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- 3 By Representatives Lee, Clouse, Chesteen and Grimsley (N & P)
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To amend Sections 11-44E-41 and 11-44E-71 of the Code of Alabama 1975, relating to elections of the mayor/commission/city manager form of government in Class 5 municipalities; to change the date to qualify as a candidate for election as mayor and as a member of the city commission.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Sections 11-44E-41 and 11-44E-71 of the Code of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

"\$11-44E-41.

"Any person desiring to become a candidate in any election for the office of commissioner may become such candidate by filing in the office of the city clerk a statement in writing of such candidacy accompanied by a petition signed by a minimum of fifty registered voters of such commission district or in the case of mayor, one hundred registered voters of the municipality, endorsing the candidacy of such candidate and an affidavit taken and certified by such city clerk or notary public. Such statement shall be filed by 5:00 P.M. on the first fourth Tuesday in June preceding the date set for the election and shall be substantially in the following form:

""State of Alabama, \_\_\_\_ County. I, the undersigned, being first duly sworn, depose and say that I am

| 1  | a citizen of the City of, in said State and County, and        |
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| 2  | reside at in said City of, that I desire to become             |
| 3  | a candidate for the office of commissioner for District,       |
| 4  | in said City at the election for said office to be held on the |
| 5  | day of and that I am duly qualified to hold said               |
| 6  | office if elected thereto, and I hereby request that my name   |
| 7  | be printed upon the official ballot at said election.          |
| 8  | "Signed;   |
| 9  | "Sworn to and subscribed before me on this day                 |
| 10 | of, 2, and filed in this office for record on said             |
| 11 | day.   |
| 12 | City Clerk."   |
| 13 | "Said statement shall be accompanied by a qualifying           |
| 14 | fee in the amount of \$150.00 for candidates for a             |
| 15 | commissioner, which fee shall be paid over by the city clerk   |
| 16 | to the general fund of the city. Any person may file with the  |
| 17 | city clerk, a verified pauper's oath that he (she) does not    |
| 18 | have the financial resources to pay a qualifying fee and       |
| 19 | thereupon shall be exempt from filing such fee. No name shall  |
| 20 | appear upon said ballot as a candidate for election except the |
| 21 | names of such persons as have become candidates according to   |
| 22 | provisions as above set forth. No primary election shall be    |
| 23 | held for the nomination of candidates for the office of mayor  |
| 24 | or commissioner and candidates shall be nominated only as      |
| 25 | hereinabove described.   |

"\$11-44E-71. 1 2 "Any person desiring to become a candidate at any 3 election for the office of mayor may become such candidate by filing in the office of the city clerk a statement in writing 4 5 of such candidacy, accompanied by a petition signed by a minimum of 100 registered voters of such city endorsing the 6 candidacy of such candidate and an affidavit taken and 7 8 certified by such city clerk or by a notary public that such 9 person is duly qualified to hold the office for which he (she) 10 desires to be a candidate. Such statement shall be filed by 5:00 p.m. on the first fourth Tuesday in June preceding the 11 day set for such election and shall be in substantially the 12 13 following form: "State of Alabama, County. I, the undersigned, 14 being first duly sworn, depose and say that I am a citizen of 15 16 the City of \_\_\_\_, in said State and County, and reside at in said City of , that I desire to become a 17 candidate for the office of mayor in said City at the election 18 for said office to be held on the day of and that 19 I am duly qualified to hold said office if elected thereto and 20 21 I hereby request that my name be printed upon the official 22 ballot at said election. "Signed \_\_\_\_\_; 23

| 1  | "Sworn to and subscribed before me by said on                       |
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| 2  | this day of $_{}$ 2 $_{-}$ , and filed in this office for record on |
| 3  | said day, City Clerk."  |
| 4  | "Said statement shall be accompanied by a qualifying                |
| 5  | fee in the amount equal to \$300.00 which qualifying fee shall      |
| 6  | be paid over by the city clerk to the general fund of the           |
| 7  | city. Any person may file with the city clerk, a verified           |
| 8  | pauper's oath that he (she) does not have the financial             |
| 9  | resources to pay a qualifying fee and thereupon shall be            |
| 10 | exempt from filing such fee. No names shall appear upon said        |
| 11 | ballot as a candidate for election except the names of such         |
| 12 | persons as have become candidates according to provisions of        |
| 13 | this chapter."  |
| 14 | Section 2. This act shall become effective on the                   |
| 15 | first day of the third month following its passage and              |
| 16 | approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.            |

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| 6        |   | President and Presiding Officer of the Senat | <b>e</b>    |  |
| 7        |   | House of Representatives                     |             |  |
| 8<br>9   | I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and was passed by the House 14-APR-11. |  |             |  |
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| 11       |   | Greg Pappas<br>Clerk                         |             |  |
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| 16       | Senate  | 03-MAY-11                                    | Passed      |  |
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