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**ALABAMA FAIR BALLOT COMMISSION
JULY 23, 2020
VIRTUAL MEETING**

Commissioners present were:

The Honorable John L. Carroll, Chairman

Mr. Jason Isbell, Vice Chairman

Ms. Erika McKay, Deputy General Counsel for the Governor, and on behalf of Governor Ivey

Mr. Patrick Moody, Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries, and on behalf of
Commissioner Pate

Mr. David Brewer, Chief of Staff for the Secretary of State, and on behalf of Secretary of State Merrill

Mr. Jess Skaggs, Deputy Chief of Staff for the Lt. Governor, and on behalf of Lt. Governor Ainsworth

Mr. Andrew Westcott, Legal Counsel for the Speaker of the Alabama House of Representatives, and
on behalf of Speaker McCutcheon

Ms. Amy C. Marshall

Ms. Renee Gentle Powers

Ms. Casey Gay Williams

Ms. Katherine Robertson

Mr. Myles Mayberry

Ms. Caleigh M. Hart

The Honorable Chris Elliott, Member, Alabama State Senate

Commissioners absent were:

Mr. Thomas J. Saunders

Mr. Steve Dunn

Ms. Christy K. Truitt

Mr. Jordan Plaster

The Honorable Matt Fridy, Member, Alabama House of Representatives

The Honorable Bob Fincher, Member, Alabama House of Representatives

The Honorable Juandalynn Givan, Member, Alabama House of Representatives

The Honorable Jimmy Holley, Member, Alabama State Senate

The Honorable Linda Coleman-Madison, Member, Alabama State Senate

In attendance, in the Secretary of State's Office, were:

Ms. Brittany Hamilton, Special Assistant, Secretary of State

Mr. Clay Helms, Deputy Chief of Staff and Director of Elections, Secretary of State

Mr. Jeff Elrod, Supervisor of Voter Registration, Secretary of State

Mr. Jesse Battles, Assistant to the Chief of Staff, Secretary of State

WELCOME

Chairman Carroll called to order the meeting at 2:03 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chairman Isbell gave the invocation and Commissioner Williams led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF NOTIFICATION OF MEETING PURSUANT TO THE ALABAMA OPEN MEETINGS ACT & GOVERNOR’S STATE OF EMERGENCY AS AMENDED

Commissioner Brewer informed the Commission that today’s virtual meeting was posted on the Alabama Open Meetings Act website, compliant with applicable law, and was allowable under Governor Ivey’s State of Emergency, as amended.

ROLL CALL & ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF QUORUM

Chairman Carroll directed Commissioner Brewer to call the roll. Commissioner Brewer called the roll and advised Chairman Carroll that a quorum was present. With a quorum in attendance, the Commission transacted the following business, to-wit:

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 21, 2019 MEETING

Chairman Carroll asked the members if they had any changes to the November 21, 2019 meeting minutes at which no Commissioners voiced any revisions. Chairman Carroll asked for a motion to approve the minutes

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER POWERS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS, TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 21, 2019 MINUTES OF THE ALABAMA FAIR BALLOT COMMISSION.

Ayes:	13	Commissioners:	Chairman John Carroll, Vice Chairman Jason Isbell, Erika McKay, Patrick Moody, Andrew Westcott, David Brewer, Jess Skaggs, Amy C. Marshall, Renee Gentle Powers, Casey Gay Williams, Katherine Robertson, Myles Mayberry & Caleigh Hart
No:	0	Commissioners:	(None)
Abstain:	0	Commissioners:	(None)
Absent:	4	Commissioners:	Steve Dunn, Thomas Saunders, Christy K. Truitt, & Jordan Plaster

MOTION PASSED.

