

HOUSE FIRST READINGS

2026 REGULAR SESSION

THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY

January 15, 2026

By Representative Faulkner:

HB248 Relating to the Alabama Business and Nonprofit Entities Code; to amend Sections 10A-1-1.04, 10A-1-1.11, 10A-1-1.13, 10A-1-2.17, 10A-1-3.32, 10A-1-4.14, 10A-1-4.21, 10A-1-4.23, 10A-1-4.24, 10A-1-4.25, and 10A-1-5.31, Section 10A-1-7.01, as amended by Act 2025-281, 2025 Regular Session, Sections 10A-1-7.11, 10A-2A-1.43, 10A-2A-2.02, 10A-2A-2.05, 10A-2A-2.07, 10A-2A-6.22, 10A-2A-8.27, 10A-2A-8.60, 10A-2A-14.10, 10A-2A-16.02, 10A-2A-16.03, 10A-2A-16.04, 10A-3A-1.60, 10A-3A-2.02, 10A-3A-2.07, 10A-3A-4.02, 10A-3A-4.03, and 10A-3A-4.04, Section 8 of Act 2025-281, now appearing as Section 10A-3A-8.26, Sections 10A-3A-8.60, 10A-5A-4.09, and 10A-8A-4.10, Section 10A-8A-5.02, as amended by Act 2025-281, 2025 Regular Session, Sections 10A-9A-3.04 and 10A-17-1.02, Code of Alabama 1975; to add Division G, consisting of Section 10A-2A-8.70, to Article 8 of Chapter 2A, Title 10A, Code of Alabama 1975; to add Sections 10A-3A-6.14, 10A-3A-8.61, and 10A-3A-8.62 to the Code of Alabama 1975; to add Division G, consisting of Section 10A-3A-8.70, to Article 8 of Chapter 3A, Title 10A, Code of Alabama 1975; to make technical corrections; to make technical corrections and codify common law; to clarify the law governing entities and clarify the internal affairs doctrine, thereby codifying common law; to provide a new procedure to correct or nullify filing instruments; to clarify that a registered agent may not perform its duties virtually; to clarify the process for a foreign entity doing business in the state that is withdrawing its certificate of authority to transact business in this state; to clarify certain proxy matters allowed in bylaws of business corporations and to clarify the forum selection provisions for business corporations and nonprofit corporations; to clarify the procedures, processes, rights, and responsibilities of owners and entities regarding records requests, to provide for expedited court review in the event of noncompliance, and to allow the court in any expedited review to determine the allocation among the parties to the review; to clarify the duties of stockholders to business corporations and fellow stockholders; to provide procedures for officers, directors, stockholders, and members of business corporations and nonprofit corporations to follow when the officers, directors, stockholders, and members of business corporations and nonprofit corporations are involved in a conflicting transaction or a corporate opportunity transaction, or both, which if followed would provide the officers, directors, stockholders, and members of business corporations and nonprofit corporations with certain safe harbors; and to repeal Sections 10A-2A-16.10 and 10A-3A-4.20, Code of Alabama 1975, providing for financial statements for stockholders and members, respectively.

Committee on Judiciary

By Representative Faulkner:

HB249 Relating to guardianships and conservatorships; to amend Sections 26-2-2, 26-2-3, 26-2A-20 26-2A-50, 26-2A-52, 26-2A-103, 26-2A-134, and 26-2A-136, Code of Alabama 1975, and to add Sections 26-2A-54, 26-2A-107.1, and 26-2A-136.1 to the Code of Alabama 1975; to further provide procedures and requirements relating to the removal of proceedings involving guardianships or conservatorships from probate court to the circuit court; to further provide for notice requirements for petitions involving a guardianship, conservatorship, or protective proceeding; to require guardians ad litem to undergo training before appointment in a case involving a guardianship, conservatorship, or protective proceeding; to specify the duties of such a guardian ad litem; to require the court to appoint a court representative in proceedings involving a guardianship or protective order, with exceptions; to provide for the duties and responsibilities of a court representative; to provide for the appointment of temporary or emergency guardians in certain circumstances to prevent harm to an adult's physical health, safety, or welfare; to provide for the appointment of temporary or emergency conservators or other temporary or emergency relief in certain circumstances to prevent harm to an adult's property or financial interests; to allow the court to penalize attorneys or parties who improperly petition for temporary or emergency guardians or conservators; to revise the authority of a court to preserve and apply the property of a person who is the subject of an ongoing protective order proceeding; and to make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style.

