

# 2022 ALABAMA CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

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## CONSTITUTION OF ALABAMA OF 2022

The first item on the ballot will be a vote on re-organizing the State Constitution. The revised constitution will ONLY do the following:

1. Rearrange so that similar subjects are located together
2. Remove racist language
3. Delete repeated or repealed portions/language
4. Place all economic development amendments together
5. Arrange local amendments by county

THE FOLLOWING ARE NEW AMENDMENTS TO STATE CONSTITUTION



### ANIAH'S LAW

Would allow judges the ability to deny bail to suspects accused of violent crimes.

Named after kidnap and murder victim Aniah Blanchard, this would expand the constitutional provision allowing judges to deny bail in capital offenses to include other violent felonies.



### EXPANDING BROADBAND

Would allow local governments to spend grant money with private industry for the purposes of expanding broadband.

Currently, Alabama law forbids county or municipal governments from giving money or a "thing of value" to individuals or corporations.



### COMMUTATION NOTIFICATION

Would require the Governor to notify a victim's family when commuting a death sentence.

If passed, failure to notify the victim's family would void any reprieve or commutation of sentence issued by the Governor's office.



### ENACTING ELECTION LAW CHANGES

Would prohibit any changes to election laws and procedures six months prior to a General Election.

This is aimed at giving voters confidence in the integrity of election results by ensuring the rules cannot be changed in the middle of a cycle.



### ELIMINATING INCONSISTENT LANGUAGE FROM THE CONSTITUTION

Would remove references to probate judges overseeing "orphan business".

Case law states juvenile matters – excluding adoption and guardianship – are the jurisdiction of the juvenile court system.

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## MUNICIPAL TAX USE

**Would allow about 40 municipalities to use ad valorem taxes to "pay-as-you-go" for capital improvements.**

Currently, these areas are required by the constitution to take out loans – and pay interest – for these projects, even if there is cash on hand.

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Would afford all Cities and Counties equal footing for economic development if passed.**

Currently there is a limit on Constitutional authority for certain cities and counties to pursue economic development.

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## SEWER SYSTEM REGULATION

**Would bring some privately-owned sewer systems in Shelby County under the regulation of the Alabama Public Service Commission.**

If passed, the PSC would be allowed to set rates for a period of time.

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**Would allow the Public Service Commission to regulate a privately-owned sewer system in Tuscaloosa County.**

The PSC would regulate the sewer company in Lake View for four years, in order to protect its customers from being overcharged, if passed.

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## HOUSKEEPING MEASURE

**Would authorize all amendments passed by the voters on November 8th (and thereafter) to be listed in order of passage as amendments to the Constitution of 2022.**

This will keep the Consitution consistent.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH!**