

1 HB409
2 128465-1
3 By Representatives Merrill, Wren, Greeson, Brown, Faust,
4 Baker, Boothe, Williams (J), Melton, Long, Baughn, Collins,
5 Nordgren, Tuggle, Johnson (K), Hammon, Weaver, McCutcheon,
6 Rich, Buttram, Lee, Wallace, McClurkin, Hurst, Laird, Bridges,
7 Boman, Oden, Thomas, Beech, Love and Treadaway (Constitutional
8 Amendment)
9 RFD: Health
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8 SYNOPSIS: The Constitution of Alabama of 1901,
9 provides for personal equality and rights for all
10 persons.

11 This bill would propose an amendment to the
12 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to define persons
13 to include all humans from the moment of
14 fertilization.

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16 A BILL
17 TO BE ENTITLED
18 AN ACT
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20 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of
21 Alabama of 1901, to provide that for the purpose of the
22 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, the term persons as used in
23 the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, shall include all humans
24 from the moment of fertilization.

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

26 Section 1. The following amendment to the
27 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, is proposed and

1 shall become valid as a part thereof when approved by a
2 majority of the qualified electors voting thereon and in
3 accordance with Sections 284, 285, and 287 of the Constitution
4 of Alabama of 1901, as amended:

5 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

6 The term person as used in the Constitution of
7 Alabama of 1901, shall include any human being from the moment
8 of fertilization or the functional equivalent thereof.

9 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment
10 shall be held in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the
11 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Sections 284
12 and 285 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of
13 Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the election laws of this
14 state.

15 Section 3. The appropriate election official shall
16 assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional
17 amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the
18 following description of the substance or subject matter of
19 the proposed constitutional amendment:

20 "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of
21 Alabama of 1901, to define persons under Alabama law to
22 include all human beings from the moment of fertilization.

23 "Proposed by Act _____."

24 This description shall be followed by the following
25 language:

26 "Yes () No ()."