

1 SB452
2 117862-2
3 By Senator Pittman (Constitutional Amendment)
4 RFD: Constitution, Campaign Finance, Ethics, and Elections
5 First Read: 18-FEB-10

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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would propose a constitutional
9 amendment to require a candidate for the
10 Legislature to have a certain credit score as
11 reported by a nationally recognized consumer credit
12 reporting agency.

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14 A BILL
15 TO BE ENTITLED
16 AN ACT
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18 Proposing an amendment to Section 47 of the
19 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 47
20 of the Official ReCompilation of the Constitution of Alabama
21 of 1901, as amended, to further provide for the qualifications
22 of legislators.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

24 Section 1. The following amendment to the
25 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, is proposed and shall become
26 valid as a part of the Constitution when all requirements of
27 this act are fulfilled:

1 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

2 Section 47 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901,
3 is amended to read as follows:

4 "Section 47.

5 "(a) Senators shall be at least twenty-five years of
6 age, and representatives twenty-one years of age at the time
7 of their election. They shall have been citizens and residents
8 of this state for three years and residents of their
9 respective counties or districts for one year next before
10 their election, if such county or district shall have been so
11 long established; but if not, then of the county or district
12 from which the same shall have been taken; and they shall
13 reside in their respective counties or districts during their
14 terms of office.

15 "(b) Each candidate for the Alabama Senate or
16 Alabama House of Representatives shall have a minimum credit
17 score of 650 as reported by a nationally recognized consumer
18 credit reporting agency.

19 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment
20 shall be held in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the
21 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Sections 284
22 and 285 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of
23 Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the election laws of this
24 state.

25 Section 3. The appropriate election official shall
26 assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional
27 amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the

1 following description of the substance or subject matter of
2 the proposed constitutional amendment:

3 "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of
4 Alabama of 1901, to require each candidate for a seat in the
5 Alabama Senate or Alabama House of Representatives shall have
6 a minimum credit score of 650 as reported by a nationally
7 recognized consumer credit reporting agency.

8 "Proposed by Act _____."

9 This description shall be followed by the following
10 language:

11 "Yes () No ()."