SB261

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By Senator Jones (Constitutional Amendment)

RFD: Local Legislation

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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, relating to Cherokee County, to authorize the Legislature to fix and regulate court costs by general or local law; and to ratify all previously collected court costs.

A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, relating to Cherokee County, to authorize the Legislature to fix and regulate court costs by general or local law; and to ratify all previously collected court costs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

(a) The Legislature, by general or local law, may fix, regulate, and alter the costs and charges of courts in Cherokee County and provide for their distribution.

(b) All court costs and charges collected in Cherokee County prior to the ratification of this amendment are hereby

ratified, validated, and confirmed.

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 Cherokee County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to authorize the Legislature to fix and regulate court costs by general or local law; and to ratify all previously collected court costs.

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.