

1 SB409
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3 By Senator Waggoner (Constitutional Amendment)
4 RFD: Local Legislation, Jefferson County
5 First Read: 12-APR-16

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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would propose a local amendment to
9 the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to
10 the City of Birmingham, to provide for the salary
11 and expenses of the city council.

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13 A BILL
14 TO BE ENTITLED
15 AN ACT

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17 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of
18 Alabama of 1901, relating to the City of Birmingham; to
19 provide for the salary and expenses of the members of the city
20 council.

21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

22 Section 1. The following amendment to the
23 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, is proposed and shall become
24 valid as a part of the Constitution when all requirements of
25 this act are fulfilled:

26 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

1 Section 1. The annual salary for each member of the
2 City Council of the City of Birmingham shall be set and
3 adjusted each regular four-year term by the State Personnel
4 Board, by determining the median household income of the city
5 rounded up to the nearest thousand, to take effect on the
6 first day of January of each new term.

7 Section 2. (a) In addition, all members of the City
8 Council of the City of Birmingham shall receive ten thousand
9 dollars (\$10,000) per year for expenses incurred during the
10 performance of official duties. No member of the council of
11 any Class 1 municipality may receive additional reimbursement
12 for any expenses except as provided in this section.

13 (b) In addition to subsection (a), each member of
14 the city council may be reimbursed for any expenses incurred
15 for official travel or other official business outside of the
16 city in the same amounts or at the same rates as for employees
17 of the city for travel outside of the city traveling in the
18 service of the city under existing law. Any reimbursement
19 under this subsection, to the extent possible, shall mirror
20 similar rules applicable to reimbursement of employees of the
21 city.

22 (c) The President of the City Council of the City of
23 Birmingham may not discriminate between members of the council
24 body regarding the timely reimbursement of authorized
25 expenses.

26 Section 3. (a) The salary and expenses provided in
27 Sections 1 and 2 shall constitute the total amounts payable to

1 the presiding officers and members of the city council,
2 beginning with the term commencing immediately after any
3 municipal election in 2017.

4 (b) The City Council of Birmingham may not increase,
5 supplement, or otherwise enlarge the compensation or
6 reimbursement for expenses payable to its members pursuant to
7 this amendment.

8 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment
9 shall be held in accordance with Amendment 555 to the
10 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section
11 284.01 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of
12 Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the election laws of this
13 state.

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

19 "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of
20 Alabama of 1901, relating to the City of Birmingham, to
21 provide for the salary and expense allowance of the members of
22 the city council.

23 "Proposed by Act _____"

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

26 "Yes () No ()."