DISCUSSION AND PREPARATION OF THE BALLOT STATEMENT FOR THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION - STATEWIDE AMENDMENT NO. 1 – ACT. NO. 2019-330

Vice Chairman Isbell opened the business portion of the meeting by stating this is the first time the Commission has held a meeting virtually: Commissioner Williams preliminary reviewed the ballot statement for Statewide Amendment No. 1 and, thereafter, the Commissioners discussed revisions. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the final ballot statement as follows:

FAIR BALLOT COMMISSION
STATEWIDE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
NOVEMBER 3, 2020 BALLOT
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Approved Pursuant to Ala. Code 1975 § 17-6-81

BALLOT STATEMENT FOR STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 1:

(1) The text of the statewide ballot measure, including sponsors, cosponsors, and the text of the question that will appear on the statewide ballot:

Proposed by Act No. 2019-330 (Senate Bill 313, 2019 Regular Legislative Session)

Bill Sponsor: Senator Marsh

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to amend Article VIII of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 177 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, to provide that only a citizen of the United States has the right to vote.

Proposed by Act 2019-330.

This description shall be followed by the following language: "Yes () No ()."

(2) A summary of and the text of any implementing legislation directly related to the statewide ballot measure:

There is no implementing legislation directly related to this statewide ballot measure.

(3) The placement of the statewide ballot measure on the statewide ballot:

This proposed Constitutional Amendment will appear on the Ballot after election of statewide and local offices and will be the first constitutional amendment for voter consideration. The proposed Constitutional Amendment will be listed as "Statewide Amendment 1."

(4) A plain language summary of the statewide ballot measure, which shall include, at a minimum, the legal or constitutional authority for its passage, the effect of the statewide ballot measure if it is passed, including its cost and source of funding, and the effect of the statewide ballot measure if it is defeated.

The state constitution grants the right to vote to U.S. citizens who meet certain requirements. This amendment does not change those requirements.

If a majority of voters vote "yes" for Amendment 1, the state constitution will grant the right to vote to "only" those U.S. citizens who meet the requirements.

If a majority of voters vote "no" for Amendment 1, the state constitution will continue to grant the right to vote to "every" U.S. citizen who meets the requirements.

There is no cost for Amendment 1.

The Constitutional authority for passage of Amendment 1 is set forth in accordance with Sections 284, 285, and 287 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901. These sections outline the method a constitutional amendment may be put to the people of the State for a vote.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER POWERS, TO APPROVE THE FINAL BALLOT STATEMENT FOR STATEWIDE AMENDMENT NO. 1 – ACT NO. 2019-330.

Ayes:	13	Commissioners:	Chairman John Carroll, Vice Chairman Jason Isbell, Erika McKay, Patrick Moody, Andrew Westcott, David Brewer, Jess Skaggs, Amy C. Marshall, Renee Gentle Powers, Casey Gay Williams, Katherine Robertson, Myles Mayberry & Caleigh Hart
No:	0	Commissioners:	(None)
Abstain:	0	Commissioners:	(None)
Absent:	4	Commissioners:	Steve Dunn, Thomas Saunders, Christy K. Truitt, & Jordan Plaster

MOTION PASSED.

DISCUSSION AND PREPARATION OF THE BALLOT STATEMENT FOR THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION - STATEWIDE AMENDMENT NO. 2 – ACT. NO. 2019-187

Chairman Carroll preliminary reviewed the ballot statement for Statewide Amendment No. 2 and, thereafter, the Commissioners discussed revisions. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the final ballot statement as follows:

FAIR BALLOT COMMISSION

STATEWIDE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

NOVEMBER 3, 2020 BALLOT

BALLOT STATEMENTS

Approved Pursuant to Ala. Code 1975 § 17-6-81

BALLOT STATEMENT FOR STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 2:

(1) The text of the statewide ballot measure, including sponsors, cosponsors, and the text of the question that will appear on the statewide ballot:

Proposed by Act No. 2019-187 (Senate Bill 216, 2019 Regular Legislative Session)

