

1 HB119  
2 62075-2  
3 By Representatives Black (M), Guin, Schmitz, Melton, Thigpen,  
4 Martin, Spicer, Lindsey, Sherer, Ford (C), Buskey, Hurst,  
5 Robinson (O), Robinson (J), Fite, Page, Grantland,  
6 Coleman (M), Dunn, Moore and Coleman (L) (Constitutional  
7 Amendment)  
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8 SYNOPSIS: The Constitution of Alabama of 1901  
9 provides that members of the Alabama Legislature  
10 shall be apportioned by the Legislature according  
11 to the number of inhabitants, as ascertained by the  
12 decennial census of the United States, which  
13 apportionment, when made, shall not be subject to  
14 alteration until the next session of the  
15 Legislature after the next decennial census of the  
16 United States is taken.

17 The bill would propose a constitutional  
18 amendment providing that United States  
19 Congressional Districts would be established  
20 pursuant to the decennial census of the United  
21 States, which establishment, when made, could not  
22 be altered until the next session of the  
23 Legislature after the next decennial census of the  
24 United States is taken.

25 The proposed amendment would also specify  
26 that any districts established pursuant to the  
27 decennial census of the United States for members

1 of the State Board of Education, a county board of  
2 education, a city board of education, a county  
3 governing body, or a city governing body, when  
4 established, could not be altered until after the  
5 next decennial census of the United States is  
6 taken.

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8 A BILL  
9 TO BE ENTITLED  
10 AN ACT  
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12 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of  
13 Alabama of 1901, providing for the establishment of United  
14 States Congressional Districts and districts for the State  
15 Board of Education, county boards of education, city boards of  
16 education, county governing bodies, and city governing bodies.  
17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

18 Section 1. The following amendment to the  
19 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, is proposed and  
20 shall become valid as a part thereof when approved by a  
21 majority of the qualified electors voting thereon and in  
22 accordance with Sections 284, 285, and 287 of the Constitution  
23 of Alabama of 1901, as amended:

24 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

25 United States Congressional Districts shall be  
26 established pursuant to the decennial census of the United  
27 States, which establishment, when made, may not be altered

1 until the beginning of the next session of the Legislature  
2 after the next decennial census of the United States has been  
3 taken.

4 Any districts established pursuant to the decennial  
5 census of the United States for members of the State Board of  
6 Education, a county board of education, a city board of  
7 education, a county governing body, or a city governing body,  
8 when established, may not be altered until after the next  
9 decennial census of the United States has been taken.

10 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment  
11 shall be held in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the  
12 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the election  
13 laws of this state.

14 Section 3. The appropriate election official shall  
15 assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional  
16 amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the  
17 following description of the substance or subject matter of  
18 the proposed constitutional amendment:

19 "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of  
20 Alabama of 1901, providing that United States Congressional  
21 Districts and districts for state, county, and city boards of  
22 education and for county and city governing bodies established  
23 pursuant to the decennial census of the United States may not  
24 be altered until after the next decennial census of the United  
25 States has been taken.

26 "Proposed by Act \_\_\_\_\_."

1                    This description shall be followed by the following  
2        language:  
3                    "Yes ( ) No ( )."