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3 By Senators Beason, Williams and Glover
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, an elector may choose
9 which party's primary to vote in.

10 This bill would require an elector to
11 register a party affiliation in order to receive
12 the party's ballot in the primary election.

13 This bill would allow an elector who remains
14 unaffiliated to vote only in non-partisan races in
15 a primary.

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17 A BILL
18 TO BE ENTITLED
19 AN ACT

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21 Relating to elections; to allow an elector to vote
22 the primary ballot of the political party in which he or she
23 is registered; and to require the Secretary of State to
24 maintain an elector's political party designation on the
25 official voter registration application.

26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1 Section 1. (a) Effective beginning with the primary
2 election of 2016, before a person may be qualified to vote in
3 a primary election, or a primary runoff election, he or she
4 shall possess all the qualifications required of voters in a
5 regular election. In addition, he or she shall be a registered
6 member of the party in whose primary election he or she seeks
7 to vote and shall have been registered as a member of that
8 party for 90 days immediately preceding the primary election.
9 No person shall be allowed to vote for any party candidate or
10 slate of candidates other than that of the party of which he
11 or she is a registered member. The qualifications shall be
12 determined as of the date of the primary, without regard to
13 the qualifications or disqualifications as they may exist at
14 the succeeding regular election. However, any registered
15 voter, whether registered as a member of a party, political
16 organization, political group, or as an independent, shall be
17 qualified to vote in a primary election for candidates listed
18 in all non-partisan races.

19 (b) The Secretary of State may promulgate rules to
20 implement the provisions of this section.

21 Section 2. Not later than November 1, 2013, the
22 Secretary of State shall prescribe on the official voter
23 registration application the designation of a political party
24 for the purpose of voting at a primary election.

25 Section 3. This act shall become effective on the
26 first day of the third month following its passage and
27 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

