

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 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. 2026-424 (Senate Bill 5, 2026 Regular Legislative Session)

Bill Sponsor: Senator Allen

“Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to require local boards of education to adopt policies requiring each public K-12 school to broadcast or sanction the performance of the first stanza of The Star-Spangled Banner at least once per week during school hours.”

Proposed by Act 2026-424.”

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 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.**

Currently, the Alabama Constitution does not require local boards of education to adopt policies requiring each public K-12 school to broadcast or allow the performance of the first stanza of The Star-Spangled Banner during school hours.

If approved, this amendment would require each local board of education to adopt a policy requiring each public K-12 school to broadcast the first stanza of The Star-Spangled Banner at least once each week during school hours. A local board of education could instead allow the first stanza of The Star-Spangled Banner to be performed during school hours by a school-approved band, choir, vocal group, or vocalist using the version archived by the Library of Congress.

If the majority of voters vote “yes” on Amendment 4, the Alabama Constitution will be changed.

If the majority of voters vote “no” on Amendment 4, the Alabama Constitution will not be changed.

There are no costs or taxes associated with Amendment 4.

The Constitutional authority for passage of Amendment 4 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.