

1 HB526
2 193634-2
3 By Representative Johnson (K) (Constitutional Amendment)
4 RFD: Local Legislation
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would propose a local
9 constitutional amendment relating to Lawrence
10 County to provide that all allowances or amounts
11 received by the Sheriff of Lawrence County for
12 feeding prisoners would be deposited in a special
13 account and used for feeding prisoners in the
14 county jail and any excess would be authorized to
15 be used by the sheriff for law enforcement
16 purposes. The amendment would also provide that the
17 sheriff would receive the same salary as the Judge
18 of Probate of Lawrence County.

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20 A BILL
21 TO BE ENTITLED
22 AN ACT

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24 To propose an amendment to the Constitution of
25 Alabama of 1901, relating to Lawrence County, to provide that
26 all allowances received by the sheriff for feeding prisoners
27 would be deposited in a special account and used for feeding

1 of prisoners in the county jail and that any excess in the
2 fund would be authorized to be used for law enforcement
3 purposes; and to provide that the sheriff would receive the
4 same salary as the judge of probate.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

6 Section 1. The following amendment to the
7 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, is proposed and shall become
8 valid as a part of the Constitution when all requirements of
9 this act are fulfilled:

10 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

11 Effective beginning the next term of office of the
12 Sheriff of Lawrence County after the ratification of this
13 amendment, any allowances or other amounts received by the
14 sheriff for feeding prisoners shall be deposited in a separate
15 account in the county treasury to be known as the "Sheriff's
16 Prisoner Food Fund" and shall be used by the sheriff for the
17 feeding of prisoners in the county jail. Any funds in the
18 Sheriff's Prisoner Food Fund over the amounts needed for
19 feeding prisoners may be used by the sheriff for law
20 enforcement purposes and for the operation of the office of
21 the sheriff. Any funds in the Sheriff's Prisoner Food Fund
22 shall be carried over from year to year. In the event
23 additional amounts are needed by the sheriff for the feeding
24 of prisoners, the amounts shall be paid by the sheriff from
25 any other funds appropriated or otherwise available for the
26 operation of the office of the sheriff the expenditure of
27 which is not otherwise restricted by law. The sheriff shall

1 not be subject to the competitive bid law for the purchase of
2 food or supplies used for feeding prisoners in the county
3 jail. Effective beginning the next term of office of the
4 sheriff, the sheriff shall receive the same salary as the
5 judge of probate.

6 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment
7 shall be held in accordance with Section 284 and Section
8 284.01 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing
9 as Section 284 and Section 284.01 of the Official
10 Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as
11 amended, and the election laws of this state.

12 Section 3. The appropriate election official shall
13 assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional
14 amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the
15 following description of the substance or subject matter of
16 the proposed constitutional amendment:

17 "Relating to Lawrence County, proposing an amendment
18 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide that
19 effective beginning the next term of office of the sheriff,
20 all allowances or amounts received by the sheriff for feeding
21 prisoners would be deposited in a special account and used for
22 feeding prisoners in the county jail and any excess in the
23 fund would be authorized to be used for law enforcement
24 purposes by the sheriff; and to provide that the sheriff would
25 receive the same salary as the judge of probate.

26 "Proposed by Act _____"

1 This description shall be followed by the following
2 language:
3 "Yes () No ()."