

Resolution # 3 Expressing Support for and urging Passage of a Constitutional Amendment to Prohibit Use of Sister State or Foreign Laws that Violate Alabama’s Public Policy

WHEREAS, The Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution grants and protects State’s rights to adopt a unique set of laws for its government and citizens, and,

WHEREAS, Both the provisions of the Alabama Constitution and the statutes and regulations of the State of Alabama, with interpreting opinions by its courts of competent jurisdiction , have developed the state's public policy, and,

WHEREAS, Alabama must protect its citizens from the application of sister state and foreign laws when the application of such laws will result in the violation of Alabama’s public policy and rights guaranteed by the Alabama Constitution or of the United States Constitution, including, but not limited to, due process, freedom of religion, speech, assembly, press, or any right of privacy or marriage, and,

WHEREAS, many judges, including Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court, are increasingly looking to foreign law for guidance in the determination of cases arising in the United States, including same-sex, capital punishment, and other issues, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THE ALABAMA REPUBLICAN PARTY, hereby requests the Alabama Legislature to propose a constitutional amendment, to be ratified by the voters, that any court, arbitrator, administrative agency, or other adjudicative, arbitative, or enforcement authority shall not apply or enforce a sister state or foreign law if doing so would violate a state law or a right guaranteed by the Constitution of this state or of the United States, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we request that the Republican legislative leadership make this constitutional amendment a priority for their 2013 legislative program and reaffirm that the public policy of Alabama is to protect its citizens from the application of sister state or foreign laws when the application of such laws will result in the violation of Alabama’s stated public policy.

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