

1 HB665
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4 RFD: Jefferson County Legislation
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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to Jefferson County; to provide that no county tax proceeds shall be diverted for other purposes that are pledged or used for indigent health care, unless approved by a majority of the qualified voters of the county.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. This act shall apply only in Jefferson County.

Section 2. Notwithstanding any provision of law, no county tax proceeds that are currently pledged or used for the support of indigent health care shall be diverted to any other use unless approved by a majority of the qualified voters of the county.

Section 3. (a) On the ballot for the diversion of county tax proceeds that are currently pledged or used for the support of indigent health care, the question shall be in the

1 following form: "Do you favor the diversion of county tax
2 proceeds that are currently pledged to or for the support of
3 indigent health care for use for other purposes? Yes () No ()
4)

5 (b) The election shall be held and the officers
6 appointed to hold the election in the manner provided by law
7 for holding other county elections and the returns thereof
8 tabulated and results certified as provided by law for such
9 county elections. The election shall be held at the same time
10 of the primary, general, or countywide election, next
11 succeeding the date of filing the petition. The election shall
12 not be held within less than 30 days nor, except as herein
13 provided, more than 45 days from the date of the proposed
14 diversion.

15 (c) Notice of the election shall be given by the
16 judge of probate by publication at least three weeks before
17 the date of election in a newspaper in the county and by
18 posting the notice at the courthouse apprising the voters of
19 the county that an election shall be held to determine whether
20 county tax proceeds that are currently pledged for the support
21 of indigent health care should be diverted to other uses.

22 (d) The cost of the election, including cost of
23 notice by publication, shall be paid out of the general fund
24 of the county.

25 (e) Only qualified voters shall vote in the
26 election. If a majority of the voters vote "Yes," then the

1 county tax proceeds that are currently pledged for the support
2 of indigent health care may be diverted to other uses.

3 Section 4. All laws or parts of laws which conflict
4 with this act are repealed.

5 Section 5. This act shall become effective
6 immediately following its passage and approval by the
7 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.