

1 HB343  
2 116638-1  
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5 (Constitutional Amendment)  
6 RFD: Jefferson County Legislation  
7 First Read: 19-JAN-10

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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would propose an amendment to the  
9 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to  
10 Jefferson County, to require the Jefferson County  
11 Commission to notify the owner or owners of any  
12 property where a delinquent sewer bill is owed  
13 within a certain period of time after the bill is  
14 delinquent and to provide that failure to notify  
15 the owner or owners of the delinquent bill as  
16 required would result in the sewer bill being  
17 uncollectible.

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19 A BILL  
20 TO BE ENTITLED  
21 AN ACT

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23 Relating to Jefferson County; to propose an  
24 amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to require  
25 the Jefferson County Commission to notify the owner of any  
26 property where a delinquent sewer bill is owed under certain

1 conditions; and to provide for the effect of failure to notify  
2 the owner of the delinquent bill as required by this act.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

4 Section 1. The following amendment to the  
5 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, is proposed and shall become  
6 valid as a part of the Constitution when all requirements of  
7 this act are fulfilled:

8 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

9 In Jefferson County, the Jefferson County Commission  
10 shall notify the owner or owners of property which is  
11 connected to the Jefferson County sewer system of any  
12 delinquent sewer bill on the property within 90 days after the  
13 bill is delinquent or past due. Notice of the delinquent sewer  
14 bill shall be effective if the notice is mailed to the owner  
15 or owners of the property by first class U.S. mail at the  
16 address listed on the property tax records of Jefferson County  
17 on or before 90 days after the bill is delinquent. Failure of  
18 the county commission to notify the owner or owners of the  
19 delinquent sewer bill as required by this act shall result in  
20 the sewer bill being uncollectible from the owner or owners of  
21 the property.

22 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment  
23 shall be held in accordance with Amendment 555 to the  
24 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section  
25 284.01 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of  
26 Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the election laws of this  
27 state.

1           Section 3. The appropriate election official shall  
2 assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional  
3 amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the  
4 following description of the substance or subject matter of  
5 the proposed constitutional amendment:

6           "Relating to Jefferson County, proposing an  
7 amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to require  
8 the Jefferson County commission to notify the owner or owners  
9 of any property where a delinquent sewer bill is owed within a  
10 certain period of time after the bill is delinquent and to  
11 provide that failure to notify the owner or owners of the  
12 delinquent bill as required would result in the sewer bill  
13 being uncollectible.

14           "Proposed by Act \_\_\_\_\_"

15           This description shall be followed by the following  
16 language:

17           "Yes ( ) No ( )."