

1 HB404
2 172928-2
3 By Representative Jones (Constitutional Amendment)
4 RFD: Constitution, Campaigns and Elections
5 First Read: 15-MAR-16

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8 SYNOPSIS: The bill would propose an amendment to the
9 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to
10 elections and government action.

11 This proposed amendment would require the
12 state to regulate the disclosure of the raising and
13 spending of money that may influence elections and
14 governmental actions.

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16 A BILL
17 TO BE ENTITLED
18 AN ACT

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20 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of
21 Alabama of 1901, to add Section 36.05 to the official
22 Recompile of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as
23 amended, to require the state to regulate the disclosure of
24 the raising and spending of money to influence elections and
25 governmental actions.

26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1 Section 1. The following amendment to the
2 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, is proposed and
3 shall become valid as a part thereof when approved by a
4 majority of the qualified electors voting thereon and in
5 accordance with Sections 284, 285, and 287 of the Constitution
6 of Alabama of 1901, as amended:

7 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

8 §36.05. The people of Alabama have a right that
9 money used to fund campaign activity and to influence
10 governmental action be disclosed publicly so that the people
11 may make informed electoral choices, have accurate information
12 about election related spending sources, and ensure government
13 is acting in their interest. To advance democratic
14 self-government and political equality, and to protect the
15 integrity of government and the electoral process, the State
16 of Alabama shall regulate the disclosure, raising, and
17 spending of money to influence elections and governmental
18 actions. The Legislature shall implement and enforce these
19 interests by appropriate legislation.

20 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment
21 shall be held in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the
22 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Sections 284
23 and 285 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of
24 Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the election laws of this
25 state.

26 Section 3. The appropriate election official shall
27 assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional

1 amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the
2 following description of the substance or subject matter of
3 the proposed constitutional amendment:

4 "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of
5 Alabama of 1901, to require the state to regulate the
6 disclosure of the raising and spending of money that may
7 influence elections and governmental actions.

8 "Proposed by Act _____."

9 This description shall be followed by the following
10 language:

11 "Yes () No ()."