

1 HB506  
2 207059-1  
3 By Representative Hanes (Constitutional Amendment)  
4 RFD: Local Legislation  
5 First Read: 05-MAY-20

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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would propose an amendment to the  
9 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to  
10 Jackson County; to provide that treated human  
11 sewage biosolids, except Class A biosolids or  
12 manures produced by farm animals, may not be  
13 applied on land as a fertilizer or soil amendment.  
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15 A BILL  
16 TO BE ENTITLED  
17 AN ACT  
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19 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of  
20 Alabama of 1901, relating to Jackson County; to provide that  
21 treated human sewage biosolids, except Class A biosolids or  
22 manures produced by farm animals, may not be applied on land  
23 as a fertilizer or soil amendment.

24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

25 Section 1. The following amendment to the  
26 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, is proposed and shall become

1 valid as a part of the Constitution when all requirements of  
2 this act are fulfilled:

3 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

4 In Jackson County, biosolids derived from treated  
5 human sewage sludge may not be applied on land as a fertilizer  
6 or soil amendment except for Class A biosolids or manures  
7 produced by farm animals. For the purposes of this amendment,  
8 a Class A biosolid means dewatered and heated sewage that  
9 meets U.S. Environmental Protection Agency guidelines for land  
10 application without any restrictions.

11 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment  
12 shall be held at the November 2020 General Election, in  
13 accordance with Sections 284 and 284.01 of the Constitution of  
14 Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Sections 284 and 284.01 of  
15 the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of  
16 1901, as amended, and the election laws of this 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 "Relating to Jackson County, proposing an amendment  
23 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide that  
24 treated human sewage biosolids may not be applied on land as a  
25 fertilizer or soil amendment except for Class A biosolids  
26 meeting U.S. EPA guidelines or manures produced by farm  
27 animals.

1 "Proposed by Act \_\_\_\_\_."

2 This description shall be followed by the following

3 language:

4 "Yes ( ) No ( )."