SB141

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By Senator Bell (Constitutional Amendment)

RFD: Local Legislation

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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to define the residential zones from which qualified electors may vote for the St. Clair County Superintendent of Education and the members of the St. Clair County Board of Education and to change the Pell City Board of Education from an elected to an appointed board.

A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, relating to St. Clair County, to add Section 59-5.00 to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to define the residential zones from which qualified electors may vote for the county superintendent of education and the members of the county board of education; and to amend Section 59A-2.00 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to change the Pell City Board of Education from an elected to an appointed board and to specify the residential zones from which members may be appointed.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, is proposed:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Section 59-5.00 is added to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, and Section 59A-2.00 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

Section 59-5.00

(a) The office of St. Clair County Superintendent of Education, if elected, shall be elected by the qualified electors of St. Clair County who are served by the St. Clair County Board of Education, excluding those qualified electors who reside within the Pell City School Attendance Zone and Tax District established in Section 59-10.21.

(b) The members of the St. Clair County Board of Education shall be elected by the qualified electors of St. Clair County who are served by the St. Clair County Board of Education, excluding those qualified electors who reside within the Pell City School Attendance Zone and Tax District established in Section 59-10.21.

"Section 59A-2.00

~~This legislature may by local act provide for the election of the~~Commencing upon the expiration of the terms of office of the members of the~~ board of education of the City of~~ Pell City Board of Education in St. Clair County serving on January 1, 2024, the members of the board shall be appointed as provided by general law. The appointed members shall be qualified electors who reside within the Pell City School Attendance Zone and Tax District established in Section

59-10.21, with at least two of those members being appointed from the county portion of the Pell City School Attendance Zone and Tax District."

Upon ratification of this constitutional amendment, the Code Commissioner shall number and place this amendment as appropriate in the constitution omitting this instructional paragraph and may make the following nonsubstantive revisions: change capitalization, hierarchy, spelling, and punctuation for purposes of style and uniformity; correct manifest grammatical, clerical, and typographical errors; revise internal or external citations and cross-references; and translate effective dates.

END PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment shall be held in accordance with Sections 284, 284.01, and 285 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, and the election laws of this state. 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 St. Clair County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to specify that only the qualified electors of St. Clair County who are served by the St. Clair County Board of Education may vote for the county superintendent of education and the members of the county board of education; to change the Pell City Board of Education from an elected to an appointed board; to specify

that the appointed members of the Pell City Board of Education shall be qualified electors who reside within the Pell City School Attendance Zone and Tax District; and to specify that at least two members of the Pell City Board of Education shall reside within the county portion of the Pell City School Attendance Zone and Tax District.

Proposed by Act ____."

This description shall be followed by the following language:

"Yes( ) No( )."

Section 3. The proposed amendment shall become valid as part of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, when approved by a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon.