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3 By Senator Jones (Constitutional Amendment)
4 RFD: Local Legislation
5 First Read: 02-Apr-24



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 To propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama
4 of 2022, relating to Etowah County, to amend Section 28-2.00,
5 Constitution of Alabama of 2022; to authorize the Legislature
6 to fix and regulate court costs by general or local law; and
7 to ratify all previously collected court costs.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

9 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution
10 of Alabama of 2022, is proposed:

11 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

12 Section 28-2.00 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022,
13 is amended to read as follows:

14 "Section 28-2.00

15 (a) The legislature Legislature, by general or local
16 law, may by general or local law provide that a trial tax or
17 charge on litigation of not more than ... dollars (...) shall
18 be taxed as costs in any case, action, or proceeding hereafter
19 filed in the circuit court of fix, regulate, and alter the
20 costs and charges of courts in Etowah county, whether at law
21 or in equity, and that a like tax or charge of not more than
22 ... dollars (...) shall be taxed as cost in any case hereafter
23 filed in the Etowah county court, the proceeds of such tax or
24 charge shall be used for establishing, equipping, maintaining
25 and operating the public law library in Etowah county
26 established pursuant to Act No. 191, H. 596, which became
27 effective August 1, 1955 (Acts of Alabama 1955, page 485),
28 including the payment of the salaries of the personnel needed



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29 ~~to operate such library~~County and provide for their
30 distribution, including, but not limited to, for the
31 establishment, equipment, maintenance, or operation of a
32 public law library.

33 (b) All court costs and charges collected in Etowah
34 County prior to the ratification of this amendment are hereby
35 ratified, validated, and confirmed."

36 Upon ratification of this constitutional amendment, the
37 Code Commissioner shall number and place this amendment as
38 appropriate in the constitution omitting this instructional
39 paragraph and may make the following nonsubstantive revisions:
40 change capitalization, hierarchy, spelling, and punctuation
41 for purposes of style and uniformity; correct manifest
42 grammatical, clerical, and typographical errors; revise
43 internal or external citations and cross-references; and
44 translate effective dates.

45 END PROPOSED AMENDMENT

46 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment
47 shall be held in accordance with Sections 284, 284.01, and 285
48 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, and the election laws
49 of this state. The appropriate election official shall assign
50 a ballot number for the proposed constitutional amendment on
51 the election ballot and shall set forth the following
52 description of the substance or subject matter of the proposed
53 constitutional amendment:

54 "Relating to Etowah County, proposing an amendment to
55 the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to authorize the
56 Legislature to fix and regulate court costs by general or



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57 local law; and to ratify all previously collected court costs.

58 Proposed by Act ____."

59 This description shall be followed by the following

60 language:

61 "Yes() No()."

62 Section 3. The proposed amendment shall become valid as

63 part of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, when approved by

64 a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon.



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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 18-Apr-24
I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed
the Senate.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
Amended and passed: 25-Apr-24

Senate concurred in House amendment 25-Apr-24

By: Senator Jones