

1 HB342
2 207059-1
3 By Representative Hanes (Constitutional Amendment)
4 RFD: Local Legislation
5 First Read: 04-FEB-21

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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would propose an amendment to the
9 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to
10 Jackson County; to provide that treated human
11 sewage biosolids, except Class A biosolids or
12 manures produced by farm animals, may not be
13 applied on land as a fertilizer or soil amendment.
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15 A BILL
16 TO BE ENTITLED
17 AN ACT
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19 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of
20 Alabama of 1901, relating to Jackson County; to provide that
21 treated human sewage biosolids, except Class A biosolids or
22 manures produced by farm animals, may not be applied on land
23 as a fertilizer or soil amendment.

24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

25 Section 1. The following amendment to the
26 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, is proposed and shall become

1 valid as a part of the Constitution when all requirements of
2 this act are fulfilled:

3 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

4 In Jackson County, biosolids derived from treated
5 human sewage sludge may not be applied on land as a fertilizer
6 or soil amendment except for Class A biosolids or manures
7 produced by farm animals. For the purposes of this amendment,
8 a Class A biosolid means dewatered and heated sewage that
9 meets U.S. Environmental Protection Agency guidelines for land
10 application without any restrictions.

11 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment
12 shall be held at the November 2020 General Election, in
13 accordance with Sections 284 and 284.01 of the Constitution of
14 Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Sections 284 and 284.01 of
15 the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of
16 1901, as amended, and the election laws of this state.

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

22 "Relating to Jackson County, proposing an amendment
23 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide that
24 treated human sewage biosolids may not be applied on land as a
25 fertilizer or soil amendment except for Class A biosolids
26 meeting U.S. EPA guidelines or manures produced by farm
27 animals.

1 "Proposed by Act _____."

2 This description shall be followed by the following

3 language:

4 "Yes () No ()."