Committee on Judiciary

By Representative Garrett:

HB250 Relating to income taxes; to amend Section 40-18-14, Code of Alabama 1975, to exclude from gross income of an individual taxpayer amounts paid by an employer as a contribution to a Trump Account; and to make the exclusion for amounts paid by an employer on any qualified education loan permanent for individual taxpayers.

Committee on Ways and Means Education

By Representatives Warren and Reynolds:

HB251 To make an appropriation of \$36,635,222 from the Children First Trust Fund for the

fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, to the entities and for the purposes designated in Section 41-15B-2.2, Code of Alabama 1975; to provide for the deposit of tobacco settlement revenues into the Children First Trust Fund; to require written notification of anticipated agency allocations by the State Director of Finance; to require quarterly allocations; to condition allocations on receipt of tobacco revenues; to provide for the transfer to the State General Fund during fiscal year 2027 that portion of Children First Trust Fund receipts currently allocated for the State Board of Education; to make an appropriation of \$43,789,530 from other tobacco settlement funds for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027; and to make a conditional appropriation and allocation of additional tobacco revenues upon the recommendation of the Director of Finance, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means General Fund Committee and the Chairman of the Senate Finance and Taxation-General Fund Committee, and the approval of the Governor.

Committee on Ways and Means Education

By Representatives Shaw and Hulsey:

HB252 Relating to the Fair Campaign Practices Act; to amend Section 17-5-6, Code of Alabama 1975, to specify that campaign contributions must be held in a federally insured financial institution.

Committee on Ethics and Campaign Finance

By Representatives Whorton, Rigsby, Lomax, Rehm, Smith, Stringer, Robertson, Butler, Bedsole, Brinyark, Kirkland, Pettus, Treadaway, Estes, Kiel and Barnes:

HB253 Relating to motor vehicle registration; to amend Sections 32-6-271 and 32-6-280, Code of Alabama 1975, to increase the fees for volunteer and professional firefighter distinctive motor vehicle license plates and to provide for the distribution of the fees collected.

Committee on Ways and Means General Fund

By Representatives Stringer, Brown, Wilcox, Pettus, Sorrells, Pringle, Hendrix, Stadthagen, Brinyark, Kirkland, Smith, Rehm, Wadsworth, Whorton, Robertson, Allbright, Butler, Harrison, Gray, Bolton, Treadaway and Jackson:

HB254 Relating to vessels; to require law enforcement officers to have probable cause to believe a violation of law has occurred before stopping and boarding a vessel.

Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security

By Representatives Bedsole, Treadaway, Pettus, Reynolds, Hendrix, Rehm, Stringer and Ellis:

HB255 Relating to the Alabama Crime Victims Compensation Commission; to amend Section 15-23-12, Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for the filing of claims.

Committee on Ways and Means General Fund

By Representatives Bedsole, Treadaway and Rehm:

HB256 Relating to motor vehicle licenses and registration; to amend Sections 32-6-62 and 32-6-64, Code of Alabama 1975, to extend the minimum validity period of motor vehicle license plate designs from five years to 10 years.

Committee on State Government

By Representative Givens:

HB257 Relating to criminal law and procedure; to amend Sections 13A-6-43, 13A-6-44, 13A-6-68, 13A-6-111, 13A-6-124, and 13A-6-243, Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for the affirmative defenses to offenses of kidnapping in the first and second degrees; to expand the offenses of indecent exposure, directing a child to engage in sexual intercourse or sodomy, traveling to meet a child for an unlawful sex act, and directing a child to engage in sexual contact to include additional child victims; to further provide for the offense of transmitting obscene material to a child by computer to specify that the offense may be consummated if undercover agents are involved; to amend Sections 15-20A-5 and 15-25-31, Code of Alabama 1975, to further define the term "sex offense" to include voyeurism; to further provide for the admissibility of out-of-court statements made by children; to establish the crime of inpatient custodial sexual misconduct and provide criminal penalties for a violation; to amend Section 12-21-148, Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for the use of a certified facility dog in court proceedings; to amend Sections 15-20A-6 and 15-20A-44, Code of Alabama 1975, to make conforming changes; and to make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code

language to current style.

Committee on Judiciary

By Representative Clarke:

HB258 Relating to wheelchair repair; to amend Section 34-14C-6, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide the Board of Home Medical Equipment with authority to discipline licensees who fail to repair customized wheelchairs in a timely manner; to provide standards for timely repair of customized wheelchairs; to require Medicaid to cover the cost of customized wheelchairs when medically necessary; to limit the requirement of prior authorization by Medicaid or private health insurance for repair of certain customized wheelchairs; to impose a reporting requirement on Medicaid repair providers; to require manufacturers to provide the documentation, parts, or tools necessary to repair a motorized wheelchair to independent repair businesses on the same terms as provided to the manufacturer's authorized repair businesses; and to provide that a violation of this requirement is an unlawful trade practice under Chapter 19 of Title 8, Code of Alabama 1975.

