

## SB228 INTRODUCED



1 SB228  
2 RPX5NYN-1  
3 By Senator Allen (Constitutional Amendment)  
4 RFD: Local Legislation  
5 First Read: 19-Mar-24



SYNOPSIS:

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

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:



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

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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

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

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

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



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

END PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment shall be held at the 2024 General Election 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:



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

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.