

1 SB144  
2 182045-2  
3 By Senator Marsh (Constitutional Amendment)  
4 RFD: Constitution, Ethics and Elections  
5 First Read: 09-FEB-17

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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would propose an amendment to the  
9 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to require the  
10 Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court to  
11 recompile the Alabama Constitution and submit it to  
12 the Legislature during the 2022 Regular Session,  
13 and every 10 years thereafter.

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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, to require the Chief Justice of the Alabama  
21 Supreme Court to recompile the Alabama Constitution and submit  
22 it to the Legislature during the 2022 Regular Session, and at  
23 each regular session occurring every 10 years thereafter.

24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

25 Section 1. The following amendment to the  
26 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, is proposed and  
27 shall become valid as a part thereof when approved by a

1 majority of the qualified electors voting thereon and in  
2 accordance with Sections 284, 285, and 287 of the Constitution  
3 of Alabama of 1901, as amended:

4 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

5 The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall arrange  
6 this constitution, as amended, in proper articles, parts, and  
7 sections, omitting all sections, clauses, and words not in  
8 force and making no other changes in the provisions or  
9 language thereof, and shall submit the same to the Legislature  
10 at the 2022 Regular Session of the Legislature, and each  
11 regular session occurring every 10 years thereafter. The draft  
12 and arrangement, when approved by the Legislature, through  
13 joint resolution, shall be enrolled and deposited in the  
14 office of the Secretary of State and copies thereof shall be  
15 printed as part of the Code of Alabama 1975. The Constitution  
16 of Alabama, with the amendments made thereto, in accordance  
17 with this amendment, shall be the supreme law of the state.

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

24 Section 3. The appropriate election official shall  
25 assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional  
26 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 the Constitution of  
4 Alabama of 1901, to require the Chief Justice of the Alabama  
5 Supreme Court to recompile the Alabama Constitution and submit  
6 it to the Legislature during the 2022 Regular Session, and at  
7 each regular session occurring every 10 years thereafter.

8 "Proposed by Act \_\_\_\_\_."

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

11 "Yes ( ) No ( )."