

1 HB707
2 117347-4
3 By Representative Allen (Constitutional Amendment)
4 RFD: Tuscaloosa County Legislation
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8 SYNOPSIS: Existing law authorizes an E-911
9 communications district to determine the method of
10 dispatch of E-911 calls.

11 This bill would propose a constitutional
12 amendment relating to Tuscaloosa County, to provide
13 for the continued existence of the countywide E-911
14 communications district as the sole E-911
15 communications district in Tuscaloosa County. This
16 bill would require that the E-911 communications
17 district use a centralized dispatch center to route
18 all E-911 calls received in the county.

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20 A BILL
21 TO BE ENTITLED
22 AN ACT
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24 To propose an amendment to the Constitution of
25 Alabama of 1901, relating to Tuscaloosa County; to provide for
26 the continued existence of a countywide E-911 communications
27 district in Tuscaloosa County as the sole E-911 communications

1 district in the county; and to require the district to use a
2 direct dispatch method of dispatching all E-911 calls.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

4 Section 1. The following amendment to the
5 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, is proposed and shall become
6 valid as a part of the Constitution when all requirements of
7 this act are fulfilled:

8 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

9 In order to facilitate the efficient operation of
10 E-911 services in Tuscaloosa County, the countywide E-911
11 communications district shall continue to serve Tuscaloosa
12 County and shall be the sole E-911 communications district in
13 Tuscaloosa County subject to all of the following provisions:

14 (1) No later than 120 days after the date of
15 ratification of the amendment, the Tuscaloosa County E-911
16 communications district shall begin utilizing a direct
17 dispatch method of dispatching E-911 calls wherein all E-911
18 calls shall be routed to a central public safety answering
19 point and dispatched by that office to the appropriate
20 emergency responder agency.

21 (2) The E-911 board shall provide for a centrally
22 located neutral dispatch site. All costs associated with
23 locating the E-911 at a centrally located dispatch site shall
24 be divided equally among the City of Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa
25 County, and the City of Northport.

26 (3) Subject to the limitations in this amendment,
27 the Tuscaloosa County E-911 Communications District shall

1 operate pursuant to Chapter 98 of Title 11, Code of Alabama
2 1975.

3 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment
4 shall be held at the first general election following the
5 effective date of this act in accordance with Amendment 555 to
6 the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section
7 284.01 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of
8 Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the election laws of this
9 state.

10 Section 3. The appropriate election official shall
11 assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional
12 amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the
13 following description of the substance or subject matter of
14 the proposed constitutional amendment:

15 "Relating to Tuscaloosa County, proposing an
16 amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide
17 for the continued existence of the countywide E-911
18 communications district in Tuscaloosa County; to provide that
19 the centralized and countywide district shall serve as the
20 sole E-911 communications district in Tuscaloosa County; and
21 to require the district to use a direct dispatch method of
22 dispatching the E-911 calls.

23 "Proposed by Act _____."

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

26 "Yes () No ()."