SYNOPSIS: The Constitution of Alabama of 1901, provides that all individuals charged with a crime are allowed bail before conviction, unless the person is charged with a capital offense and the proof of guilt is evident or the presumption of guilt is great and also prohibits excessive bail.

This bill would propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, that would require reasonable bail in all cases, except for offenses enumerated by the Legislature by general law.

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To propose an amendment to Section 16 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 16 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama 1901, as amended, to provide that all individuals shall be
entitled to reasonable bail prior to conviction, except for offenses enumerated by the Legislature by general law.

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

Part I. This amendment shall be known and may be cited as Aniah's Law.

Part II. Section 16 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 16 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama 1901, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"Section 16.

"That all persons shall, before conviction, be bailable by sufficient sureties, except for capital offenses, when the proof is evident or the presumption great unless charged with an offense enumerated by the Legislature by general law; and that excessive bail shall not in any case be required."

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
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 Section 16 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 16 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama 1901, as amended, to create Aniah's Law, to provide that an individual is entitled to reasonable bail prior to conviction, unless charged with an offense enumerated by the Legislature in general law."

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

"Yes ( ) No ( )."