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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Governor may issue
9 an order or other directive during a state of
10 emergency that has the effect of suspending a state
11 law, ordinance, rule, or regulation that conflicts
12 with the order or other directive.

13 This bill would prohibit the Governor,
14 during the six-month period before an election,
15 from issuing a directive that would have the effect
16 of suspending any election law in a manner that
17 would change how the election is conducted in this
18 state, with certain exceptions.

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20 A BILL
21 TO BE ENTITLED
22 AN ACT
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24 Relating to elections; to prohibit the Governor from
25 issuing a directive during a state of emergency that would
26 suspend a state law in a manner that would change how the
27 election is conducted in this state, with certain exceptions.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

2 Section 1. (a) Except as provided under subsection
3 (b), during the six-month period preceding any election in
4 this state, the Governor may not issue any proclamation,
5 order, rule, or other directive under Article 1 of Chapter 9
6 of Title 31, Code of Alabama 1975, if the proclamation, order,
7 rule, or other directive would have the effect of suspending,
8 altering, or interpreting any provision of Title 11 or Title
9 17, Code of Alabama 1975, in a manner that would change how
10 that election is conducted in this state.

11 (b) Subsection (a) does not affect the Governor's
12 authority to issue a proclamation, order, rule, or other
13 directive under Article 1 of Chapter 9 of Title 31, Code of
14 Alabama 1975, that revises the date of a primary election or
15 primary runoff election.

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