Bill Sponsor: Senator Orr

Cosponsor: Senator Ward

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to increase the membership of the Judicial Inquiry Commission and further provide for the appointment of the additional members; further provide for the membership of the Court of the Judiciary and further provide for the appointment of the additional members; further provide for the process of disqualifying an active judge; repeal provisions providing for the impeachment of Supreme Court Justices and appellate judges and the removal for cause of the judges of the district and circuit courts, judges of the probate courts, and judges of certain other courts by the Supreme Court; delete the authority of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to appoint an Administrative Director Courts; provide the Supreme Court of Alabama with authority to appoint an Administrative Director of Courts; require the Legislature to establish procedures for the appointment of the Administrative Director of Courts; delete the requirement that a district court hold court in each incorporated municipality with a population of 1,000 or more where there is no municipal court; provide that the procedure for the filling of vacancies in the office of a judge may be changed by local constitutional amendment; delete certain language relating to the position of constable holding more than one state office; delete a provision providing for the temporary maintenance of the prior judicial system; repeal the office of circuit solicitor; and make certain nonsubstantive stylistic changes.

Proposed by Act 2019-187.

This description shall be followed by the following language: "Yes () No ()."

(2) A summary of and the text of any implementing legislation directly related to the statewide ballot measure:

If a majority of voters approve Amendment 2, a separate bill passed by the Legislature (Act 2019-497) will become law. This act creates a process to fill vacancies in the position of Administrative Director of Courts.

(3) The placement of the statewide ballot measure on the statewide ballot:

This proposed Constitutional Amendment will appear on the Ballot after election of statewide and local offices and will be the second constitutional amendment for voter consideration. The proposed Constitutional Amendment will be listed as "Statewide Amendment 2."

(4) A plain language summary of the statewide ballot measure, which shall include, at a minimum, the legal or constitutional authority for its passage, the effect of the statewide ballot measure if it is passed, including its cost and source of funding, and the effect of the statewide ballot measure if it is defeated.

This amendment proposes six changes to the state's judicial system. In summary, this amendment:

1. Provides that county district courts do not have to hold city court in a city with a population of less than 1,000;

2. Allows the Alabama Supreme Court, rather than the Chief Justice, to appoint the Administrative Director of Courts;
3. Increases from 9 to 11 the total membership of the Judicial Inquiry Commission and determines who appoints each member (the Judicial Inquiry Commission evaluates ethics complaints filed against judges);
4. Allows the Governor, rather than the Lieutenant Governor, to appoint a member of the Court of the Judiciary (the Court of the Judiciary hears complaints filed by the Judicial Inquiry Commission);
5. Prevents a judge from being automatically disqualified from holding office simply because a complaint was filed with the Judiciary Inquiry Commission; and
6. Provides that a judge can be removed from office only by the Court of the Judiciary.

If a majority of voters vote "yes" on Amendment 2, these provisions become law.

If a majority of voters vote "no" on Amendment 2, there will be no change to current law.

There is no cost for Amendment 2.

The Constitutional authority for passage of Amendment 2 is set forth in accordance with Sections 284, 285, and 287 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901. These sections outline the method a constitutional amendment may be put to the people of the State for a vote.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MOODY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MAYBERRY, TO APPROVE THE FINAL BALLOT STATEMENT FOR STATEWIDE AMENDMENT NO. 2 – ACT NO. 2019-187.

<p>Ayes: 13</p> <p>No: 0</p> <p>Abstain: 0</p> <p>Absent: 4</p>	<p>Commissioners:</p> <p>Commissioners:</p> <p>Commissioners:</p> <p>Commissioners:</p>	<p>Chairman John Carroll, Vice Chairman Jason Isbell, Erika McKay, Patrick Moody, Andrew Westcott, David Brewer, Jess Skaggs, Amy C. Marshall, Renee Gentle Powers, Casey Gay Williams, Katherine Robertson, Myles Mayberry & Caleigh Hart</p> <p>(None)</p> <p>(None)</p> <p>Steve Dunn, Thomas Saunders, Christy K. Truitt, & Jordan Plaster</p>
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MOTION PASSED.

