

## HB61 INTRODUCED



1 HB61  
2 4UGNU3R-1  
3 By Representative Hammett (Constitutional Amendment)  
4 RFD: Economic Development and Tourism  
5 First Read: 13-Jan-26  
6 PFD: 13-Nov-25



SYNOPSIS:

This bill would propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, relating to Covington County, to prohibit persons from injecting and storing carbon dioxide and nonhazardous fluids in underground wells in the county.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to underground injection wells, to propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, relating to Covington County, to prohibit the injection and storage of carbon dioxide and nonhazardous fluids in underground wells in the county.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

In Covington County, no person may inject, store, or sequester carbon dioxide or nonhazardous fluids in underground wells. This prohibition includes the operation of a Class V and Class VI well as defined by the United States



## HB61 INTRODUCED

Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to the Underground Injection Control Program of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300f et seq.

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 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment shall be held in accordance with Sections 284, 284.01, 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:

"Relating to Covington County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to prohibit the injection and storage of carbon dioxide and nonhazardous fluids in underground wells in the county.

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

This description shall be followed by the following language:



## HB61 INTRODUCED

57                "Yes( ) No( )."

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