

1 SB292
2 189592-1
3 By Senator Hightower (Constitutional Amendment)
4 RFD: Finance and Taxation Education
5 First Read: 08-FEB-18

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8 SYNOPSIS: Under Section 71 of the Constitution of
9 Alabama of 1901, the general appropriation bill is
10 limited to appropriations for the ordinary expenses
11 of the executive, legislative, and judicial
12 departments of the state, for interest on the
13 public debt, and for the public schools. The courts
14 have interpreted this language to not allow
15 appropriations for postsecondary education in the
16 general appropriation bill.

17 This bill would amend Section 71 to provide
18 that the general appropriation bill includes
19 appropriations for ordinary expenses of public
20 postsecondary education and public institutions of
21 higher education in the general appropriation bill.
22 The bill would also terminate any dedication of
23 taxes and revenues for special purposes.

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25 A BILL
26 TO BE ENTITLED
27 AN ACT

1 terminated October 1, 2019 and thereafter. All funds no longer
2 dedicated for special purposes shall be credited to the State
3 General Fund.

4 "(c) The salary of no officer or ~~employe~~ employee
5 shall be increased in such bill, nor shall any appropriation
6 be made therein for any officer or ~~employe~~ employee unless his
7 or her employment and the amount of his or her salary have
8 already been provided for by law. All other appropriations
9 shall be made by separate bills, each embracing but one
10 subject.

11 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment
12 shall be held in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the
13 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Sections 284
14 and 285 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 "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of
23 Alabama of 1901, to authorize the general appropriation bill
24 to include appropriations for public postsecondary education
25 and public institutions of higher education; and to terminate
26 any dedication of taxes and revenues for special purposes.

27 "Proposed by Act _____."

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