

1 HB668  
2 169224-1  
3 By Representative Fridy  
4 RFD: Constitution, Campaigns and Elections  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a constable is elected  
9 from each election precinct in those counties  
10 having constables.

11 This bill would change the geographical  
12 areas from which constables are elected.

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14 A BILL  
15 TO BE ENTITLED  
16 AN ACT

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18 Relating to constables; to amend Sections 17-14-4  
19 and 36-23-1, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide that a constable  
20 be elected from an election precinct, a county commission  
21 district, or a state house district, depending on the  
22 population of the county.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

24 Section 1. Sections 17-14-4 and 36-23-1, Code of  
25 Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

26 "§17-14-4.

1           "Except as otherwise provided by local law, members  
2 of county commissions, one county treasurer in all counties  
3 having a county treasurer, and ~~one constable for each election~~  
4 ~~precinct~~ all constables in counties having constables, shall  
5 be elected on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in  
6 November 2008, and every fourth year thereafter.

7           "§36-23-1.

8           "~~(a) There shall be one constable for each election~~  
9 ~~precinct in each county, to~~ Each constable shall be elected as  
10 provided by law, ~~who~~ and shall hold office for four years from  
11 the first Monday after the second Tuesday in January next  
12 after his election and until his successor is elected and  
13 qualified.

14           "(b) Constables shall be elected from geographical  
15 areas as follows:

16           "(1) For counties having a population less than  
17 30,000, one constable from each election precinct.

18           "(2) For counties having a population of at least  
19 30,000 but less than 200,000, one constable from each county  
20 commission district.

21           "(3) For counties having a population of 200,000 or  
22 more, one constable from each each House of Representatives  
23 district.

24           "~~(b)~~ (c) Any county, by local legislation, may  
25 abolish the office of constable."

26           Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
27 first day of the third month following its passage and

1 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law and  
2 shall apply to elections held in 2016.