

1 HB98
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3 By Representative Fridy (Constitutional Amendment)
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill proposes an amendment to the
9 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to the
10 right to life of unborn children.

11 This proposed amendment would declare and
12 otherwise affirm this state's longstanding public
13 policy and commitment to acknowledge and support
14 the rights of unborn children, namely the right to
15 life, and would specify that the constitution of
16 this state does not protect the right to abortion
17 or require the funding of abortion.

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19 A BILL
20 TO BE ENTITLED
21 AN ACT
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23 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of
24 Alabama of 1901, as amended; to declare and otherwise affirm
25 that it is the public policy of this state to recognize and
26 support the sanctity of unborn life and the rights of unborn
27 children, most importantly the right to life in all manners

1 and measures appropriate and lawful; and to provide that the
2 constitution of this state does not protect the right to
3 abortion or require the funding of abortion.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

5 Section 1. The following amendment to the
6 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, is proposed and
7 shall become valid as a part thereof when approved by a
8 majority of the qualified electors voting thereon and in
9 accordance with Sections 284, 285, and 287 of the Constitution
10 of Alabama of 1901, as amended:

11 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

12 (a) This state acknowledges, declares, and affirms
13 that it is the public policy of this state to recognize and
14 support the sanctity of unborn life and the rights of unborn
15 children, including the right to life.

16 (b) This state further acknowledges, declares, and
17 affirms that it is the public policy of this state to ensure
18 the protection of the rights of the unborn child in all
19 manners and measures lawful and appropriate.

20 (c) Nothing in this constitution secures or protects
21 a right to abortion or requires the funding of an abortion.

22 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment
23 shall be held in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the
24 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Sections 284
25 and 285 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of
26 Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the election laws of this
27 state.

1 Section 3. The appropriate election official shall
2 assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional
3 amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the
4 following description of the substance or subject matter of
5 the proposed constitutional amendment:

6 "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of
7 Alabama of 1901, as amended; to declare and otherwise affirm
8 that it is the public policy of this state to recognize and
9 support the sanctity of unborn life and the rights of unborn
10 children, most importantly the right to life in all manners
11 and measures appropriate and lawful; and to provide that the
12 constitution of this state does not protect the right to
13 abortion or require the funding of abortion.

14 "Proposed by Act _____."

15 This description shall be followed by the following
16 language:

17 "Yes () No ()."