
**STATE OF ALABAMA
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR**

WHEREAS the Alabama Legislature at its 2025 Regular Session enacted Act No. 2025-227 (SB118) and Act No. 2025-291 (HB354), proposing amendments to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022;

WHEREAS, in conformity with Section 284 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, as amended, the Legislature has ordered an election by the qualified electors of the state upon such proposed amendments; and

WHEREAS notice of this election, together with the proposed amendments, is required by law to be given by proclamation of the Governor, which shall be published once a week for at least four successive weeks immediately preceding the day appointed for the election;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, as Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby give notice, direct, and proclaim that on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, an election will be held in the State of Alabama in the manner and form provided by law upon the following proposed amendments to the Constitution of 2022 of the State of Alabama:

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY ACT NO. 2025-227

Section 16.

That all persons shall, before conviction, be bailable by sufficient sureties, unless charged with capital murder, as provided in Section 13A-5-40, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; murder, as provided in Section 13A-6-2, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, ~~or any solicitation, attempt, or conspiracy to commit murder~~; kidnapping in the first degree, as provided in Section 13A-6-43, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; rape in the first degree, as provided in Section 13A-6-61, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; sodomy in the first degree, as provided in Section 13A-6-63, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; sexual torture, as provided in Section 13A-6-65.1, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; domestic violence in the first degree, as provided in Section 13A-6-130, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; human trafficking in the first degree, as provided in Section 13A-6-152, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; burglary in the first degree, as provided in Section 13A-7-5, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; arson in the first degree, as provided in Section 13A-7-41, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; robbery in the first degree, as provided in Section 13A-8-41, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; terrorism, as provided in subdivision (b)(2) of Section 13A-10-152, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; and aggravated child abuse, as provided in subsection (b) of Section 26-15-3.1, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended; ~~and shooting or discharging a firearm, explosive, or other weapon into an occupied dwelling, building, railroad locomotive, railroad car, aircraft, automobile, truck, or watercraft, as provided in Section 13A-11-61(b)~~; and that excessive bail shall not in any case be required.

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY ACT NO. 2025-291

Section 160.

(a) A district attorney for each judicial circuit shall be elected by the qualified electors of those counties in ~~such the~~ circuit. ~~Such The~~ district attorney shall be licensed to practice law in this state and ~~shall~~, at the time of his ~~or her~~ election and during his ~~or her~~ continuance in office, ~~shall reside in his or her~~ circuit. ~~His The~~ term of office shall be for six years, ~~and he~~ ~~He or she~~ shall receive ~~such~~ compensation as provided by law; ~~provided the compensation shall not be diminished during his or her official term~~. Vacancies in the office of district attorney and in his ~~or her~~ staff shall be filled as provided by law.

(b) Clerks of the circuit courts shall be elected by the qualified electors in each county for a term of six years. If the office of register in chancery continues to be provided by law then the clerk of the circuit court may also fill ~~such the~~ office in a manner prescribed by law. Vacancies in the office of clerk of the circuit court shall be filled by the judge or judges of the circuit court who have jurisdiction over the county in which the office of clerk of the circuit court is located.

(c) ~~Persons~~ ~~Individuals~~ elected to the position of constable to assist the courts of the state as provided by law shall be subject to the same restrictions, rights, and limitations as are specified in ~~section~~ ~~Section~~ 280 of the Constitution of ~~1901~~ ~~Alabama of 2022~~, and no law shall prohibit the receipt of fees for the performance of official duties of ~~said the~~ position while holding any other elected or appointed office.

(d) The revenue from fines, forfeitures, and court costs produced in district courts from the exercise of jurisdiction under municipal ordinances shall be apportioned between the municipality and the state as shall be provided by law.

FURTHER, I proclaim and direct that this proclamation shall be published once a week for the four successive weeks immediately preceding Tuesday, May 19, 2026, in every county as required by law.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Alabama to be affixed by the Secretary of State at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on this 6th day of April 2026.

/s/ Kay Ivey,
Governor

ATTESTED:

/s/ Wes Allen,
Secretary of State

The Villager
April 23, April 30, May 7, May 14, 2026