one hundred dollars (equal to five mills on each dollar) of the assessed value of taxable property located in said county for educational purposes, which special tax shall be in renewal and continuation of the special tax at the same rate and for the same purpose that is now being levied in the said county?

- FOR proposed taxation
- AGAINST proposed taxation

"By casting this ballot, I do pledge myself to abide by the result of this Primary Election and to aid and support all the Nominees thereof in the ensuing General Election."

**END OF BALLOT** 

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## **BALLOT STATEMENT FOR STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 1:**

1. The text of the statewide ballot measure, including sponsors, cosponsors,

and the text of the question that will appear on the statewide ballot:

Proposed by: Act No. 2021-326 (House Bill 565, 2021 Regular Legislative Session)

Bill Sponsor: Representative Ledbetter Cosponsor: Representative Kitchens

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, authorizing the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds of the State of Alabama of up to \$85,000,000 for the purposes of the improvement, renovation, equipping, acquisition, provision, construction, and maintenance of Alabama state parks under the jurisdiction of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and public historical sites and public historical parks under the jurisdiction of the Alabama Historical Commission.

Proposed by Act 2021-326.

This description shall be followed by the following language: "Yes () No ()."

2. A summary of and the text of any implementing legislation directly related to the statewide ballot measure:

The Alabama Legislature enacted Act 2021-409 which would implement this constitutional amendment if it is approved by the voters. Act 2021-409 will provide for the organization and powers of the Alabama State Parks Enhancement Authority and provide the necessary framework prescribing how the bonds, authorized by Act 2021-326, are sold.

- **3.** The placement of the statewide ballot measure on the statewide ballot: This proposed Constitutional Amendment will appear on the Ballot <u>after</u> election of statewide and local offices and will be the first constitutional amendment for voter consideration. The proposed Constitutional Amendment will be listed as "Statewide Amendment 1.
- 4. A plain language summary of the statewide ballot measure, which shall include, at a minimum, the legal or constitutional authority for its passage, the effect of the statewide ballot measure if it is passed, including its cost and source of funding, and the effect of the statewide ballot measure if it is defeated.

This amendment will authorize the State of Alabama to borrow money to improve, renovate, equip, acquire, provide, construct and maintain state parks, public historical sites and public historical parks.

The total amount the State may borrow will not exceed \$85,000,000.00. Of this total amount:

- 1. \$80,000,000.00 shall be used to improve, renovate, equip, acquire, provide, construct and maintain state parks under the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
- 2. \$5,000,000.00 shall be used to improve, renovate, equip, acquire, provide, construct and maintain public historical sites and public historical parks under the Alabama Historical Commission. The Alabama Historical Commission cannot use any part of the borrowed money at the Confederate Memorial Park in Marbury,

Any additional funds will be given to the Alabama Forestry Commission for it to improve, renovate, acquire, provide, construct, equip and maintain state forests. If the majority of the voters vote "yes" on Amendment 1, the State of Alabama can borrow \$85,000,000.00 to benefit Alabama's state parks, public historical sites and public historical parks.

If the majority of the voters vote "no" on Amendment 1, the State of Alabama cannot borrow \$85,000,000.00 to benefit Alabama's state parks, public historical sites and public historical parks.

There are no costs to Amendment 1.

The Constitutional authority for passage of Amendment 1 is set forth in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901. These sections outline the method a constitutional amendment may be put to the people of the State for a vote.