

1 HB473
2 174906-1
3 By Representatives Johnson (R) and Tuggle (Constitutional
4 Amendment)
5 RFD: Ways and Means Education
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would propose an amendment to the
9 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide for
10 additional payments from the Alabama Trust Fund to
11 the Forever Wild Land Trust to reimburse counties
12 for lost ad valorem tax payments as a result of the
13 acquisition of property by the Forever Wild Land
14 Trust.

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16 A BILL
17 TO BE ENTITLED
18 AN ACT
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20 To propose an amendment to the Constitution of
21 Alabama of 1901, to provide for additional payments from the
22 Alabama Trust Fund to the Forever Wild Land Trust to reimburse
23 counties for lost ad valorem tax payments as a result of the
24 acquisition of property by the Forever Wild Land Trust.

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 Effective for the ad valorem tax year commencing
7 after the ratification of this amendment, in addition to any
8 money paid to the Forever Wild Land Trust pursuant to
9 Amendment 860 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, the
10 additional amount of money as may be necessary shall be paid
11 to the Forever Wild Land Trust from the Alabama Trust Fund to
12 be used exclusively to reimburse each county for lost ad
13 valorem tax revenue as a result of property that was
14 previously subject to county ad valorem taxes prior to being
15 acquired or having been acquired by the Forever Wild Land
16 Trust. The amount of reimbursement by the Forever Wild Land
17 Trust shall be based on the ad valorem taxes paid on the
18 property prior to acquisition by the Alabama Trust Fund. The
19 payments shall be a first priority for payment by the Forever
20 Wild Land Trust provided no obligation of a contract on the
21 effective date of the ratification of this amendment is
22 impaired. This amendment shall be self-executing.

23 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment
24 shall be held in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the
25 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Sections 284
26 and 285 of the Official ReCompilation of the Constitution of

1 Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the election laws of this
2 state.

3 Section 3. The appropriate election official shall
4 assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional
5 amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the
6 following description of the substance or subject matter of
7 the proposed constitutional amendment:

8 "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of
9 Alabama of 1901, to provide for additional payments from the
10 Alabama Trust Fund to the Forever Wild Land Trust to reimburse
11 counties for lost ad valorem tax payments as a result of the
12 acquisition of property by the Forever Wild Land Trust.

13 "Proposed by Act _____."

14 This description shall be followed by the following
15 language:

16 "Yes () No ()."