

FAIR BALLOT COMMISSION
STATEWIDE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
November 3, 2026 STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION
BALLOT STATEMENT
Approved Pursuant to Alabama Code Section 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. 2026-378 (House Bill 380, 2026 Regular Legislative Session)

Bill Sponsor: Representative Collins

“Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to provide a process for the creation of a consolidated county school system by merging two or more contiguous county boards of education; to require the State Board of Education to conduct an impact study on the potential effects of the consolidation; to require publication of the impact study; to provide a procedure for protesting a proposed consolidation of two or more county school systems; and to require the State Board of Education to adopt rules.

Proposed by Act 2026-378.”

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 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.

Currently, each county has a board of education that operates independently. A process allowing the merger of two or more county boards of education does not currently exist in the Alabama Constitution.

If approved, this amendment would allow two or more neighboring county boards of education to agree to merge their county school systems into one multi-county school system by formal resolution of the affected county school boards.

Before a merger could occur, the State Board of Education would be required to conduct a study of the proposed merger, including its potential effects on students, families, educational programs, transportation, finances, taxes, and school operations. The study must be published before the merger could be finalized.

If at least 25 percent of the qualified voters in any of the affected county school systems submits a written protest, the proposed merger could not take effect unless it is approved by a majority of the voters in each of the affected counties at the next general election. In addition to a majority of voters in each county, the amendment also requires that the merger be approved by an overall majority of the votes cast in all the affected counties.

The amendment would also require the State Board of Education to adopt rules to implement the merger process. The Legislature could pass laws to implement approved mergers.

If the majority of voters vote “yes” on Amendment 2, the Alabama Constitution will be changed.

If the majority of voters vote “no” on Amendment 2, the Alabama Constitution will not be changed.

There are no costs or taxes associated with Amendment 2.

The Constitutional authority for passage of Amendment 2 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.