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3 By Representative Ingram (Constitutional Amendment)
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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to require local boards of education to adopt policies requiring each public K-12 school to conduct The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag each day; to authorize local boards of education to adopt policies allowing student-initiated and student-led prayer to be conducted in public K-12 schools; and to provide for the report and investigation of violations.

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

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

(a) Each local board of education shall adopt a policy requiring each public K-12 school under its jurisdiction, at the beginning of each school day, to conduct The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and give all students the opportunity to voluntarily recite The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

(b) Each local board of education shall adopt a policy requiring each public K-12 school under its jurisdiction to allow a prayer to be conducted, provided that:



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29 (1) The prayer must be initiated by and led by a
30 student; and

31 (2) No student may be required to participate in a
32 prayer.

33 (c) Any policy adopted by a local board of education
34 pursuant to this section shall ensure that students have the
35 right to opt out of participation in the Pledge of Allegiance
36 or the prayer based on their own beliefs.

37 (d) Violations of this section may be reported to the
38 local superintendent of education. The local superintendent of
39 education shall review the violation.

40 Upon ratification of this constitutional amendment, the
41 Code Commissioner shall number and place this amendment as
42 appropriate in the constitution omitting this instructional
43 paragraph and may make the following nonsubstantive revisions:
44 change capitalization, hierarchy, spelling, and punctuation
45 for purposes of style and uniformity; correct manifest
46 grammatical, clerical, and typographical errors; revise
47 internal or external citations and cross-references; harmonize
48 language; and translate effective dates.

49 END OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

50 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment
51 shall be held in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the
52 Constitution of Alabama of 2022, and the election laws of this
53 state. The appropriate election official shall assign a ballot
54 number for the proposed constitutional amendment on the
55 election ballot and shall set forth the following description
56 of the substance or subject matter of the proposed



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57 constitutional amendment:

58 "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama
59 of 2022, to require local boards of education to adopt
60 policies requiring each public K-12 school to recite The
61 Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag at the
62 beginning of each school day; and to require local boards of
63 education to adopt a policy authorizing student-initiated and
64 student-led prayer.

65 Proposed by Act ____."

66 This description shall be followed by the following
67 language:

68 "Yes() No()."

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



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0 amendments

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as amended
Yeas 94
Nays 3
Abstains 6

John Treadwell
Clerk