

VOTE **YES!** On Amendment #14

Protecting Local Laws

Ballot Language

"Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to amend Amendment 448 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 71.01 of the Official Recompile of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, to ratify, approve, validate, and confirm the application of any budget isolation resolution relating to 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."

A technical issue with how the Alabama House of Representatives has handled a routine, procedural vote poses a threat to hundreds of local laws that Alabamians rely on to support vital public institutions like school systems, volunteer firefighters, and community hospitals.

Amendment 14 would correct this technical issue by affirming all the local laws that have been passed by the Legislature since 1984.

EXAMPLE: Last month, Chilton County held a dedication for its new hospital. It marks the first time in three years that Chilton County residents have a hospital within the county borders. In 2014, 80% of Chilton County voters approved a local sales tax to finance the construction of this new hospital. If Amendment 14 were to fail, Chilton County's investment in this new hospital facility could be at risk.

Voting YES on Amendment 14 simply affirms the local laws already passed by the Alabama Legislature. Passage of Amendment 14 doesn't change anything and it DOES NOT create any new fees or regulations.

If the Amendment fails to pass, the consequences would be long-term and detrimental for all 67 Alabama counties. It could trigger costly lawsuits, back-log the legislative process for years, and cost millions in taxpayer dollars for the Legislature to "re-pass" these vital local laws

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