1   HB622

2   118695-1

3   By Representative Rogers (Constitutional Amendment)

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8   SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Birmingham City

9   Council is comprised of nine members elected from

10   nine districts.

11   This bill would propose a local

12   constitutional amendment relating to the City of

13   Birmingham to provide that the city council would

14   be comprised of nine members. Eight members would

15   be elected from districts and one member, a

16   president, would be elected at-large; and would

17   provide for the redistricting for the election of

18   the Birmingham City Council based on the 2010

19   federal decennial census.

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21   A BILL

22   TO BE ENTITLED

23   AN ACT

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25   Proposing a local constitutional amendment to the

26   Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to the City of

27   Birmingham; to provide for the districts for the election of

1   the Birmingham City Council; to provide for the election for a

2   President of the Birmingham City Council to be elected

3   at-large.

4   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

5   Section 1. The following amendment to the

6   Constitution of Alabama of 1901, is proposed and shall become

7   valid as a part of the Constitution when all requirements of

8   this act are fulfilled:

9   PROPOSED AMENDMENT

10   (a) At the next election following redistricting of

11   the city council districts as provided in subsection (b), the

12   Birmingham City Council shall be comprised of eight members

13   elected to terms of four years from single-member districts

14   and a president elected to a term of four years from the city-

15   at-large. Each city council member shall be a resident of the

16   district from which he or she is elected and the president of

17   the council shall be a resident of the City of Birmingham. The

18   president shall preside over meetings of the council, but

19   shall not vote except in the case of a tie vote.

20   (b) Immediately after the population figures from

21   the federal decennial census compiled for 2010 are released by

22   the federal government, the Birmingham City Council shall

23   adopt a plan dividing the county into eight districts

24   approximately of equal population as provided by law. The

25   districts shall be operable for the next general election

26   following the release of the 2010 census population figures.

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 the City of Birmingham, proposing an

13 amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide

14 for the districts for the election of eight members of the

15 Birmingham City Council and to provide for the president of

16 the council to be elected at-large.

17   "Proposed by Act _____."

18   This description shall be followed by the following

19 language:

20   "Yes ( ) No ( )."