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**ALABAMA LOCAL CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT COMMISSION MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2015  
ALABAMA STATE CAPITOL  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

Members present were Mr. Franklin Johnson, Counsel to the Governor, representing the Governor of the State of Alabama; Mr. Steve Pelham, Chief of Staff to the Lt. Governor, representing the Lt. Governor of the State of Alabama; Mr. Jim Entrekin, Chief of Staff to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, representing the Speaker of the Alabama House of Representatives; and the Honorable John H. Merrill, Secretary of State of the State of Alabama. Absent from the meeting was a representative of the Office of Attorney General of the State of Alabama.

Also present were Mr. Ed Packard, Director of Elections for the Office of Secretary of State, and Mr. David Brewer, Chief of Staff to the Secretary of State.

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Commission Member Merrill called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m. and with a quorum present, the Commission transacted the following business to-wit:

**CONFIRMATION OF MEETING POSTED TO OPEN MEETINGS WEB SITE**

Mr. Packard informed the Commission that today's meeting was posted on the Alabama Open Meetings Act web site, compliant with applicable law, on August 17, 2015 at 4:49 p.m.

**CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS**

Mr. Packard discussed with the Commission the routine order of business before the body as related to the review of proposed constitutional amendments passed by the Alabama Legislature during the 2015 Regular Session and 2015 First Special Session at which the Commission considered the following business:

**MOTION BY COMMISSION MEMBER PELHAM, SECONDED BY COMMISSION MEMBER ENTREKIN, TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ACTS FOR PLACEMENT ON THE STATEWIDE BALLOT:**

ACT NO. 2015-44  
ACT NO. 2015-199  
ACT NO. 2015-200  
ACT NO. 2015-217  
ACT NO. 2015-220  
ACT NO. 2015-342

<b>Ayes:</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Commission Members:</b>	<b>Franklin Johnson, Steve Pelham, Jim Entrekin, John H. Merrill</b>
<b>No:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Commission Members:</b>	<b>(None)</b>
<b>Abstain:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Commission Members:</b>	<b>(None)</b>
<b>Absent:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Commission Members:</b>	<b>Representative of the Office of Attorney General</b>

***MOTION PASSED.***

MOTION BY COMMISSION MEMBER FRANKLIN, SECONDED BY COMMISSION MEMBER ENTREKIN, TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT OF LOCAL APPLICATION, WHICH HAD AT LEAST ONE DISSENTING VOTE IN THE LEGISLATURE, FOR PLACEMENT ON THE STATEWIDE BALLOT:

ACT NO. 2015-97

<b>Ayes:</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Commission Members:</b>	<b>Franklin Johnson, Steve Pelham, Jim Entrekin, John H. Merrill</b>
<b>No:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Commission Members:</b>	<b>(None)</b>
<b>Abstain:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Commission Members:</b>	<b>(None)</b>
<b>Absent:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Commission Members:</b>	<b>Representative of the Office of Attorney General</b>

***MOTION PASSED.***

MOTION BY COMMISSION MEMBER MERRILL, SECONDED BY COMMISSION MEMBER JOHNSON, TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ACTS PROPOSING AMENDMENTS OF LOCAL APPLICATION, WHICH HAD NO DISSENTING VOTES IN THE LEGISLATURE, FOR PLACEMENT ON THE BALLOT FOR THE APPLICABLE AND RESPECTIVE JURISDICTION:

ACT NO. 2015-26  
 ACT NO. 2015-43  
 ACT NO. 2015-46  
 ACT NO. 2015-80  
 ACT NO. 2015-126  
 ACT NO. 2015-127  
 ACT NO. 2015-128  
 ACT NO. 2015-198  
 ACT NO. 2015-218  
 ACT NO. 2015-219  
 ACT NO. 2015-338  
 ACT NO. 2015-339

ACT NO. 2015-500  
ACT NO. 2015-501

<b>Ayes:</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Commission Members:</b>	<b>Franklin Johnson, Steve Pelham, Jim Entrekin, John H. Merrill</b>
<b>No:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Commission Members:</b>	<b>(None)</b>
<b>Abstain:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Commission Members:</b>	<b>(None)</b>
<b>Absent:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Commission Members:</b>	<b>Representative of the Office of Attorney General</b>

***MOTION PASSED.***

Thereafter, the Commission discussed working with the Fair Ballot Commission to better inform the public on the various amendments.

The Commission discussed the order of the amendments on the ballots.

Mr. Packard informed the Commission that Act No. 2015-500 and Act No. 2015-501 were duplicate Acts which would be collapsed into one ballot question with both Acts referenced in the applicable portion of the ballot.

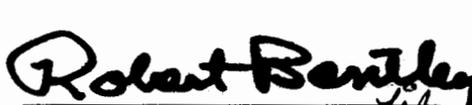
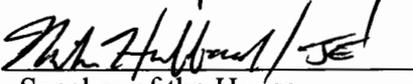
MOTION BY COMMISSION MEMBER MERRILL, SECONDED BY COMMISSION MEMBER PELHAM, TO APPROVE THE PLACEMENT OF THE ACTS ON THE STATEWIDE BALLOT IN THE ORDER OF PASSAGE.

<b>Ayes:</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Commission Members:</b>	<b>Franklin Johnson, Steve Pelham, Jim Entrekin, John H. Merrill</b>
<b>No:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Commission Members:</b>	<b>(None)</b>
<b>Abstain:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Commission Members:</b>	<b>(None)</b>
<b>Absent:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Commission Members:</b>	<b>Representative of the Office of Attorney General</b>

***MOTION PASSED.***

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business before the body the Commission adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

 Governor	by 	Lieutenant Governor	_____ Attorney General
 Secretary of State		Speaker of the House	