1   HB691

2   140777-1

3   By Representative Thomas (Constitutional Amendment)

4   RFD: Local Legislation

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8   SYNOPSIS: This bill would propose an amendment to

9   Amendment 344 to the Constitution of Alabama of

10   1901, now appearing as Section 2, Local Amendments,

11   Blount County, of the Official Recompilation of the

12   Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended,

13   specifying that the Legislature, by general or

14   local law, may fix, regulate, and alter the costs

15   and charges of court in Blount County and provide

16   for their distribution in Blount County.

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18   A BILL

19   TO BE ENTITLED

20   AN ACT

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22   Relating to Blount County; to propose an amendment

23   to Amendment 344 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now

24   appearing as Section 2, Local Amendments, Blount County, of

25   the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of

26   1901, as amended, specifying that the Legislature, by general

27   or local law, may fix, regulate, and alter the costs and

1   charges of court in Blount County and provide for their

2   distribution in Blount County.

3   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

4   Section 1. The following amendment to the

5   Constitution of Alabama of 1901, is proposed and shall become

6   valid as a part of the Constitution when all requirements of

7   this act are fulfilled:

8   PROPOSED AMENDMENT

9   "Amendment 344.

10   "The legislature may, from time to time, by general

11 or local laws applicable to or operative in Blount ~~county~~

12 County and approved by a majority of the qualified electors of

13 Blount ~~county~~ County at a referendum election, fix, regulate,

14 and alter the costs and charges of court and the fees,

15 commissions, allowances, and salaries, including the method

16 and basis of their compensation, to be charged or received by

17 the probate judge, the ~~tax assessor~~ circuit clerk, and the ~~tax~~

18 ~~collector~~ revenue commissioner of Blount ~~county~~ County; and

19 may place any or all of such officers on a salary and provide

20 for the fees, commissions, allowances, and percentages

21 collectible by such officers to be paid into the treasury from

22 which their salaries are paid.

23   "In the event this amendment is approved and a

24 majority of the qualified electors of ~~said~~ the county who vote

25 thereon vote in favor of the adoption of this amendment when

26 it is submitted, then any law theretofore passed which places

27 any officers in Blount ~~county~~ County on a salary basis, or any

law fixing, regulating, and altering the costs and charges of

court and the fees, commissions, allowances, and salaries of

any officer in Blount ~~county~~ County, may become effective

without any other election having been held thereon. In the

event this amendment is approved and a majority of the

qualified electors of ~~said~~ the county who vote thereon vote

against its approval, then such act or acts shall have no

further force or effect. <u>The purpose of the amendment of</u>

<u>Amendment 344 is to specifically provide that the Legislature,</u>

<u>after the ratification of this amendment, may fix, regulate,</u>

<u>and alter the costs and charges of court in Blount County and</u>

<u>provide for their distribution.</u>"

      Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment

shall be held in accordance with Amendment 555 to the

Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section

284.01 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of

Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the election laws of this

state.

      Section 3. The appropriate election official shall

assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional

amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the

following description of the substance or subject matter of

the proposed constitutional amendment:

      "Relating to Blount County, proposing an amendment

to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, specifying that the

Legislature, by general or local law, may fix, regulate, and

1   alter the costs and charges of court in Blount County and

2   provide for their distribution in Blount County.

3   "Proposed by Act _____."

4   This description shall be followed by the following

5   language:

6   "Yes ( ) No ( )."