

1 SB86
2 173917-4
3 By Senators Orr, Williams, Melson, Pittman and Reed
4 RFD: Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Development
5 First Read: 02-FEB-16

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7 A BILL
8 TO BE ENTITLED
9 AN ACT

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11 Relating to public funds; to prohibit public
12 colleges and universities, local boards of education, and
13 public schools from expending public funds to advocate in
14 favor of or against statewide and local ballot measures.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

16 Section 1. (a) (1) Notwithstanding any other
17 provision of law to the contrary, a public institution of
18 higher education, a local board of education, or any school
19 under the jurisdiction of a local board of education may not
20 expend any public funds from any source for activities to
21 advocate for electors to vote in favor of or against a
22 statewide or local ballot measure, even if it has been
23 determined that the expenditure serves a public purpose.

24 (2) For the purposes of this subsection, the
25 activities prohibited are those enumerated in Section
26 17-17-5(b) (1), Code of Alabama 1975, if the purpose is to

1 advocate for electors to vote in favor of or against a
2 statewide or local measure.

3 (b) Providing information on ballot issues which do
4 not advocate a specific voter action is not a prohibited
5 activity under subsection (a).

6 (c) Nothing in this section shall prevent a
7 contribution or dues payment to a trade association in which
8 the public entity is a member.

9 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
10 first day of the fourth month following its passage and
11 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Yeas 21
Nays 5

Patrick Harris
Secretary