Committee on State Government

By Representative Shaw:

HB259 Relating to cryptocurrency; to add a new Chapter 7B to Title 8, Code of Alabama 1975; to prohibit a person from issuing digital assets as a payment stablecoin unless that person is a permitted payment stablecoin issuer; to prohibit the offer or sale of any payment stablecoin, beginning in 2028, unless the payment stablecoin is issued by a permitted payment stablecoin issuer; to authorize the use of certain authorized payment stablecoins to make payments to vendors and contractors; to require payment to vendors and contractors to be made by payment stablecoin beginning in 2031; to authorize the Alabama Securities Commission to process and license applicants to become Alabama qualified payment stablecoin issuers; to authorize the Alabama Securities Commission to enforce and implement this act, the GENIUS Act, and any federal regulation adopted under that act; and to create civil and criminal penalties for violations.

Committee on Financial Services

By Representative England:

HB260 Relating to condominiums; to amend Sections 35-8A-104, 35-8A-108, 35-8A-110, 35-8A-205, 35-8A-216, 35-8A-302, 35-8A-308, 35-8A-309, 35-8A-403, 35-8A-408, and 35-8A-414, Code of Alabama 1975; to prohibit the use of consents, and waivers, in addition to powers of attorney, to obtain unit owners authorization to alter a condominium declaration; to require reports of material changes to be fully and accurately reported; to allow a unit owners' association to intervene in arbitration and mediation; to apply equitable remedies such as reformation, injunction, and declaratory actions to disputes involving the condominium declaration; and to make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style.

Committee on Judiciary

By Representatives Tillman, England, Chestnut, Drummond and Warren:

HB261 Relating to expungement; to provide for the automatic expungement of individuals following an acquittal or dismissal of certain charges.

Committee on Judiciary

By Representative Lawrence:

HB262 Relating to historical racing computerized machines; to amend Sections 40-26A-1 and 40-26A-2, Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for the state privilege tax on certain local gambling revenues; to establish a uniform local privilege tax on certain local gambling revenues; to add Section 40-26A-2.1 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to restrict the operation of historical racing activities to certain authorized locations; and to repeal Sections 11-65-29, 11-65-30, 11-65-35, 45-32-150.13, 45-44-150.12, and 45-49-151.14, Code of Alabama 1975, levying local pari-mutuel wagering taxes and other fees.

Committee on Economic Development and Tourism

By Representative Robbins:

HB263 Relating to consumer protections; to prohibit a covered entity from disclosing, transferring, or taking certain other actions with regard to a consumer's biological data or neural

data without the consumer's express consent; to authorize the Office of the Attorney General to enforce; and to provide a civil penalty for violations.

Committee on Judiciary

By Representative Robbins:

HB264 Relating to decedents' estates; to amend Section 43-8-216, Code of Alabama 1975; to allow will contests and estate administration to be removed to probate court without assigning special equity; and to make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style.

Committee on Judiciary

By Representative Robbins:

HB265 Relating to genetic material; to create the crimes of unlawful use of DNA in the first, second, and third degree; to provide criminal penalties for violations; and to provide exceptions.

Committee on Judiciary

By Representative Sells:

HB266 Relating to crimes and offenses; to amend Section 13A-6-24, Code of Alabama 1975; to further provide for the crime of reckless endangerment; and to provide conditions for increased criminal penalties for a violation.

Committee on Judiciary

By Representative Sells:

HB267 Relating to the State Forestry Commission; to amend Sections 9-3-5, 9-3-7, 9-13-3, 9-13-10, 9-13-11, 9-13-12, 9-13-140, 9-13-141, 9-13-142, 9-13-221, and 9-13-225, Code of Alabama 1975, and to add Sections 9-3-5.1 and 9-13-11.1 to the Code of Alabama 1975; to

authorize the State Forester to earn sick and annual leave and receive reimbursement from travel; to remove the ability of the commission to appoint forest law enforcement officers; to refine the procedure for obtaining a burn permit; to provide penalties for conducting a prescribed burn without a permit; to provide penalties for violations of fire prevention measures in drought conditions; to require seized vehicles and equipment to be delivered to the State Forester or his or her designee; and to repeal Sections 9-13-5, 9-13-6, 9-13-7, 9-13-8, 9-13-9, 9-13-13, 9-13-14, 9-13-15, 9-13-24, 9-13-64, 9-13-223, and 9-13-226, Code of Alabama 1975, which govern forest fire wardens and provide procedures and penalties for the violation of certain fire prevention measures.

