

FAIR BALLOT COMMISSION
STATEWIDE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
MARCH 5, 2024 PRIMARY ELECTION
BALLOT STATEMENT
Approved Pursuant to Alabama Code Section 17-6-81

BALLOT STATEMENT FOR STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 1:

- (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. 2023-562 (Senate Bill 3, 2023 Second Special Legislative Session)

Bill Sponsor: Senator Chambliss

“Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to amend Section 71.01 authorizing the Legislature to sign and transmit local laws or constitutional amendments before the transmission of basic appropriations.”

Proposed by Act 2023-562.”

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 first constitutional amendment for voter consideration. The proposed Constitutional Amendment will be listed as “Statewide Amendment 1.”

- (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 change Section 71.01 of the Alabama Constitution.

Section 71.01 establishes the priority of the next year's budgets over the approval of other laws by the Legislature. Currently, Section 71.01 prohibits bills or laws from being considered by the House of Representatives or the Senate before the budgets are approved by the Legislature and sent to the Governor, unless an additional vote is approved by the House and Senate of at least a three-fifths (3/5ths) vote.

This amendment will change Section 71.01 to provide exceptions for the passage of local laws or local constitutional amendments.

If the majority of voters vote "yes" on Amendment 1, Section 71.01 of the Alabama Constitution will be changed to allow proposed local laws and proposed local constitutional amendments to be considered before the budgets are approved and sent to the Governor without the additional three-fifths (3/5ths) vote.

If the majority of voters vote "no" on Amendment 1, Section 71.01 of the Alabama Constitution will not be changed and proposed local laws and proposed local constitutional amendments will continue to require the additional three-fifths (3/5ths) vote before being considered.

There are no costs or additional taxes related to Amendment 1.

The Constitutional authority for passage of Amendment 1 is set forth in accordance with Sections 284, 285 and 287 of the Constitution of Alabama. These sections outline the method a constitutional amendment may be put to the people of the State for a vote.