DISCUSSION AND PREPARATION OF THE BALLOT STATEMENT FOR THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION - STATEWIDE AMENDMENT NO. 3 – ACT. NO. 2019-346

Vice Chairman Isbell preliminary reviewed the ballot statement for Statewide Amendment No. 3 and, thereafter, the Commissioners discussed revisions. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the final ballot statement as follows:

FAIR BALLOT COMMISSION

STATEWIDE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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Approved Pursuant to Ala. Code 1975 § 17-6-81

BALLOT STATEMENT FOR STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 3:

(1) The text of the statewide ballot measure, including sponsors, cosponsors, and the text of the question that will appear on the statewide ballot:

Proposed by Act No. 2019-346 (House Bill 505, 2019 Regular Legislative Session)

Bill Sponsor: Representative Faulkner

Cosponsor: Representative Fridy

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide that a judge, other than a judge of probate, appointed to fill a vacancy would serve an initial term until the first Monday after the second Tuesday in January following the next general election after the judge has completed two years in office.

Proposed by Act 2019-346.

This description shall be followed by the following language: "Yes () No ()."

(2) A summary of and the text of any implementing legislation directly related to the statewide ballot measure:

There is no implementing legislation directly related to this statewide ballot measure.

(3) The placement of the statewide ballot measure on the statewide ballot:

This proposed Constitutional Amendment will appear on the Ballot after election of statewide and local offices and will be the third constitutional amendment for voter consideration. The proposed Constitutional Amendment will be listed as "Statewide Amendment 3."

(4) A plain language summary of the statewide ballot measure, which shall include, at a minimum, the legal or constitutional authority for its passage, the effect of the statewide ballot measure if it is passed, including its cost and source of funding, and the effect of the statewide ballot measure if it is defeated.

This amendment changes the initial term of a judge that is appointed to fill a vacancy due to death, resignation, retirement, or removal. The current law and this proposed amendment do not apply to probate judges.

Under current law, the initial term of office for a person appointed to fill a vacancy in a judgeship shall last until the first Monday after the second Tuesday in January following the next general election held after the person has completed one year in office or the remainder of the original term of the judge

elected to the office which is vacant, whichever is longer. The term of the appointment could vary widely due to the years left in the original term. At the election, the judicial office shall be filled for a full term.

Under this amendment, a judge appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve an initial term lasting until the first Monday after the second Tuesday in January following the next general election held after the person has completed two years in office. At the election, the judicial office shall be filled for a full term.

If the majority of the voters vote "yes" on Amendment 3, the initial appointment to fill a judicial vacancy will last until the first Monday after the second Tuesday in January after two years of service before a general election to fill the judicial office.

If the majority of the voters vote "no" on Amendment 3, then the length of appointment to fill a judicial vacancy will not change.

There is no costs to Amendment 3.

The Constitutional authority for passage of Amendment 3 is set forth in accordance with Sections 284, 285, and 287 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901. These sections outline the method a constitutional amendment may be put to the people of the State for a vote.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SKAGGS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS, TO APPROVE THE FINAL BALLOT STATEMENT FOR STATEWIDE AMENDMENT NO. 3 – ACT NO. 2019-346.

Ayes:	13	Commissioners:	Chairman John Carroll, Vice Chairman Jason Isbell, Erika McKay, Patrick Moody, Andrew Westcott, David Brewer, Jess Skaggs, Amy C. Marshall, Renee Gentle Powers, Casey Gay Williams, Katherine Robertson, Myles Mayberry & Caleigh Hart
No:	0	Commissioners:	(None)
Abstain:	0	Commissioners:	(None)
Absent:	4	Commissioners:	Steve Dunn, Thomas Saunders, Christy K. Truitt, & Jordan Plaster

MOTION PASSED.

