SB125

By Senator Scofield (Constitutional Amendment)

RFD: Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development

First Read: 01-FEB-22
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 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 ________." This description shall be followed by the following language:

"Yes ( )  No ( )."
Senate

Read for the first time and referred to the Senate committee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development. Q1-FEB-22

Read for the second time and placed on the calendar 1 amendment. Q9-FEB-22

Read for the third time and passed as amended. L0-FEB-22

Yeas 28
Nays 0

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.