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- 2 130878-1
- 3 By Senator Figures (Constitutional Amendment)
- 4 RFD: Local Legislation No. 3
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8	SYNOPSIS: This bill would propose a constitutional
9	amendment to provide for the transfer of the assets
10	and liabilities of the Water Works and Sewer Board
11	of the City of Prichard to the Board of Water and
12	Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile,
13	presently known as the Mobile Area Water and Sewer
14	System.
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16	A BILL
17	TO BE ENTITLED
18	AN ACT
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20	Relating to Mobile County; to propose a
21	constitutional amendment to provide for the transfer of the
22	assets and liabilities of the Water and Sewer Board of the
23	City of Prichard to the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners
24	of the City of Mobile, presently known as the Mobile Area
25	Water and Sewer System.
26	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT

- (a) Within 90 days after the ratification of this amendment, the assets and liabilities of the Water Works and Sewer Board of the City of Prichard shall be transferred to the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, presently known as the Mobile Area Water and Sewer System. The transfer shall include all assets of the Water Works and Sewer Board of the City of Prichard and shall be conditioned upon the assumption or discharge by the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, presently known as the Mobile Area Water and Sewer System, of all liabilities of the Water Works and Sewer Board of the City of Prichard, including, without limitation, all indebtedness, contracts, and retirement obligations. Any assumption of obligations by the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, presently known as the Mobile Area Water and Sewer System, shall be evidenced by resolution of that board.
- (b) Upon transfer of its assets and liabilities pursuant to subsection (a), the Water Works and Sewer Board of the City of Prichard shall be dissolved.

(c) The rates for water and sewer service to existing customers of Mobile Area Water and Sewer System shall not be increased at any time for reasons related to the acquisition or maintenance of the assets, liabilities, or infrastructure of the Water Works and Sewer Board of the City of Prichard.

- (d) Notwithstanding ratification of this amendment in accordance with applicable state law, this amendment shall not be effective and the actions, including, but not limited to, the transfer of assets and liabilities in subsections (a) and (b), shall not take place unless both of the following have occurred:
- (1) A favorable vote by the majority of those persons who reside and voted in precincts any part of which are serviced by the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile (Mobile Area Water and Sewer System).
- (2) A favorable vote by the majority of those persons who reside and voted in precincts any part of which are serviced by the Water and Sewer Board of the City of Prichard.

The votes cast on this amendment in precincts any part of which are serviced by the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile (Mobile Area Water and Sewer System) and the votes cast on this amendment in precincts any part of which are serviced by the Water and Sewer Board of the City of Prichard shall be tabulated

1 separately to determine whether a majority of those who voted 2 in each area approved the amendment. Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment 3 shall be held in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Sections 284 5 6 and 285 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of 7 Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the election laws of this 8 state. 9 Section 3. The appropriate election official shall 10 assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the 11 12 following description of the substance or subject matter of 13 the proposed constitutional amendment: 14 "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide for the transfer of the assets and 15 liabilities of the Water Works and Sewer Board of the City of 16 17 Prichard to the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, presently known as the Mobile Area Water and 18 Sewer System. 19 "Proposed by Act ." 20

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language:

"Yes () No ()."

This description shall be followed by the following