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3 By Senator Fielding (N & P)  
4 RFD: Local Legislation No. 1  
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9 A BILL  
10 TO BE ENTITLED  
11 AN ACT  
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13 Relating to the City of Sylacauga in Talladega  
14 County; authorizing elections to determine whether alcoholic  
15 beverages may be sold or dispensed on Sunday by properly  
16 licensed licensees serving the general public within the city.  
17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

18 Section 1. This act shall apply only to the City of  
19 Sylacauga in Talladega County.

20 Section 2. (a) The voters of the City of Sylacauga  
21 may authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages within the  
22 municipality on Sunday by an election pursuant to this act, in  
23 the following manner:

24 Within 30 days from the effective date of this act,  
25 the governing body of the City of Sylacauga, by resolution,  
26 may call an election for the municipality to determine the  
27 sentiment of the voters of the municipality residing within

1 the corporate limits, as to whether or not alcoholic beverages  
2 can be legally sold or distributed on Sunday within the  
3 municipality. The City of Sylacauga shall pay the costs of the  
4 election.

5 (b) On the ballot to be used for such election, the  
6 question shall be in the following form: "Do you favor the  
7 legal sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages within this  
8 municipality, on Sunday after 12:00 P.M. (noon) or after 8:00  
9 A.M. on the Sunday when or after a major racing event is held  
10 at the Talladega Superspeedway? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_."

11 (c) The first election and any subsequent elections  
12 shall be held and the officers appointed to hold the election  
13 in the manner provided by law for holding other municipal  
14 elections, and the returns thereof tabulated and results  
15 certified as provided by law for municipal elections. Any  
16 Sunday sales election shall be held as provided in this act as  
17 a special election or any subsequent municipal election  
18 following the date of the resolution.

19 (d) Notice of the election shall be given by the  
20 governing body of the municipality by publication or by  
21 posting the notice at the city hall apprising the voters of  
22 the municipality, at least three weeks before the date of the  
23 election, that an election shall be held to determine whether  
24 alcoholic beverages may be sold in the municipality on Sunday.  
25 The cost of the election shall be paid out of the general fund  
26 of the municipality.

1           (e) Only qualified voters of the municipality may  
2 vote in the election. If a majority of the voters voting in  
3 the municipal election vote "Yes," alcoholic beverages can be  
4 legally sold or dispensed within the corporate limits of the  
5 municipality on Sunday by licensees of the Alcoholic Beverage  
6 Control Board and the City of Sylacauga serving the general  
7 public in accordance with applicable laws and regulations  
8 after 12:00 P.M. (noon) or after 8:00 A.M. on the Sunday when  
9 or after a major racing event is held at the Talladega  
10 Superspeedway. The municipality may enact, by ordinance, such  
11 policies it deems appropriate to regulate any aspect of Sunday  
12 alcoholic beverages sales.

13           (f) If a majority of the voters voting in the  
14 municipal election vote "No," alcoholic beverages may not be  
15 sold or dispensed in the municipality on Sunday after the hour  
16 of 2:00 A.M., except as otherwise authorized by law or by  
17 subsequent election which legalizes the sale and dispensing of  
18 alcoholic beverages on Sunday.

19           Section 3. The provisions of this act are cumulative  
20 and supplemental to the present power and authority of the  
21 City of Sylacauga and are not intended to, nor shall they be  
22 interpreted so as to, repeal any existing power or authority  
23 of the City of Sylacauga now permitted under the general laws  
24 of the state, or under any local or special act of the  
25 Legislature.

1                   Section 4. This act shall become effective  
2 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
3 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.