HB98
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By Representative Fridy (Constitutional Amendment)
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SYNOPSIS: This bill proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to the right to life of unborn children.

This proposed amendment would declare and otherwise affirm this state's longstanding public policy and commitment to acknowledge and support the rights of unborn children, namely the right to life, and would specify that the constitution of this state does not protect the right to abortion or require the funding of abortion.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended; to declare and otherwise affirm that it is the public policy of this state to recognize and support the sanctity of unborn life and the rights of unborn children, most importantly the right to life in all manners
and measures appropriate and lawful; and to provide that the
constitution of this state does not protect the right to
abortion or require the funding of abortion.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

(a) This state acknowledges, declares, and affirms
that it is the public policy of this state to recognize and
support the sanctity of unborn life and the rights of unborn
children, including the right to life.

(b) This state further acknowledges, declares, and
affirms that it is the public policy of this state to ensure
the protection of the rights of the unborn child in all
manner and measures lawful and appropriate.

(c) Nothing in this constitution secures or protects
a right to abortion or requires the funding of an abortion.

Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment
shall be held in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the
Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Sections 284
and 285 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of
Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the election laws of this
state.
Section 3. The appropriate election official shall assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the following description of the substance or subject matter of the proposed constitutional amendment:

"Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended; to declare and otherwise affirm that it is the public policy of this state to recognize and support the sanctity of unborn life and the rights of unborn children, most importantly the right to life in all manners and measures appropriate and lawful; and to provide that the constitution of this state does not protect the right to abortion or require the funding of abortion.

"Proposed by Act ________." This description shall be followed by the following language:

"Yes ( )  No ( )."