

1 HB21
2 77983-1
3 By Representative Ward (Constitutional Amendment)
4 RFD: Constitution and Elections
5 First Read: 10-JAN-06
6 PFD: 11/21/2005

SYNOPSIS: Under the existing provision of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor are elected separately by the qualified electors of the state at the same time and places appointed for the election of members of the Legislature.

This bill would propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to require the Governor and Lieutenant Governor to be elected jointly.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to require the Governor and Lieutenant Governor to be elected jointly.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1 Section 1. The following amendment to the
2 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, is proposed and
3 shall become valid as a part thereof when approved by a
4 majority of the qualified electors voting thereon and in
5 accordance with Sections 284, 285, and 287 of the Constitution
6 of Alabama of 1901, as amended:

7 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

8 Commencing with the first general election for
9 Governor and Lieutenant Governor following ratification of
10 this amendment, and in every election for Governor and
11 Lieutenant Governor held thereafter, one vote shall be cast
12 jointly for the candidates for Governor and Lieutenant
13 Governor. The Legislature shall provide by general law for the
14 nomination of candidates for Governor and selecting of
15 candidates for Lieutenant Governor.

16 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment
17 shall be held in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the
18 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the election
19 laws of this state. The election shall be held at the first
20 general election for Governor following enactment of this
21 amendment.

22 Section 3. The appropriate election official shall
23 assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional
24 amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the
25 following description of the substance or subject matter of
26 the proposed constitutional amendment: "Proposing an amendment

1 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, requiring the Governor
2 and Lieutenant Governor to be elected jointly.

3 "Proposed by Act _____."

4 This description shall be followed by the following
5 language: "Yes () No ()."