

1 HB596
2 200977-1
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9 (Constitutional Amendment)
10 RFD: Constitution, Campaigns and Elections
11 First Read: 08-MAY-19

SYNOPSIS: An existing provision of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901 specifies that every citizen of the United States meeting other conditions has the right to vote, but does not expressly limit the right to vote to only citizens of the United States.

 This bill would amend the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide that only a citizen of the United States has the right to vote.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

 To amend Article VIII of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 177 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, to provide that only a citizen of the United States has the right to vote.

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 Article VIII of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901,
9 as amended, now appearing as Section 177 of the Official
10 Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as
11 amended, is amended to read as follows:

12 "ARTICLE VIII.

13 "SUFFRAGE AND ELECTIONS.

14 "(a) ~~Every~~ Only a citizen of the United States who
15 has attained the age of eighteen years and has resided in this
16 state and in a county thereof for the time provided by law, if
17 registered as provided by law, shall have the right to vote in
18 the county of his or her residence. The Legislature may
19 prescribe reasonable and nondiscriminatory requirements as
20 prerequisites to registration for voting. The Legislature
21 shall, by statute, prescribe a procedure by which eligible
22 citizens can register to vote.

23 "(b) No person convicted of a felony involving moral
24 turpitude, or who is mentally incompetent, shall be qualified
25 to vote until restoration of civil and political rights or
26 removal of disability.

1 "(c) The Legislature shall by law provide for the
2 registration of voters, absentee voting, secrecy in voting,
3 the administration of elections, and the nomination of
4 candidates."

5 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment
6 shall be held in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the
7 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Sections 284
8 and 285 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of
9 Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the election laws of this
10 state.

11 Section 3. The appropriate election official shall
12 assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional
13 amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the
14 following description of the substance or subject matter of
15 the proposed constitutional amendment:

16 "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of
17 Alabama of 1901, to amend Article VIII of the Constitution of
18 Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 177 of the Official
19 Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as
20 amended, to provide that only a citizen of the United States
21 has the right to vote.

22 "Proposed by Act _____."

23 This description shall be followed by the following
24 language:

25 "Yes () No ()."