

1 SB393  
2 187659-4  
3 By Senator Allen (Constitutional Amendment)  
4 RFD: Local Legislation  
5 First Read: 15-MAR-18

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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would propose a local  
9 constitutional amendment relating to Tuscaloosa  
10 County to prohibit any municipality in the county  
11 from increasing the rate of sales and use tax  
12 levied by the municipality after ratification of  
13 this amendment except upon approval by a majority  
14 vote of the qualified electors of the municipality  
15 voting at a referendum held for that purpose on the  
16 date of the next regularly scheduled general  
17 election. The amendment would provide for  
18 publication of notice of the referendum and for  
19 public hearings on the proposed sales and use tax  
20 increase and would require public hearings in  
21 Tuscaloosa County prior to the election on this  
22 amendment.

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24 A BILL  
25 TO BE ENTITLED  
26 AN ACT  
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1 Alabama 1975, not less than 90 days prior to the referendum  
2 and the municipality shall conduct not less than two public  
3 hearings on the proposed sales and use tax increase prior to  
4 the referendum.

5 Section 2. (a) An election upon the proposed  
6 amendment shall be held at the next general election in  
7 accordance with Section 284.01 of the Constitution of Alabama  
8 of 1901, now appearing as Section 284.01 of the Official  
9 Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as  
10 amended, and the election laws of this state.

11 (b) Not less than 30 days prior to the date of the  
12 election provided for in subsection (a), a public hearing on  
13 this amendment shall be held by the county commissioner in  
14 each district of the Tuscaloosa County Commission. Notice of  
15 the public hearing schedule shall be published in a newspaper  
16 of general circulation published in the county at least seven  
17 days prior to the public hearings commencing.

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

23 "Relating to Tuscaloosa County; proposing an  
24 amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to prohibit  
25 any municipality from increasing the rate of sales and use tax  
26 levied by the municipality after ratification of this  
27 amendment except upon approval by a majority vote of the

1 qualified electors of the municipality voting at a referendum  
2 held for that purpose on the date of a regularly scheduled  
3 general election, and to provide for publication of notice of  
4 the referendum and public hearings on the proposal.

5 "Proposed by Act \_\_\_\_\_"

6 This description shall be followed by the following  
7 language:

8 "Yes ( ) No ( )."