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3 By Representative Fridy (Constitutional Amendment)
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ENROLLED, An Act,

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended; to declare and otherwise affirm that it is the public policy of this state to recognize and support the sanctity of unborn life and the rights of unborn children, most importantly the right to life in all manners and measures appropriate and lawful; and to provide that the constitution of this state does not protect the right to abortion or require the funding of abortion.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, is proposed and shall become valid as a part thereof when approved by a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon and in accordance with Sections 284, 285, and 287 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

(a) This state acknowledges, declares, and affirms that it is the public policy of this state to recognize and support the sanctity of unborn life and the rights of unborn children, including the right to life.

(b) This state further acknowledges, declares, and affirms that it is the public policy of this state to ensure

1 the protection of the rights of the unborn child in all
2 manners and measures lawful and appropriate.

3 (c) Nothing in this constitution secures or protects
4 a right to abortion or requires the funding of an abortion.

5 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment
6 shall be held in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the
7 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Sections 284
8 and 285 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of
9 Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the election laws of this
10 state.

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

16 "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of
17 Alabama of 1901, as amended; to declare and otherwise affirm
18 that it is the public policy of this state to recognize and
19 support the sanctity of unborn life and the rights of unborn
20 children, most importantly the right to life in all manners
21 and measures appropriate and lawful; and to provide that the
22 constitution of this state does not protect the right to
23 abortion or require the funding of abortion.

24 "Proposed by Act _____."

1 This description shall be followed by the following
2 language:

3 "Yes () No ()."

4 Section 4. It is the intent of the Legislature that
5 the Attorney General exhaust the internal resources and
6 personnel of the office prior to the retention of any outside
7 counsel to assist in the defense of any constitutional
8 challenge to this act.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 16-MAR-17.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate	20-APR-17	Amended and Passed
House	25-APR-17	Concurred in Senate Amendment