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SYNOPSIS:

The Constitution of Alabama of 2022, provides that it is the public policy of this state to recognize and support the sanctity of unborn life, the rights of unborn children, including the right to life.

This bill would propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to provide that an extrauterine embryo is not an "unborn life" or "unborn child."

A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

Proposing an amendment to Section 36.06 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, relating to unborn children.

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 36.06

(a) This state acknowledges, declares, and affirms that it is the public policy of this state to recognize and support the sanctity of unborn life and the rights of unborn children,

including the right to life.

(b) This state further acknowledges, declares, and affirms that it is the public policy of this state to ensure the protection of the rights of the unborn child in all manners and measures lawful and appropriate.

(c) Nothing in this constitution secures or protects a right to abortion or requires the funding of an abortion.

(d) For the purpose of this section, an extrauterine embryo is not an "unborn life" or "unborn child.""

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; harmonize language; and translate effective dates.

END OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment shall be held in accordance with Sections 284 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:

"Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama

of 2022, to provide that an extrauterine embryo is not an "unborn life" or "unborn child."

Proposed by Act ____."

This description shall be followed by the following language:

"Yes( ) No( )."

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