

1 SB421
2 201563-1
3 By Senator Beasley (Constitutional Amendment)
4 RFD: Local Legislation
5 First Read: 21-MAY-19

SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, Amendment 744 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, authorizes the game of bingo to be played in Macon County.

This bill would propose a local amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to Macon County, to provide that the game of bingo authorized to be played in Macon County may be played on any electronic machine.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To propose a local constitutional amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to Macon County, to allow the game of bingo authorized to be played in Macon County by Amendment 744 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, and to be played on any electronic machine.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

5 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

6 (a) The Legislature finds and declares that based
7 upon the history of the times, the existing order of things,
8 the state of the law when Amendment 744 to the Constitution of
9 Alabama of 1901, was adopted, and the conditions necessitating
10 its adoption, the voters in Macon County intended to and did
11 authorize the Sheriff of Macon County to adopt rules for the
12 licensing and operation of bingo games in Macon County,
13 Alabama, including bingo games to be played on paper, machine,
14 or electronic devices.

15 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 65 of
16 this Constitution, for the purpose of Amendment 744 to the
17 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, the game of bingo authorized
18 to be played in Macon County by Amendment 744 may be played on
19 any electronic machine. Sections 8-1-150, 13A-12-20,
20 13A-12-21, 13A-12-22, 13A-12-23, 13A-12-24, 13A-12-25,
21 13A-12-26, 13A-12-27, and 13A-12-30 of the Code of Alabama
22 1975, shall not apply to any bingo game authorized by this
23 amendment and operated in accordance with the rules adopted by
24 the Sheriff of Macon County.

25 (c) For purposes of this amendment, bingo means a
26 specific kind of game of chance commonly known as bingo,
27 whether or not played using paper or on a computer or using

1 electronic or technological aids in connection therewith, in
2 which prizes are awarded on the basis of designated numbers or
3 symbols on a card conforming to numbers or symbols selected at
4 random. The game of bingo may be played on any machine or
5 device, electronic or otherwise. Sections 8-1-150, 13A-12-20
6 through 13A-12-30 of the Code of Alabama 1975, do not apply to
7 any bingo games authorized by this amendment and operated in
8 accordance with the rules adopted by the Sheriff of Macon
9 County.

10 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment
11 shall be held at the March 2020 primary election in accordance
12 with Section 284.01 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901,
13 now appearing as Section 284.01 of the Official Recompilation
14 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the
15 election laws of this state.

16 Section 3. The appropriate election official shall
17 assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional
18 amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the
19 following description of the substance or subject matter of
20 the proposed constitutional amendment:

21 "Relating to Macon County, proposing an amendment to
22 the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide that the game
23 of bingo authorized in Macon County by Amendment 744 to the
24 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, may be played on any
25 electronic machine.

26 "Proposed by Act _____."

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