DISCUSSION AND PREPARATION OF THE BALLOT STATEMENT FOR THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION - STATEWIDE AMENDMENT NO. 4 – ACT. NO. 2019-271

Vice Chairman Isbell preliminary reviewed the ballot statement for Statewide Amendment No. 4 and, thereafter, the Commissioners discussed revisions. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the final ballot statement as follows:

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BALLOT STATEMENT FOR STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 4:

(1) The text of the statewide ballot measure, including sponsors, cosponsors, and the text of the question that will appear on the statewide ballot:

Proposed by Act No. 2019-271 (House Bill 328, 2019 Regular Legislative Session)

Bill Sponsor: Representative Coleman

Cosponsors: Representatives McCutcheon, Hollis, Rafferty, Bracy, Alexander, Drummond, Moore (M), Rogers, McClammy, Clarke, Gray, Jackson, Warren, Hill and Wadsworth

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to authorize the Legislature to recompile the Alabama Constitution and submit it during the 2022 Regular Session, and provide a process for its ratification by the voters of this state.

Proposed by Act 2019-271.

This description shall be followed by the following language: "Yes () No ()."

(2) A summary of and the text of any implementing legislation directly related to the statewide ballot measure:

There is no implementing legislation directly related to this statewide ballot measure.

(3) The placement of the statewide ballot measure on the statewide ballot:

This proposed Constitutional Amendment will appear on the Ballot after election of statewide and local offices and will be the fourth constitutional amendment for voter consideration. The proposed Constitutional Amendment will be listed as "Statewide Amendment 4."

(4) A plain language summary of the statewide ballot measure, which shall include, at a minimum, the legal or constitutional authority for its passage, the effect of the statewide ballot measure if it is passed, including its cost and source of funding, and the effect of the statewide ballot measure if it is defeated.

Alabama's constitution can be changed only during a constitutional convention or when a majority of voters approve a constitutional amendment.

If a majority of voters vote "yes" on Amendment 4, the Alabama Legislature, when it meets in 2022, would be allowed to draft a rearranged version of the state constitution. This draft could only (1) remove racist language, (2) remove language that is repeated or no longer applies, (3) combine language related to economic development, and (4) combine language that relates to the same county. No other changes could be made.

Even if passed by the Alabama Legislature, this rearranged version would not become law until it was approved by a majority of voters.

If a majority of voters vote “no” on Amendment 4, the Alabama Legislature could not draft a rearranged version of the state constitution.

There is no cost for Amendment 4.

The Constitutional authority for passage of Amendment 4 is set forth in accordance with Sections 284, 285, and 287 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901. These sections outline the method a constitutional amendment may be put to the people of the State for a vote.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MCKAY, TO APPROVE THE FINAL BALLOT STATEMENT FOR STATEWIDE AMENDMENT NO. 4 – ACT NO. 2019-271.

Ayes:	13	Commissioners:	Chairman John Carroll, Vice Chairman Jason Isbell, Erika McKay, Patrick Moody, Andrew Westcott, David Brewer, Jess Skaggs, Amy C. Marshall, Renee Gentle Powers, Casey Gay Williams, Katherine Robertson, Myles Mayberry & Caleigh Hart
No:	0	Commissioners:	(None)
Abstain:	0	Commissioners:	(None)
Absent:	4	Commissioners:	Steve Dunn, Thomas Saunders, Christy K. Truitt, & Jordan Plaster

MOTION PASSED.

DISCUSSION AND PREPARATION OF THE BALLOT STATEMENT FOR THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION - STATEWIDE AMENDMENT NO. 5 – ACT. NO. 2019-194

Vice Chairman Isbell preliminary reviewed the ballot statement for Statewide Amendment No. 5 and, thereafter, the Commissioners discussed revisions. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the final ballot statement as follows:

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BALLOT STATEMENT FOR STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 5:

(1) The text of the statewide ballot measure, including sponsors, cosponsors, and the text of the question that will appear on the statewide ballot:

Proposed by Act No. 2019-194 (House Bill 536, 2019 Regular Legislative Session)

Bill Sponsor: Representative Kiel

Relating to Franklin County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide that a person is not liable for using deadly physical force in self-defense or in the defense of another person on the premises of a church under certain conditions.

