

1 HB273  
2 214832-3  
3 By Representatives Bedsole, Ellis, Paschal, Farley, Drake,  
4 Mooney and Carns (Constitutional Amendment)  
5 RFD: Shelby County Legislation  
6 First Read: 03-FEB-22

SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, with certain exceptions, low-speed vehicles, including golf carts, may not operate on the public roads of this state.

This bill would propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to authorize the Shelby County Commission and municipalities within the county to authorize and regulate the use of low-speed vehicles, including many golf carts, on certain public roads.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to Shelby County; to propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to authorize the Shelby County Commission and municipalities within the county to authorize the use of low-speed vehicles on certain public roads.

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           (a) As used in this amendment, the term "low-speed  
7           vehicle" means a four-wheeled motor vehicle with a top speed  
8           of not greater than 25 miles per hour, which has a  
9           gross vehicle weight rating of less than 3,000 pounds, and is  
10          certified as complying with the applicable federal safety  
11          standards, including 49 C.F.R. § 571.500, as amended.

12          (b) (1) The governing body of a municipality in  
13          Shelby County, by ordinance, may authorize and regulate the  
14          operation of low-speed vehicles on certain public roads within  
15          the corporate limits of the municipality, as determined by the  
16          governing body of the municipality.

17          (2) The Shelby County Commission, by resolution, may  
18          authorize and regulate the operation of low-speed vehicles on  
19          certain public roads in the unincorporated portions of the  
20          county, as determined by the county commission.

21          Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment  
22          shall be held in accordance with Section 284.01 of the  
23          Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section  
24          284.01 of the Official ReCompilation of the Constitution of  
25          Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the election laws of this  
26          state.

1           Section 3. The appropriate election official shall  
2       assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional  
3       amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the  
4       following description of the substance or subject matter of  
5       the proposed constitutional amendment:

6           "Relating to Shelby County, proposing an amendment  
7       to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to authorize the  
8       Shelby County Commission and municipalities within the county  
9       to authorize and regulate the use of low-speed vehicles,  
10      including certain golf carts, on certain public roads.

11           "Proposed by Act \_\_\_\_\_"

12           This description shall be followed by the following  
13      language:

14           "Yes ( ) No ( )."