

1 SB502
2 169687-2
3 By Senators Dial, Sanford, Albritton, Bussman, Marsh,
4 McClendon, Williams, Holley and Melson (Constitutional
5 Amendment)
6 RFD: Finance and Taxation General Fund
7 First Read: 21-MAY-15

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8 SYNOPSIS: Under current law there exist a number of
9 statutory and constitutional earmarks for the
10 spending of state revenues.

11 This proposed amendment to the Constitution
12 of Alabama of 1901, to become effective January 1,
13 2017, would eliminate all requirements that limit
14 the appropriation or spending of state revenues in
15 a particular manner contained in the Constitution
16 of Alabama of 1901 and prohibit any general or
17 local law that directs state revenue to be
18 appropriated or spent in a particular manner. The
19 proposed amendment would further allow for a
20 unified appropriations bill.

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22 A BILL
23 TO BE ENTITLED
24 AN ACT
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26 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of
27 Alabama of 1901, to become effective January 1, 2017, that

1 would eliminate all requirements that limit the appropriation
2 or spending of state revenues in a particular manner contained
3 in the Constitution of Alabama of 1901 and prohibit any
4 general or local law that directs state revenue to be
5 appropriated or spent in a particular manner. The proposed
6 amendment would further allow for a unified appropriations
7 bill.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

9 Section 1. The following amendment to the
10 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, is proposed and
11 shall become valid as part thereof, effective January 1, 2017,
12 following approval by a majority of the qualified electors
13 voting thereon in accordance with Sections 284, 285, and 287
14 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended:

15 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

16 On and after the effective date of this provision,
17 no limitation on the appropriation or spending of state
18 revenues contained in the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as
19 amended, shall be effective nor shall any general or local act
20 in existence on the effective date of this provision or
21 thereafter direct that any state revenue be appropriated or
22 spent in a particular manner. Notwithstanding any other
23 provision of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, following
24 the ratification of this provision, all appropriations for the
25 ordinary expenses of the executive, legislative, and judicial
26 departments of the state, for interest on the public debt and

1 for public education may be made in the general appropriations
2 bill.

3 Section 2. The appropriate election official shall
4 assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional
5 amendment on the election ballot and shall set the following
6 description of the substance or subject matter of the proposed
7 constitutional amendment:

8 "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of
9 Alabama of 1901, to become effective January 1, 2017, to
10 disallow any limitation on the appropriation or spending of
11 state revenues and to allow for a unified appropriations bill.

12 "Proposed by Act _____"

13 This description shall be followed by the following
14 language:

15 "Yes () No ()."