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

By Representative Ingram:

HB268 Relating to 911 service; to add Section 11-98-4.3 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to authorize the state 911 Board to institute a system to measure the emergency response performance of local communication districts through the collection of call data; to authorize the state 911 Board to share data related to crimes reported with the Attorney General; to add Section 11-98-4.4 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to authorize the state 911 Board to audit local communication districts and to assume direct supervision of the district when required for public safety; and to authorize the Attorney General to bring a civil action to enforce the investigation or supervision of a district by the 911 Board.

Committee on County and Municipal Government

By Representative Underwood:

HB269 Relating to competitive bidding; adding Section 41-16-52.1 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to exempt certain awarding authorities from competitive bidding requirements for repairs of vehicles under certain circumstances.

Committee on County and Municipal Government

By Representatives Clarke, Jackson, Hassell, Drummond, Lawrence, Gray, Morris, Boyd, Hall, Warren, Hollis, McClammy, Bracy, Moore (M), Ensler, Daniels, Rafferty, Lands, Travis, Hendrix, Jones, Sellers, Datcher, Givan, McCampbell, Forte, Tillman, Chestnut and England:

HB270 Relating to elections; to provide a process for early voting in certain elections; to prescribe the number, location, and hours of operation of early voting centers in each county; to authorize electors to cast a vote, without excuse, by paper ballot and tabulator at an early voting center; to provide for the conduct of early voting; and to require the Secretary of State to adopt rules.

Committee on Constitution, Campaigns and Elections

By Representatives Stringer, Sorrells, Brown, Rehm, Smith, Marques and Yarbrough:

HB271 Relating to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; to add Section 9-11-54.1 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to establish lifetime disabled state resident special hunting and fishing licenses.

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

By Representative Carns:

HB272 Relating to voter lists; to amend Section 17-4-1, Code of Alabama 1975; to authorize a judge of probate to publish the list of voters by alternative means; to establish the threshold amount that would authorize the judge of probate to disseminate the voter list by alternative means; to require the threshold amount to increase with the change in the Consumer Price Index; and to prohibit a newspaper publisher, until 2030, from charging more to publish the voter list than the publisher charged in relation to the 2024 General Election.

Committee on Constitution, Campaigns and Elections

By Representative Datcher:

HB273 Relating to municipal employees; to amend Section 11-43-12, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide that a municipal employee may be the recipient of a grant program, even though funds flow through the municipal treasury, if certain conditions are met.

Committee on County and Municipal Government

By Representative Simpson:

HB274 Relating to crimes and offenses; to add Section 13A-7-94.1 to the Code of Alabama 1975; to authorize the Department of Corrections to take certain actions regarding unmanned aircraft systems.

Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security

By Representatives Mooney, Baker, Gray and Tillman:

HB275 Relating to athletic trainers; to adopt the Athletic Trainer Compact as Article 3 of Chapter 40 of Title 34, Code of Alabama 1975; to allow licensed athletic trainers to practice among compact states; to establish requirements and obligations for participation in the compact; to provide for disciplinary actions and joint investigation procedures; and to establish and provide for the operation of the Athletic Trainer Compact Commission and enforcement of the compact among member states.

Committee on Boards, Agencies and Commissions

By Representatives Oliver, Lee, Paramore, Sorrells, Lipscomb, Shirey, Brinyark, Lamb and Mooney:

HB276 Relating to certified registered nurse practitioners or certified nurse midwives; to amend Section 34-21-93.1, Code of Alabama 1975; to provide that an endorsement by a certified registered nurse practitioner or certified nurse midwife on a physical examination form for participation in school athletics satisfies any requirement for the endorsement of a physician on the required form; and to prohibit a public K-12 school from being a member of an athletic association that does not accept physical examination forms for participation in school athletics endorsed in compliance with this act.

Committee on Health

By Representatives Wilcox, Brown and Simpson:

HB277 Relating to serving oysters; to authorize oyster aquaculture licensees to harvest and serve oysters from the aquaculture facility for product tasting.

Committee on Ports, Waterways and Intermodal Transit

By Representatives Underwood, Rigsby, Harrison, Pettus, Wilcox, Bedsole, Standridge, Yarbrough and Lovvorn:

HB278 Relating to income tax; to amend Section 40-18-481, Code of Alabama 1975; to expand and make permanent the income tax credit for qualified volunteer firefighters or other qualified rescue squad members who obtain certain approved training each year.

Committee on Ways and Means Education