

1 HB11  
2 187612-1  
3 By Representative Drake (Constitutional Amendment)  
4 RFD: Constitution, Campaigns and Elections  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Section 63 of Article IV of the Constitution  
9 of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 63 of  
10 the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of  
11 Alabama of 1901, as amended, requires every bill to  
12 be read at length before its final passage.

13 This proposed constitutional amendment would  
14 remove the requirement that every bill be read at  
15 length prior to its final passage.

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17 A BILL  
18 TO BE ENTITLED  
19 AN ACT  
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21 Proposing an amendment to Section 63 of Article IV  
22 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as  
23 Section 63 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution  
24 of Alabama of 1901, as amended, to remove the requirement that  
25 every bill be read at length prior to its final passage.

26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1           Section 1. The following amendment to Section 63 of  
2 Article IV of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now  
3 appearing as Section 63 of the Official Recompilation of the  
4 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, is proposed and  
5 shall become valid as a part thereof when approved by a  
6 majority of the qualified electors voting thereon and in  
7 accordance with Sections 284, 285, and 287 of the Constitution  
8 of Alabama of 1901, as amended:

9                                   PROPOSED AMENDMENT

10           "Section 63.

11           ~~"Every~~ The short title of every bill shall be read  
12 on three different days in each house, ~~and no bill shall~~  
13 ~~become a law, unless on its final passage it be read at~~  
14 ~~length,~~ unless the same is dispensed with by unanimous  
15 consent, and the vote on final passage shall be taken by yeas  
16 and nays, the names of the members voting for and against the  
17 same be entered upon the journals, and a majority of each  
18 house be recorded thereon as voting in its favor, except as  
19 otherwise provided in this Constitution."

20           Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment  
21 shall be held in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the  
22 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Sections 284  
23 and 285 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of  
24 Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the election laws of this  
25 state.

26           Section 3. The appropriate election official shall  
27 assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional

1 amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the  
2 following description of the substance or subject matter of  
3 the proposed constitutional amendment:

4 "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of  
5 Alabama of 1901, removing the requirement that every bill be  
6 read at length prior to its final passage.

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

8 This description shall be followed by the following  
9 language:

10 "Yes ( ) No ( )."