

1 HB621
2 118761-1
3 By Representatives Rogers, Moore (M) and Scott (Constitutional
4 Amendment)
5 RFD: Jefferson County Legislation
6 First Read: 23-FEB-10

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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, there are five members
9 of the Jefferson County Commission elected from
10 five districts within the county for a four-year
11 term.

12 This bill would propose an amendment to the
13 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide for the
14 districts and for the election of a four-member
15 county commission from single-member districts and
16 for the election of a chair from the county
17 at-large.

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19 A BILL
20 TO BE ENTITLED
21 AN ACT
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23 To propose an amendment to the Constitution of
24 Alabama of 1901, relating to Jefferson County; to further
25 provide for the districts for the election of the county
26 commission and to provide for the election of a chair of the
27 county commission from the county at-large.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

6 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

7 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, at
8 the next election following redistricting of the county
9 commission districts as provided in subsection (b), the
10 Jefferson County Commission shall be comprised of four members
11 elected to terms of four years from single-member districts
12 and a chair elected to a term of four years from the county
13 at-large. Each commissioner shall be a resident of the
14 district from which he or she is elected and the chair of the
15 commission shall be a resident of Jefferson County. The chair
16 shall preside over meetings of the commission, but shall not
17 vote except in the case of a tie vote.

18 (b) Immediately after the population figures from
19 the federal decennial census compiled for 2010 are released by
20 the federal government, the Jefferson County Commission shall
21 adopt a plan dividing the county into four county commission
22 districts approximately of equal population as provided by
23 law. The districts shall be operable for the next general
24 election following the release of the 2010 census population
25 figures. The districts shall be adopted according to the same
26 procedures set out in Section 11-3-1.1, Code of Alabama 1975.

1 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment
2 shall be held in accordance with Amendment 555 to the
3 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section
4 284.01 of the Official ReCompilation of the Constitution of
5 Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the election laws of this
6 state.

7 Section 3. The appropriate election official shall
8 assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional
9 amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the
10 following description of the substance or subject matter of
11 the proposed constitutional amendment:

12 "Relating to Jefferson County, proposing an
13 amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to further
14 provide for the districts for the election of the county
15 commission and to provide for the election of a chair of the
16 county commission from the county at-large.

17 "Proposed by Act _____."

18 This description shall be followed by the following
19 language:

20 "Yes () No ()."