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1 HB511
2 FKVHWDC-3
3 By Representative Ingram (Constitutional Amendment)
4 RFD: State Government
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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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

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

13 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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

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

23 (1) The prayer must be initiated by and led by a
24 student; and

25 (2) No student may be required to participate in a
26 prayer.

27 (c) Any policy adopted by a local board of education
28 pursuant to this section shall ensure that students have the



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29 right to opt out of participation in the Pledge of Allegiance
30 or the prayer based on their own beliefs.

31 (d) Violations of this section may be reported to the
32 local superintendent of education. The local superintendent of
33 education shall review the violation.

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

END OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

44 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment
45 shall be held in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the
46 Constitution of Alabama of 2022, and the election laws of this
47 state. The appropriate election official shall assign a ballot
48 number for the proposed constitutional amendment on the
49 election ballot and shall set forth the following description
50 of the substance or subject matter of the proposed
51 constitutional amendment:

52 "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama
53 of 2022, to require local boards of education to adopt
54 policies requiring each public K-12 school to recite The
55 Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag at the
56 beginning of each school day; and to require local boards of



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57 education to adopt a policy authorizing student-initiated and
58 student-led prayer.

59 Proposed by Act ____."

60 This description shall be followed by the following
61 language:

62 "Yes() No()."

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

