

## HB65 INTRODUCED



1      HB65  
2      RBHE6NM-1  
3      By Representative Kiel    (Constitutional Amendment)  
4      RFD: Local Legislation  
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6      PFD: 13-Nov-25



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## 4 SYNOPSIS:

5 This bill would propose an amendment to the  
6 Constitution of Alabama of 2022, relating to Franklin  
7 County, to authorize a qualified taxpayer 65 years of  
8 age or older to claim a senior property tax exemption  
9 for real property owned in the county under certain  
10 conditions.

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## 13 A BILL

14 TO BE ENTITLED

15 AN ACT

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17 To propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama  
18 of 2022, relating to Franklin County, to authorize a qualified  
19 taxpayer 65 years of age or older to claim a senior property  
20 tax exemption for real property owned in the county under  
21 certain conditions.

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

## 25 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

26 (a) In Franklin County, an individual 65 years of age  
27 or older may claim a senior property tax exemption for ad  
28 valorem tax purposes on real property located in the county

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29 which is owned by the individual, classified as single-family  
30 owner-occupied residential property, and used as the principal  
31 place of residence of the individual for not less than five  
32 years immediately prior to the tax year for which the  
33 individual first claims the senior property tax exemption. The  
34 senior property tax exemption shall freeze the assessed value  
35 of the property for the year immediately prior to claiming the  
36 exemption.

37 (b) The following provisions shall apply to the  
38 individual claiming the senior property tax exemption:

39 (1) The taxpayer shall continue to receive the senior  
40 property tax exemption as long as the taxpayer continues to  
41 use the property as his or her principal place of residence.

42 (2) The individual shall continue to be eligible to  
43 claim a homestead exemption and any other exemption authorized  
44 by law on the property.

45 (3) The property shall continue to be subject to any  
46 millage rate changes on the property.

47 (4) The assessed value of any additions to the property  
48 after claiming the senior property tax exemption shall be  
49 added to the assessed value of the property and subject to ad  
50 valorem tax based on the increase in the assessed value of the  
51 addition after the taxpayer claims the senior property tax  
52 exemption.

53 (5) This exemption may be claimed beginning October 1,  
54 2027, for the value of the property on October 1, 2026.

55 (6) This exemption must be claimed in writing with the  
56 Franklin County Revenue Commissioner between October 1 and



57 December 31.

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.

67 END PROPOSED AMENDMENT

68                   Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment  
69                   shall be held in accordance with Sections 284, 284.01, and 285  
70                   of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, and the election laws  
71                   of this state. The appropriate election official shall assign  
72                   a ballot number for the proposed constitutional amendment on  
73                   the election ballot and shall set forth the following  
74                   description of the substance or subject matter of the proposed  
75                   constitutional amendment:

76 "Relating to Franklin County, proposing an amendment to  
77 the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to authorize a qualified  
78 taxpayer 65 years of age or older to claim a senior property  
79 tax exemption for real property under certain conditions.

81                   This description shall be followed by the following  
82                   language:

83 "Yes ( ) No ( ) ."

84 Section 3. The proposed amendment shall become valid as

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85 part of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, when approved by  
86 a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon.