

1 SB31
2 171668-1
3 By Senators Hightower, Glover, and Figures (Constitutional
4 Amendment)
5 RFD: Finance and Taxation General Fund
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would propose an amendment to the
9 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to require that
10 any funds received by the state for any type of
11 damages caused by a catastrophic event or from the
12 sale of any natural resources shall be distributed
13 with 75 percent of the funds going to the directly
14 affected counties and 25 percent being deposited
15 into the Alabama Trust Fund.

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17 A BILL
18 TO BE ENTITLED
19 AN ACT
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21 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of
22 Alabama of 1901, to require that certain funds received by the
23 state for any type of damages caused by a catastrophic event
24 or from the sale of any natural resources shall be used for
25 the benefit of the affected counties and the remaining to go
26 to the Alabama Trust Fund; and to provide for the distribution
27 of funds.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

2 Section 1. The following amendment to the
3 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, is proposed and shall become
4 valid as a part of the Constitution when all requirements of
5 this act are fulfilled:

6 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

7 For the purposes of this section, the term "affected
8 county" means any county that was directly affected by a
9 catastrophic event or the sale by the state of a natural
10 resource.

11 Any funds received by the state from (1) any
12 governmental or private entity for any type of damages caused
13 by a catastrophic event or (2) the sale of any natural
14 resource shall be distributed as following:

15 (1) Seventy-five percent (75%) of such funds shall
16 be distributed to the affected counties of the catastrophic
17 event or where the natural resource was harvested or sourced;
18 and

19 (2) The remaining twenty-five percent (25%) of such
20 funds shall be deposited in the Alabama Trust Fund.

21 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment
22 shall be held in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the
23 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 284
24 and 285 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of
25 Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the election laws of this
26 state at the next statewide primary.

1 Section 3. The appropriate election official shall
2 assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional
3 amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the
4 following description of the substance or subject matter of
5 the proposed constitutional amendment:

6 "Proposed by an amendment to the Constitution of
7 Alabama of 1901 to provide that in the case of the state
8 receiving any funds for damages from a catastrophic event or
9 from the sale of any natural resource, the affected county
10 shall receive seventy-five (75%) of any funds received and the
11 remaining twenty-five percent shall be deposited in the
12 Alabama Trust Fund."

13 This description shall be followed by the following
14 language:

15 "Yes () No ()."