Proposed by Act 2019-194.

This description shall be followed by the following language: "Yes () No ()."

(2) A summary of and the text of any implementing legislation directly related to the statewide ballot measure:

There is no implementing legislation directly related to this statewide ballot measure.

(3) The placement of the statewide ballot measure on the statewide ballot:

This proposed Constitutional Amendment will appear on the Ballot after election of statewide and local offices and will be the fifth constitutional amendment for voter consideration. The proposed Constitutional Amendment will be listed as "Statewide Amendment 5."

(4) A plain language summary of the statewide ballot measure, which shall include, at a minimum, the legal or constitutional authority for its passage, the effect of the statewide ballot measure if it is passed, including its cost and source of funding, and the effect of the statewide ballot measure if it is defeated.

Alabama's "Stand Your Ground" law allows a person to legally use physical force against another person under certain conditions. The law does not require the person to retreat before using physical force.

If a majority of voters in Alabama vote "yes" on Amendment 5, and if, in addition, a majority of voters in Franklin County vote "yes" on Amendment 5, the state constitution would contain a special "Stand Your Ground" law that applies to churches in Franklin County only.

If a majority of voters in Alabama vote "no" on Amendment 5, or, if a majority of voters in Franklin County vote "no" on Amendment 5, the state constitution would not contain a special "Stand Your Ground" law that applies to churches in Franklin County.

There is no cost for Amendment 5.

The Constitutional authority for passage of Amendment 5 is set forth in accordance with Sections 284, 285, and 287 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901. These sections outline the method a constitutional amendment may be put to the people of the State for a vote.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SKAGGS, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIRMAN ISBELL, TO APPROVE THE FINAL BALLOT STATEMENT FOR STATEWIDE AMENDMENT NO. 5 – ACT NO. 2019-194.

Ayes: 13 Commissioners: Chairman John Carroll, Vice Chairman Jason Isbell, Erika McKay, Patrick Moody, Andrew Westcott, David Brewer, Jess Skaggs, Amy C. Marshall, Renee Gentle Powers, Casey Gay

No:	0	Commissioners:	Williams, Katherine Robertson, Myles Mayberry & Caleigh Hart
Abstain:	0	Commissioners:	(None)
Absent:	4	Commissioners:	(None)
		Commissioners:	Steve Dunn, Thomas Saunders, Christy K. Truitt, & Jordan Plaster

MOTION PASSED.

**DISCUSSION AND PREPARATION OF THE BALLOT STATEMENT FOR THE 2020
GENERAL ELECTION - STATEWIDE AMENDMENT NO. 6 – ACT. NO. 2019-193**

Vice Chairman Isbell preliminary reviewed the ballot statement for Statewide Amendment No. 6. Hearing no discussion, a motion was made to approve the final ballot statement as follows:

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BALLOT STATEMENT FOR STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 6:

(1) The text of the statewide ballot measure, including sponsors, cosponsors, and the text of the question that will appear on the statewide ballot:

Proposed by Act No. 2019-193 (House Bill 461, 2019 Regular Legislative Session)

Bill Sponsor: Representative Greer

Cosponsors: Representatives Sorrell, Kiel and Pettus

Relating to Lauderdale County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide that a person is not liable for using deadly physical force in self-defense or in the defense of another person on the premises of a church under certain conditions.

Proposed by Act 2019-193.

This description shall be followed by the following language: "Yes () No ()."

(2) A summary of and the text of any implementing legislation directly related to the statewide ballot measure:

There is no implementing legislation directly related to this statewide ballot measure.

