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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, an elector may choose
9 which party's primary to vote in.

10 This bill would require an elector to
11 register a party affiliation in order to receive
12 the party's ballot in the primary election.

13 This bill would allow an elector who remains
14 unaffiliated to vote in a primary election only in
15 nonpartisan and on ballot measures.

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17 A BILL
18 TO BE ENTITLED
19 AN ACT

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21 Relating to elections; to allow an elector to vote
22 the primary ballot of the political party in which he or she
23 is registered; and to require the Secretary of State to
24 maintain an elector's political party designation on the
25 official voter registration application.

26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1 Section 1. (a) Before an elector may vote in a
2 primary election or a primary runoff election for a party
3 candidate or slate of candidates, he or she must be a
4 registered member of the party in whose primary election he or
5 she seeks to vote and must have been registered as a member of
6 that party continuously for 14 days immediately preceding the
7 primary election.

8 (b) An elector may not vote for any party candidate
9 or slate of candidates other than that of the party of which
10 he or she is a registered member. However, any elector,
11 whether registered as a member of a party, political
12 organization, political group, or as an independent, shall be
13 qualified to vote in a primary election for candidates listed
14 in nonpartisan races and on ballot measures on the primary
15 ballot.

16 (c) An elector may not change his or her
17 registration to another party between a primary election and a
18 primary runoff election.

19 (d) The Secretary of State may promulgate rules to
20 implement the provisions of this section.

21 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
22 first day of the third month following its passage and
23 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.