

1 HB154  
2 215602-1  
3 By Representative Sullivan (Constitutional Amendment)  
4 RFD: Local Legislation  
5 First Read: 18-JAN-22

SYNOPSIS:           This bill would propose a local amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to Pickens County, to authorize the proceeds of an existing ad valorem tax distributed to volunteer fire departments for fire protection purposes to also be used by a volunteer fire department for emergency medical services.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To propose a local amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to Pickens County, to authorize the proceeds of an existing ad valorem tax distributed to volunteer fire departments for fire protection purposes to also be used by a volunteer fire department in the county for emergency medical services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

5                               PROPOSED AMENDMENT

6           Effective for taxes collected after the ratification  
7           of this amendment, the proceeds of any ad valorem tax levied  
8           in Pickens County pursuant to Amendment No. 649, as amended by  
9           Amendment No. 765, of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now  
10          appearing as Section 6 of the Pickens County Local Amendments  
11          of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama  
12          of 1901, as amended, distributed to volunteer fire departments  
13          for fire protection purposes, in addition to being used for  
14          fire protection purposes, may be used for emergency medical  
15          purposes by a volunteer fire department in the county,  
16          including, but not limited to, for the purchase of medical  
17          equipment, rescue equipment, and medical supplies and  
18          otherwise for the delivery of emergency medical services.

19          Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment  
20          shall be held at the general election in 2022 in accordance  
21          with Section 284.01 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901,  
22          now appearing as Section 284.01 of the Official Recompilation  
23          of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the  
24          election laws of this state.

25          Section 3. The appropriate election official shall  
26          assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional  
27          amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the

1 following description of the substance or subject matter of  
2 the proposed constitutional amendment:

3 "Relating to Pickens County, proposing an amendment  
4 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to authorize the  
5 proceeds of an existing ad valorem tax distributed to  
6 volunteer fire departments for fire protection purposes to  
7 also be used by a volunteer fire department in the county for  
8 emergency medical services.

9 "Proposed by Act \_\_\_\_\_"

10 This description shall be followed by the following  
11 language:

12 "Yes ( ) No ( )."