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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, each judge of probate is  
9 required to publish a list of qualified electors in  
10 a newspaper of general circulation in the county.

11 This bill would provide that the judge of  
12 probate is not required to publish such a list but  
13 has the option to publish the list.

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15 A BILL  
16 TO BE ENTITLED  
17 AN ACT

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19 To amend Section 17-4-1, Code of Alabama 1975,  
20 requiring each judge of probate to publish a list of qualified  
21 electors in a newspaper of general circulation in the county,  
22 to provide that the judge of probate is not required to  
23 publish such a list but has the option to publish the list.

24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

25 Section 1. Section 17-4-1, Code of Alabama 1975, is  
26 amended to read as follows:

27 "§17-4-1.

1           "The judge of probate ~~shall~~ may publish from the  
2 state voter registration list a correct alphabetical list of  
3 qualified electors either by county, precinct, district, or  
4 subdivision wherein each elector is registered to vote, in  
5 some newspaper with general circulation in the county, on or  
6 before the twentieth day preceding the regularly scheduled  
7 primary election. The list shall be accompanied by a printed  
8 certification generated by the state voter registration system  
9 verifying that the list contains the names of all qualified  
10 electors registered as of the specified time and date when it  
11 was printed. The list shall further state that any elector  
12 whose name was inadvertently omitted from the list shall have  
13 10 days in which to have his or her name entered upon the list  
14 of qualified voters. If within 10 days any voter shall  
15 reasonably satisfy the board of registrars by proper proof  
16 that any name should be added to the list, the board shall add  
17 such name to the list. The supplemental list of registered  
18 voters inadvertently omitted from the original list ~~shall~~ may  
19 be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the  
20 county on or before the seventh day preceding the date of the  
21 primary election. The lists ~~required to be~~ published pursuant  
22 to this section may be published, at the discretion of the  
23 county commission, as a preprinted or inserted advertising  
24 supplement at a cost no greater than the selected newspaper's  
25 lowest applicable national insertion rates. If the list is  
26 published as a preprinted supplement in the selected  
27 newspaper, the supplement size shall conform to the size

1 requirements set by the selected newspaper and shall be  
2 printed on standard newsprint paper. The type size shall be no  
3 smaller than nine point standard type. The list shall also be  
4 delivered to the newspaper for insertion in a manner required  
5 for other advertising supplements. The supplement may not  
6 contain any other advertising. Any newspaper accepting a  
7 preprinted insertion that is not prepared by the newspaper  
8 shall not be responsible for the content of such insertion.  
9 Nothing in this section shall prohibit a county commission  
10 from publishing the list of voters in more than one newspaper  
11 within the county at the county commission's discretion."

12 Section 2. This act shall become effective  
13 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
14 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.