

**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 7:**

**(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. 2022-286 (House Bill 458, 2022 Regular Legislative Session)

Bill Sponsor: Representative Sorrells

*“Proposing an amendment to revise Amendment 772 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, to specify that all counties and municipalities may exercise the authority and powers granted by Amendment 772 to provide for economic and industrial development; to permit notice for Amendment 772 projects to be published in any newspaper in circulation in the county or municipality; and to ratify all actions and agreements of any county or municipality done under Amendment 772 unless subject to pending judicial proceedings on the date of adoption of this amendment.”*

*Proposed by Act 2022-286.*

*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 seventh constitutional amendment for voter consideration. The proposed Constitutional Amendment will be listed as “Statewide Amendment 7.”

**(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 provides that some counties and cities/towns may use public funds to sell public property, lend their credit, or become indebted for economic development purposes.

Amendment 7 will give all counties and cities/towns those same powers.

Currently, the governing body is required to give notice of its proposed action in the newspaper having the largest circulation in the county or city/town.

Amendment 7 will allow the public notice to be given in any newspaper in circulation in the county or city/town.

If the majority of the voters vote “yes” on Amendment 7, the Alabama Constitution will be changed.

If the majority of the voters vote “no” on Amendment 7, the Alabama Constitution will not be changed.

There are no costs to Amendment 7.

The Constitutional authority for passage of Amendment 7 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.