

1 SB275  
2 195863-1  
3 By Senators Smitherman, Marsh, Singleton and Orr  
4 (Constitutional Amendment)  
5 RFD: Governmental Affairs  
6 First Read: 11-APR-19

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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would propose an amendment to the  
9 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to authorize the  
10 Legislature to recompile the Alabama Constitution  
11 during the 2022 Regular Session, and provide for  
12 its ratification.

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14 A BILL  
15 TO BE ENTITLED  
16 AN ACT

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18 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of  
19 Alabama of 1901, to authorize the Legislature to recompile the  
20 Alabama Constitution during the 2022 Regular Session, and  
21 provide for its ratification.

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

23 Section 1. The following amendment to the  
24 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, is proposed and  
25 shall become valid as a part thereof when approved by a  
26 majority of the qualified electors voting thereon and in

1 accordance with Sections 284, 285, and 287 of the Constitution  
2 of Alabama of 1901, as amended:

3 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

4 The Legislature, upon the recommendation of the  
5 Director of the Legislative Services Agency through a proposed  
6 draft, may arrange this constitution, as amended, in proper  
7 articles, parts, and sections removing all racist language,  
8 delete duplicative and repealed provisions, consolidate  
9 provisions regarding economic development, arrange all local  
10 amendments by county of application during the 2022 Regular  
11 Session of the Legislature, and make no other changes. The  
12 draft and arrangement, when approved by a three-fifths vote of  
13 each house of the Legislature, through joint resolution, shall  
14 be submitted to the voters pursuant to Amendment 714 of the  
15 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section  
16 286.01 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of  
17 Alabama of 1901, as amended. The Constitution of Alabama, with  
18 the amendments made thereto, in accordance with this  
19 amendment, once approved by the voters, shall be the supreme  
20 law of the state.

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

1                   Section 3. The appropriate election official shall  
2 assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional  
3 amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the  
4 following description of the substance or subject matter of  
5 the proposed constitutional amendment:

6                   "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of  
7 Alabama of 1901, to authorize the Legislature to recompile the  
8 Alabama Constitution and submit it during the 2022 Regular  
9 Session, and provide a process for its ratification by the  
10 voters of this state.

11                   "Proposed by Act \_\_\_\_\_."

12                   This description shall be followed by the following  
13 language:

14                   "Yes ( ) No ( )."