

**FAIR BALLOT COMMISSION**  
**STATEWIDE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**  
**NOVEMBER 8, 2022 GENERAL ELECTION**  
**BALLOT STATEMENT**  
Approved Pursuant to Ala. Code 1975 §17-6-81

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**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. 2022-117 (House Bill 255, 2022 Regular Legislative Session)

Bill Sponsor: Representative Shedd

*"Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to authorize the state, a county, or a municipality to grant federal award funds or any other source of funding designated for broadband infrastructure by state law to public or private entities for providing or expanding broadband infrastructure."*

*Proposed by Act 2022-117*

*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 offices, statewide offices, local offices, the Proposed Constitution of Alabama of 2022 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 will make clear that the state, a county, or a city/town may grant federal funds or other state funding to any public or private organization to expand access to high-speed Internet (broadband).

If the majority of the voters vote “yes” on Amendment 2, it will be clear that the state, a county, or a city/town will be allowed to grant federal funds or other state funding to any public or private organization to expand access to high-speed Internet (broadband).

If the majority of the voters vote “no” on Amendment 2, the state, a county, or a city/town may not be allowed to grant federal funds or other state funding to any public or private organization to expand access to high-speed Internet (broadband).

There are no costs to 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.