

SB228 INTRODUCED



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3 By Senator Allen (Constitutional Amendment)

4 RFD: Local Legislation

5 First Read: 19-Mar-24



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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 This bill would propose an amendment to the
6 Constitution of Alabama of 2022, relating to Tuscaloosa
7 County, to provide for the establishment of a special
8 fund maintained by the Tuscaloosa County Road
9 Improvement Commission funded by contributions from the
10 Tuscaloosa County Commission, the Tuscaloosa City
11 Council, and the Northport City Council to be used
12 solely for the purpose of matching federal funds to be
13 used for the purpose of funding the completion of the
14 eastern bypass around the City of Tuscaloosa and the
15 City of Northport.

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18 A BILL
19 TO BE ENTITLED
20 AN ACT

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22 To propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama
23 of 2022, relating to Tuscaloosa County; to provide for the
24 establishment of a special fund for the purpose of matching
25 federal funds to be used for funding the completion of the
26 eastern bypass around the City of Tuscaloosa and the City of
27 Northport.

28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:



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

31 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

32 (a) In addition to any other funding provided by law,
33 the Tuscaloosa County Commission, the City Council of the City
34 of Tuscaloosa, and the City Council of the City of Northport
35 shall each respectively contribute quarterly for the fiscal
36 years commencing October 1, 2026, and ending October 1, 2056,
37 to a special fund maintained by the Tuscaloosa County Road
38 Improvement Commission the following amounts to be used by the
39 commission solely for the purpose of matching federal funds
40 for the completion of the eastern bypass around the City of
41 Tuscaloosa and the City of Northport:

42 (1) The Tuscaloosa County Commission shall contribute
43 for the fiscal year commencing on October 1, 2026, and
44 continuing through the fiscal year commencing on October 1,
45 2056, the amount of one million two hundred fifty thousand
46 dollars (\$1,250,000) each quarter to the special fund.

47 (2) The City Council of the City of Tuscaloosa shall
48 contribute for the fiscal year commencing on October 1, 2026,
49 and continuing through the fiscal year commencing on October
50 1, 2056, the amount of one million two hundred fifty thousand
51 dollars (\$1,250,000) each quarter to the special fund.

52 (3) The City Council of the City of Northport shall
53 contribute for the fiscal year commencing on October 1, 2026,
54 and continuing through the fiscal year commencing on October
55 1, 2056, the amount of six hundred twenty-five thousand
56 dollars (\$625,000) each quarter to the special fund.



57 (b) The amount of the contributions made by the
58 Tuscaloosa County Commission, the City Council of the City of
59 Tuscaloosa, and the City Council of the City of Northport
60 pursuant to this subsection shall be adjusted each year,
61 commencing for the quarter beginning on January 1, 2028, and
62 each year thereafter, based on the percentage change in the
63 median annual household income for the immediately preceding
64 calendar year as determined in Section 2 of Section 49 of the
65 Constitution of Alabama of 2022, for the adjustment of the
66 annual basic compensation of members of the Legislature.

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.

76 END PROPOSED AMENDMENT

77 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment
78 shall be held at the 2024 General Election in accordance with
79 Sections 284, 284.01, and 285 of the Constitution of Alabama
80 of 2022, and the election laws of this state. The appropriate
81 election official shall assign a ballot number for the
82 proposed constitutional amendment on the election ballot and
83 shall set forth the following description of the substance or
84 subject matter of the proposed constitutional amendment:

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85 "Relating to Tuscaloosa County, proposing an amendment
86 to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to to provide for the
87 establishment of a special fund maintained by the Tuscaloosa
88 County Road Improvement Commission funded by contributions
89 from the Tuscaloosa County Commission, the Tuscaloosa City
90 Council, and the Northport City Council to be used solely for
91 the purpose of matching federal funds to be used for the
92 purpose of funding the completion of the eastern bypass around
93 the City of Tuscaloosa and the City of Northport.

94 Proposed by Act ____."

95 This description shall be followed by the following
96 language:

97 "Yes() No()."

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