HB2

216502-1

By Representatives Shedd, Smith, Standridge, Jones (S), Wood (D) and Carns (Constitutional Amendment)

RFD: Urban and Rural Development

First Read: 19-JAN-22
SYNOPSIS: This bill would propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to authorize the state, a county, or a municipality to grant to public or private entities federal award funds or any other source of funding designated for broadband infrastructure by state law for providing or expanding broadband infrastructure.

A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901; to authorize the state, a county, or a municipality to grant certain monies to public or private entities for broadband infrastructure.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901 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

The state, a county, or a municipality is authorized
to grant federal award funds or any other source of funding
designated for broadband infrastructure by state law to any
public or private entity for the purpose of providing or
expanding broadband infrastructure. The granting of funds by a
county or a municipality to a private entity pursuant to this
section must be approved at a public meeting held by the
appropriate county or municipality.

Upon ratification of this constitutional amendment
and contingent upon the ratification of the Constitution of
Alabama of 2022, the Code Commissioner shall number and place
this amendment as appropriate in the constitution based upon a
logical sequence and the particular subject or topic of the
amendment. In this amendment, the Code Commissioner may change
capitalization, spelling, and punctuation for the purpose of
style and uniformity; correct manifest grammatical, clerical,
and typographical errors; and correct incorrect
cross-references. When publishing the Constitution of Alabama
of 2022, as amended, the Code Commissioner may omit this
instructional paragraph.

Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment
shall be held at the 2022 primary election 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, to authorize the state, a county, or a
municipality to grant federal award funds or any other source
of funding designated for broadband infrastructure by state
law to public or private entities for providing or expanding
broadband infrastructure.

"Proposed by Act ________."