

1 SB461
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3 By Senators Coleman and Smitherman
4 RFD: Constitution, Campaign Finance, Ethics, and Elections
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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.