

1 HB701  
2 134351-2  
3 By Representative Brown (Constitutional Amendment)  
4 RFD: Local Legislation  
5 First Read: 17-APR-12

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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would propose an amendment to the  
9 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to authorize the  
10 Calhoun County Commission to manage the processing  
11 of absentee ballots.

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13 A BILL  
14 TO BE ENTITLED  
15 AN ACT

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17 Relating to Calhoun County; proposing an amendment  
18 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to authorize the  
19 county commission to manage the processing of absentee  
20 ballots.

21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

22 Section 1. The following amendment to the  
23 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, is proposed and shall become  
24 valid as a part of the Constitution when all requirements of  
25 this act are fulfilled:

26 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

1                   Upon the expiration of the current term of office of  
2 the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Calhoun County, the Calhoun  
3 County Commission shall manage the processing of absentee  
4 election ballots. The county commission may process the  
5 ballots with staff of the county commission at no cost or may  
6 process the ballots by the hiring of temporary employees or by  
7 contracting with a nonprofit agency. Notwithstanding the  
8 foregoing, nothing in this amendment shall change the manner,  
9 rate, or amount Calhoun County or the Calhoun County  
10 Commission is reimbursed for an election.

11                   Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment  
12 shall be held in accordance with Amendment 555 to the  
13 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section  
14 284.01 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of  
15 Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the election laws of this  
16 state.

17                   Section 3. The appropriate election official shall  
18 assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional  
19 amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the  
20 following description of the substance or subject matter of  
21 the proposed constitutional amendment:

22                   "Relating to Calhoun County, proposing an amendment  
23 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to authorize the  
24 county commission to manage the processing of absentee  
25 ballots, effective upon the expiration of the current term of  
26 office of the circuit court clerk.

27                   "Proposed by Act \_\_\_\_\_."

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