

1 HB255
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3 By Representative Shedd (Constitutional Amendment)
4 RFD: Urban and Rural Development
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ENROLLED, An Act,

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901; to authorize the state, a county, or a municipality to grant certain monies to public or private entities for broadband infrastructure.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901 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:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

The state, a county, or a municipality is authorized to grant federal award funds or any other source of funding designated for broadband infrastructure by state law to any public or private entity for the purpose of providing or expanding broadband infrastructure. The granting of funds by a county or a municipality to a private entity pursuant to this section must be approved at a public meeting held by the appropriate county or municipality.

Upon ratification of this constitutional amendment and contingent upon the ratification of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, the Code Commissioner shall number and place

1 this amendment as appropriate in the constitution based upon a
 2 logical sequence and the particular subject or topic of the
 3 amendment. In this amendment, the Code Commissioner may change
 4 capitalization, spelling, and punctuation for the purpose of
 5 style and uniformity; correct manifest grammatical, clerical,
 6 and typographical errors; and correct incorrect
 7 cross-references. When publishing the Constitution of Alabama
 8 of 2022, the Code Commissioner may omit this instructional
 9 paragraph.

10 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment
 11 shall be held in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the
 12 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Sections 284
 13 and 285 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of
 14 Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the election laws of this
 15 state.

16 Section 3. The appropriate election official shall
 17 assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional
 18 amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the
 19 following description of the substance or subject matter of
 20 the proposed constitutional amendment:

21 "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of
 22 Alabama of 1901, to authorize the state, a county, or a
 23 municipality to grant federal award funds or any other source
 24 of funding designated for broadband infrastructure by state

1 law to public or private entities for providing or expanding
2 broadband infrastructure.

3 "Proposed by Act _____."

4 This description shall be followed by the following
5 language:

6 "Yes () No ()."