(3) The placement of the statewide ballot measure on the statewide ballot:

This proposed Constitutional Amendment will appear on the Ballot after election of statewide and local offices and will be the sixth constitutional amendment for voter consideration. The proposed Constitutional Amendment will be listed as "Statewide Amendment 6."

(4) A plain language summary of the statewide ballot measure, which shall include, at a minimum, the legal or constitutional authority for its passage, the effect of the statewide ballot measure if it is passed, including its cost and source of funding, and the effect of the statewide ballot measure if it is defeated.

Alabama's "Stand Your Ground" law allows a person to legally use physical force against another person under certain conditions. The law does not require the person to retreat before using physical force.

If a majority of voters in Alabama vote "yes" on Amendment 6, and if, in addition, a majority of voters in Lauderdale County vote "yes" on Amendment 6, the state constitution would contain a special "Stand Your Ground" law that applies to churches in Lauderdale County only.

If a majority of voters in Alabama vote "no" on Amendment 6, or, if a majority of voters in Lauderdale County vote "no" on Amendment 6, the state constitution would not contain a special "Stand Your Ground" law that applies to churches in Lauderdale County.

There is no cost for Amendment 6.

The Constitutional authority for passage of Amendment 6 is set forth in accordance with Sections 284, 285, and 287 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901. These sections outline the method a constitutional amendment may be put to the people of the State for a vote.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER POWERS, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIRMAN ISBELL, TO APPROVE THE FINAL BALLOT STATEMENT FOR STATEWIDE AMENDMENT NO. 6 – ACT NO. 2019-193.

Ayes:	13	Commissioners:	Chairman John Carroll, Vice Chairman Jason Isbell, Erika McKay, Patrick Moody, Andrew Westcott, David Brewer, Jess Skaggs, Amy C. Marshall, Renee Gentle Powers, Casey Gay Williams, Katherine Robertson, Myles Mayberry & Caleigh Hart
No:	0	Commissioners:	(None)
Abstain:	0	Commissioners:	(None)
Absent:	4	Commissioners:	Steve Dunn, Thomas Saunders, Christy K. Truitt, & Jordan Plaster

MOTION PASSED.

DISCUSSION ON VENUES TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF THE BALLOT STATEMENT

Chairman Carroll directed Commissioner Brewer to provide an update on how the public will be informed of today's approved ballot statement. Commissioner Brewer stated that Secretary of State John Merrill was successful in obtaining the concurrence of the state's ballot production vendor to place the approved ballot statement on all of Alabama's sample ballots which will be available in paper form

throughout Alabama and online at the Alabama Secretary of State's website. Commissioner Brewer also informed the Commission that certain information on the approved ballot statement would be available on social media prior to the November 3, 2020, General Election.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to be reviewed by the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

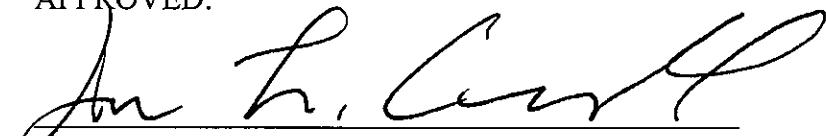
With no other further business coming before the Commission, Chairman Carroll asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER POWERS, TO ADJOURN THE JULY 23, 2020 MEETING OF THE ALABAMA FAIR BALLOT COMMISSION.

Ayes:	13	Commissioners:	Chairman John Carroll, Vice Chairman Jason Isbell, Erika McKay, Patrick Moody, Andrew Westcott, David Brewer, Jess Skaggs, Amy C. Marshall, Renee Gentle Powers, Casey Gay Williams, Katherine Robertson, Myles Mayberry & Caleigh Hart
No:	0	Commissioners:	(None)
Abstain:	0	Commissioners:	(None)
Absent:	4	Commissioners:	Steve Dunn, Thomas Saunders, Christy K. Truitt, & Jordan Plaster

MOTION PASSED.

APPROVED:



Chairman John L. Carroll