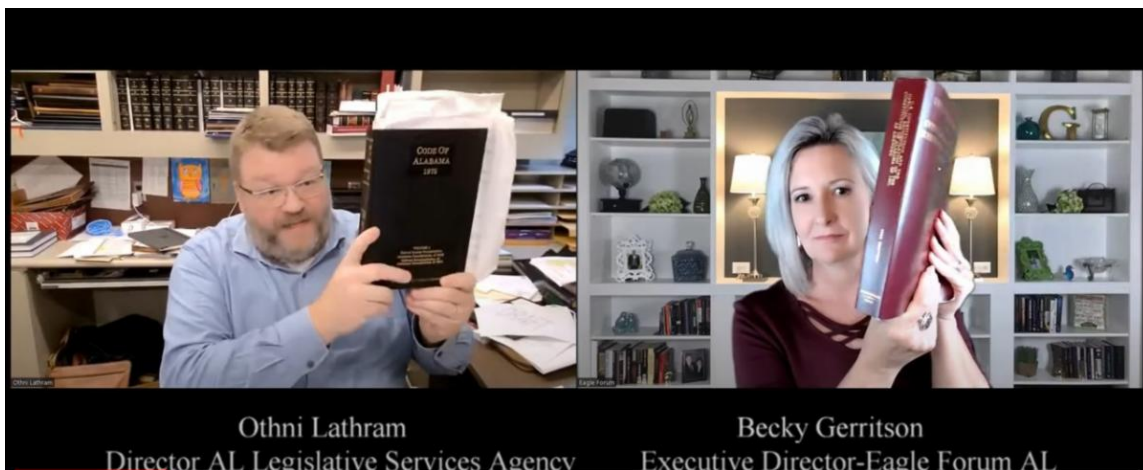


Alabama Constitutional Amendments November 8, 2022

We normally don't recommend "how" to vote on amendments. Rather we try to explain what they mean so you can make an informed decision. But this election we are recommending a "Yes" vote on two items:

- The Constitution of AL of 2022
- Amendment 10.

See below for descriptions of the Constitution of AL of 2022 and the 10 proposed amendments.



Click pic to watch the Director of the Legislative Services Agency who does an excellent job of explaining the recompilation of AL Constitution of 2022 and its connection to Amendment 10.

The Constitution of Alabama of 2022

Alabama's voters will have the opportunity to vote on a reorganized state constitution at the November 8, 2022, general election. Alabama's current constitution has been in effect since 1901. It contains outdated language and has been amended nearly 1,000 times. If approved, the reorganized state constitution will be titled the Constitution of Alabama of 2022. The Constitution of Alabama of 2022 will only do the following:

1. Rearrange the constitution so that similar subjects are located together
2. Remove racist language
3. Delete repeated or repealed portions/language
4. Place all amendments which deal with economic development together; and arrange local amendments by county.

The reorganized constitution will make **no changes** other than those listed above and will not make any changes relating to taxes.

We support this recompilation the AL Constitution and recommend a "yes" vote.

AMENDMENT 6

- Some cities/towns that are already allowed to collect a special property tax may use those tax dollars to directly “pay-as-you-go” for construction projects that currently have to be bonded. It eases paying off debts.

AMENDMENT 7

- Currently, the Alabama Constitution provides that some counties and cities/towns may use public funds to sell public property, lend their credit, or become indebted for economic development purposes.
- Amendment 7 will give **all counties and cities/towns** those same powers.
- Currently, the governing body is required to give notice of its proposed action in the newspaper having the largest circulation in the county or city/town. Amendment 7 will allow the public notice to be given in any newspaper in circulation in the county or city/town.

AMENDMENT 8

- Currently some residents in Shelby County use privately owned sewer systems that use public rights-of-way of public roads. The rates are higher for the people using these private systems as they are not under the Public Service Commission (PSC) regulation and Shelby County does not have powers to approve or deny rate increases. Shelby County can only review the rate calculation for accuracy.
- This amendment would provide an OPTION for the PSC to bring rates within a defined rate of return (that is in line with industry standards) IF a rate control agreement cannot be reached.
- This applies to Shelby County only, but everyone gets to vote on it.

AMENDMENT 9

- Currently some residents in Jefferson and Tuscaloosa Counties use privately owned sewer systems that use public rights-of-way of public roads. The rates are not regulated by the Public Service Commission (PSC).
- This amendment would bring certain privately owned sewer systems that use public rights-of-way of public roads in the city limits of Lake View under the jurisdiction of the PSC, beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2027.
- This amendment applies only to the city limits of Lake View in Tuscaloosa and Jefferson Counties, but everyone gets to vote on it.

AMENDMENT 10

- This amendment depends upon the approval of the official Constitution of Alabama of 2022. (See top of this email.)
- There are 27 (10 statewide and 17 local) amendments on the Nov. ballot. This amendment allows that any of those that pass will be properly added into the new official Constitution of Alabama of 2022.
- It transfers all of the existing annotations to the constitution into the new document. Transferring these annotations preserves decided case law relating to the interpretation of the constitution and would prevent new litigation over old words.
- **We recommend a "Yes" vote.**

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