

1 SB3  
2 196598-1  
3 By Senator McClendon (Constitutional Amendment)  
4 RFD: Governmental Affairs  
5 First Read: 05-MAR-19  
6 PFD: 01/14/2019

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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, every bill is required  
9 to be read at length before its final passage.

10 This bill would propose an amendment to the  
11 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to exempt  
12 redistricting bills from the requirement that every  
13 bill be read at length before final passage.

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15 A BILL  
16 TO BE ENTITLED  
17 AN ACT

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19 To propose an amendment to Section 63 of Article IV  
20 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as  
21 Section 63 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution  
22 of Alabama of 1901, as amended, to exempt redistricting bills  
23 from the requirement that every bill be read at length before  
24 final passage.

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

26 Section 1. The following amendment to Section 63 of  
27 Article IV of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now

1 appearing as Section 63 of the Official Recompilation of the  
2 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, is proposed and  
3 shall become valid as a part thereof when approved by a  
4 majority of the qualified electors voting thereon and in  
5 accordance with Sections 284, 285, and 287 of the Constitution  
6 of Alabama of 1901, as amended:

7 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

8 "Section 63.

9 "Every bill shall be read on three different days in  
10 each house, and no bill, unless specifically exempted by this  
11 amendment, shall become a law, unless on its final passage it  
12 be read at length, and the vote be taken by yeas and nays, the  
13 names of the members voting for and against the same be  
14 entered upon the journals, and a majority of each house be  
15 recorded thereon as voting in its favor, except as otherwise  
16 provided in this Constitution. No bill that provides for  
17 redistricting shall be required to be read at length before  
18 final passage."

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 Section 63 of the  
4 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to the legislative  
5 process, to exempt redistricting bills from the requirement  
6 that every bill be read at length before final passage.

7 "Proposed by Act \_\_\_\_\_."

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

10 "Yes ( ) No ( )."