

1 HB515  
2 106298-1  
3 By Representative Newton (D)  
4 RFD: Constitution and Elections  
5 First Read: 09-FEB-10

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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, nine presidential and  
9 vice presidential electors are nominated at large  
10 and statewide by the political parties.

11 This bill would provide for the election of  
12 presidential and vice presidential electors in  
13 direct proportional relationship to the popular  
14 vote beginning in the 2012 presidential election.

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16 A BILL  
17 TO BE ENTITLED  
18 AN ACT  
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20 To amend Section 17-14-34, Code of Alabama 1975,  
21 relating to the election of presidential and vice presidential  
22 electors, to provide for the election of presidential and vice  
23 presidential electors in direct proportional relationship to  
24 the popular vote beginning in the 2012 presidential election.  
25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

26 Section 1. Section 17-14-34, Code of Alabama 1975,  
27 is amended to read as follows:

1                   "§17-14-34.

2                   "~~Within~~ Beginning with the 2012 presidential  
3 election and continuing thereafter, within 15 days after the  
4 time for making the returns, the Governor, in the presence of  
5 the Secretary of State and Attorney General, or either of them  
6 in the absence of the other, must certify the returns, ~~and~~  
7 ascertain which electors are elected, ~~and notify them by~~  
8 proclamation by the total number of popular votes for each  
9 presidential and vice presidential candidate. The number of  
10 electors for each candidate shall directly correspond to the  
11 percentage of the popular vote received by that candidate. The  
12 Governor shall then notify by proclamation each presidential  
13 elector as elected."

14                   Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
15 first day of the third month following its passage and  
16 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.