

## SB266 INTRODUCED



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3 By Senator Carnley (Constitutional Amendment)  
4 RFD: Local Legislation  
5 First Read: 05-Feb-26



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4 SYNOPSIS:

5           This bill would propose an amendment to the  
6           Constitution of Alabama of 2022, relating to Covington  
7           County, to prohibit persons from injecting and storing  
8           carbon dioxide in underground wells in the county.  
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11                           A BILL  
12                           TO BE ENTITLED  
13                           AN ACT  
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15           Relating to underground injection wells, to propose an  
16           amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, relating to  
17           Covington County, to prohibit the injection and storage of  
18           carbon dioxide in underground wells in the county.

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

22                           PROPOSED AMENDMENT

23           In Covington County, no person may inject, store, or  
24           sequester carbon dioxide in underground wells. This  
25           prohibition includes the operation of a Class VI well as  
26           defined by the United States Environmental Protection Agency  
27           pursuant to the Underground Injection Control Program of the  
28           Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300f et seq.



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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 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 Covington County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to prohibit the injection and storage of carbon dioxide in underground wells in the county.

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



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57 a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon.