

# Summary of Proposed State Constitutional Amendments to appear on the 2016 General Election Ballot



**EDITOR'S NOTE I:** There will be 14 Constitutional Amendments with statewide application and 20 CAs on the ballot with local application, which means they are only voted on in the county to which the amendment applies. With that in mind, the AFA has gone over these proposals and taken either a position in support of or opposition to the amendment, or a "no position" on the proposals. AFA has not taken a position on the county-only amendments, preferring that local voters decide those matters for themselves. SD

## Statewide Amendment 1:

Establish procedures to ensure that no more than three of the members of the Auburn University Board of Trustees shall have terms that expire in the same calendar year and to add two additional at-large members to the board to enhance diversity on the board. (Proposed by Act 2015-217).

**AFA: NO POSITION**

## Statewide Amendment 2:

Would prohibit any monies from the State Parks Fund, the Parks Revolving Fund, or any fund receiving revenues currently deposited in the State Parks Fund or the Parks Revolving Fund, and any monies currently designated under law for use by the state parks system from being transferred to any other public account, fund or entity or used for any purpose other than the support, upkeep, and maintenance of the state parks system. Proposal would also provide exceptions to the requirement that all state park system land and facilities be exclusively and solely operated and maintained by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. (Proposed by Act 2016-145).

**AFA: SUPPORT**



## Statewide Amendment 3:

Revise the procedure for adoption of local constitutional amendments to provide that a proposed constitutional amendment the Legislature determines without a dissenting vote applies to only one county or a political subdivision within one or more counties shall be adopted as a valid part of the constitution by a favorable vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the affected



county or the political subdivision and county or counties in which the political subdivision is located, who vote on the amendment. (Proposed by Act 2015-44).

**AFA: OPPOSE**

## Statewide Amendment 4:

To authorize each county commission in the state to establish, subject to certain limitations, certain programs related to the administration of the affairs of the county. (Proposed by Act 2015-220).

**AFA: OPPOSE**



## Statewide Amendment 5:

To repeal and restate the provisions of Article III of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901 relating to separation of powers to modernize the language without making any substantive change, effective January 1, 2017. (Proposed by Act 2015-200).

**AFA: NO POSITION**

## Statewide Amendment 6:

To become operative January 1, 2017, to repeal and replace Article VII, Impeachments. (Proposed by Act 2015-199).

**AFA: NO POSITION**

## Statewide Amendment 7:

To provide that the employees of the Office of Sheriff of Etowah County, except for the chief deputy, chief of detention, chief of administration, chief of investigation, director of communications, and food service manager, shall be under the authority of the of the Personnel Board of the Office of the Sheriff of Etowah County. (Proposed by Act 2015-97).

**AFA: NO POSITION**

## Statewide Amendment 8:

Establishes in the state Constitution that Alabama is a "Right to Work" state to keep private employees from having to join labor unions if they don't want to do so. (Proposed by Act 2016-86).

**AFA: SUPPORT**



## Statewide Amendment 9:

To provide that a person who is not over the age of 75 at the time of qualifying for election or at the time of his appointment may be elected or appointed to the office of Judge of Probate of Pickens County. (Proposed by Act 2016-120).

**AFA: NO POSITION**

## Statewide Amendment 10:

To provide that any territory located in Calhoun County would be subject only to the police jurisdiction and planning jurisdiction of a municipality located wholly or partially in the county. (Proposed by Act 2016-144).

**AFA: SUPPORT**



## Statewide Amendment 11:

To permit cities and counties, notwithstanding any existing constitutional restrictions, to utilize tax increment district revenues collected within a Major 21st Century Manufacturing Zone and other moneys to incentivize the establishment and improve various types of manufacturing facilities located or to be located in such Zone, and to validate and confirm the Major 21st Century Manufacturing Zone Act, Act No. 2013-51. (Proposed by Act 2016-267).

**AFA: NO POSITION**

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### Statewide Amendment 12:

To authorize the Legislature by general or local law to provide for any municipalities in the county to incorporate a toll road and bridge authority as a public corporation in the municipality for the construction and operation of toll roads and bridges in the municipality and to authorize the authority to issue revenue bonds to finance the projects. (Proposed by Act 2016-274).

**AFA: SUPPORT**



### Statewide Amendment 13:

To repeal any existing age restriction on the appointment, election, or service of an appointed or elected official, with the exception of persons elected or appointed to a judicial office, currently imposed by a provision of the Constitution or other law; and to prohibit the Legislature from enacting any law imposing a maximum age limitation on the appointment, election, or service of an appointed or elected official. (Proposed by Act 2016-429).

**AFA: NO POSITION**

### Statewide Amendment 14:

To propose an amendment to Amendment 448 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to ratify, approve, validate, and confirm the application of any budget isolation resolution authorizing the consideration of a bill proposing a local law adopted by the Legislature before November 8, 2016, that conformed to the rules of either body of the Legislature at the time it was adopted. (Proposed by Act 2016-430).

**AFA: NO POSITION**