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Commission approves voter-friendly ballot measure language

MONTGOMERY, Alabama (September 8, 2016) – In November, Alabama voters will determine the fate of proposed changes to the State’s Constitution, and with the work of the Fair Ballot Commission, voters can better understand the measures on which they’re voting.

The Commission was created during the 2014 Regular Legislative Session and is tasked with writing plain language explanations of each proposed Constitutional Amendment to be made available to voters two months prior to the election.

“This year there will be 14 statewide constitutional amendments on the November 8th ballot. The Fair Ballot Commission met several times over the summer to review all of these amendments and has prepared a summary to explain in simple terms what the amendments mean and the impact of a yes or no vote,” said Will Sellers, Commission Chair.

The voter-friendly ballot measure language is posted on the Secretary of State’s website: <http://www.alabamavotes.gov/statewideballotmeasures.aspx?sm=voters> or log on to www.sos.state.al.us. Click on the “Elections” link then click “Proposed Constitutional Amendments” link for the plain language explanation, plus the language of the proposed amendment that will appear on the ballot. The Fair Ballot Statements will also be sent to probate judges throughout Alabama and available at polling stations.

The proposed Constitutional Amendments include questions about funding for State Parks, person’s right to work, impeachment process for certain elected officials and local laws between 1984 and November 8, 2016.

The 15-member Commission included several Constitutional Officers, or their designees, as well as their appointments of one attorney and one private citizen.

The General Election is November 8, 2016.

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