



**House Children and Senior Advocacy Reported  
Substitute for HB98**

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A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to provide that parents have a fundamental right to direct the upbringing, education, care, and control of their children.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, is proposed and shall become valid as a part of the constitution when all requirements of this act and applicable constitutional provisions are fulfilled:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

(a) Parents have a fundamental right to direct the upbringing, education, care, and control of their children.

(b) This amendment may not be construed as authorizing or allowing a parent to engage in child abuse or neglect.

Upon ratification of this constitutional amendment, the Code Commissioner shall number and place this amendment as appropriate in the constitution omitting this instructional paragraph and may make the following nonsubstantive revisions: change capitalization, hierarchy, spelling, and punctuation



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29 for purposes of style and uniformity; correct manifest  
30 grammatical, clerical, and typographical errors; revise  
31 internal or external citations and cross-references; and  
32 translate effective dates.

33 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment  
34 shall be held in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the  
35 Constitution of Alabama of 2022, and the election laws of this  
36 state.

37 Section 3. The appropriate election official shall  
38 assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional  
39 amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the  
40 following description of the substance or subject matter of  
41 the proposed constitutional amendment:

42 "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama  
43 of 2022, to provide that parents have a fundamental right to  
44 direct the upbringing, education, care, and control of their  
45 children.

46 Proposed by Act \_\_\_\_."

47 This description shall be followed by the following  
48 language:

49 "Yes( ) No( )."