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3 By Senator Barfoot (Constitutional Amendment)
4 RFD: Finance and Taxation General Fund
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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, provides for the salary, fees, and other compensation received by a district attorney during his or her term.

This bill would propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to provide that the compensation received by a district attorney may not be diminished during his or her term.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Proposing an amendment to Section 160 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to provide that the compensation received by a district attorney may not be diminished during his or her term of office.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, is proposed:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Section 160 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, is amended to read as follows:



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Section 160

(a) A district attorney for each judicial circuit shall be elected by the qualified electors of those counties in ~~such~~ the circuit. ~~Such~~ The district attorney shall be licensed to practice law in this state and ~~shall~~, at the time of his or her election and during his or her continuance in office, shall reside in his or her circuit. ~~His~~ The term of office shall be for six years. ~~and he~~ He or she shall receive ~~such~~ compensation as provided by law; provided, the compensation shall not be diminished during his or her official term. Vacancies in the office of district attorney and in his or her staff shall be filled as provided by law.

(b) Clerks of the circuit courts shall be elected by the qualified electors in each county for a term of six years. If the office of register in chancery continues to be provided by law then the clerk of the circuit court may also fill ~~such~~ the office in a manner prescribed by law. Vacancies in the office of clerk of the circuit court shall be filled by the judge or judges of the circuit court who have jurisdiction over the county in which the office of clerk of the circuit court is located.

(c) ~~Persons~~ Individuals elected to the position of constable to assist the courts of the state as provided by law shall be subject to the same restrictions, rights, and limitations as are specified in ~~section~~ Section 280 of the Constitution of ~~1901~~ Alabama of 2022, and no law shall prohibit the receipt of fees for the performance of official duties of ~~said~~ the position while holding any other elected or



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appointed office.

(d) The revenue from fines, forfeitures, and court costs produced in district courts from the exercise of jurisdiction under municipal ordinances shall be apportioned between the municipality and the state as shall be provided by law.

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

END OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment shall be held at the statewide primary election on May 26, 2026, in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, and the election laws of this state. The appropriate election official shall assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the following description of the substance or subject matter of the proposed constitutional amendment:

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85 office.

86 Proposed by Act ____."

87 This description shall be followed by the following
88 language:

89 "Yes() No()."

90 Section 3. The proposed amendment shall become valid as
91 a part of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, when approved
92 by a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon.