

FAIR BALLOT COMMISSION
CONSTITUTION OF ALABAMA OF 2022
NOVEMBER 8, 2022 GENERAL ELECTION
BALLOT STATEMENT

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

BALLOT STATEMENT FOR THE CONSTITUTION OF ALABAMA OF 2022:

Alabama’s voters will have the opportunity to vote on a reorganized state constitution at the November 8, 2022, general election. Alabama’s current constitution has been in effect since 1901. It contains outdated language and has been amended nearly 1,000 times. If approved, the reorganized state constitution will be titled the Constitution of Alabama of 2022.

In 2022, all members of the Legislature agreed to this proposed reorganized constitution and put it on the ballot for voters to consider.

The Constitution of Alabama of 2022 will only do the following: (1) rearrange the constitution so that similar subjects are located together; (2) remove racist language; (3) delete repeated or repealed portions/language; (4) place all amendments which deal with economic development together; and (5) arrange local amendments by county.

The reorganized constitution will make no changes other than those listed above and will not make any changes relating to taxes.

If the majority of voters vote “yes” on the reorganized constitution, the Constitution of 2022 will replace the Constitution of 1901 as the governing document for the State.

If the majority of voters vote “no” on the reorganized constitution, the Constitution of 1901, as amended, will remain the governing document for the State.

There are no costs to adopting the reorganized constitution.

The authority for the adoption of this reorganized constitution is in Amendment 951 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, which was approved by voters on November 3, 2020. Amendment 951 set out the process for a committee, with public input, to draft this proposed reorganized constitution. In Act 2022-111, the Legislature approved the committee’s proposed draft and placed it on the November 2022 general election ballot for final consideration by voters to become the reorganized Constitution of Alabama of 2022.

More information on the reorganized constitution can be found at:

<https://alison.legislature.state.al.us/proposed-2022-constitution>