

**FAIR BALLOT COMMISSION**  
**STATEWIDE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**  
**May 19, 2026 STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION**  
**BALLOT STATEMENT**  
**Approved Pursuant to Alabama Code Section 17-6-81**

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**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. 2025-227 (Senate Bill 118, 2025 Regular Legislative Session)

Bill Sponsor: Senator Barfoot

*“Proposing an amendment to Section 16 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to provide for additional offenses that would allow a judge to deny bail under certain circumstances.”*

*Proposed by Act 2025-227.”*

*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 federal, 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.**

Currently, a judge may deny bail to a person charged with the following crimes: capital murder, murder, kidnapping in the first degree, rape in the first degree, sodomy in the first degree, sexual

torture, domestic violence in the first degree, human trafficking in the first degree, arson in the first degree, robbery in the first degree, terrorism, and aggravated child abuse.

If approved, this amendment would allow a judge to also deny bail to a person charged with solicitation, attempt, or conspiracy to commit murder. The amendment would also allow a judge to deny bail to a person charged with shooting or discharging a firearm, explosive, or other weapon into an occupied dwelling, building, railroad locomotive or car, aircraft, automobile, truck, or watercraft.

If the majority of voters vote “yes” on Amendment 1, the Alabama Constitution will be changed.

If the majority of voters vote “no” on Amendment 1, the Alabama Constitution will not be changed.

There are no costs or taxes associated with Amendment 1.

The Constitutional authority for passage of Amendment 1 is set forth in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, and the election laws of the State of Alabama.