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<p>may be reimbursed for any travel expenses for travel between his or her place of residence and the seat of government.</p> <p>(e) In making the determination required by subsection (c), the presiding officer of either House may not determine a particular expense incurred by any member of the Legislature was not in the service of the state on any basis that discriminates between members of the Legislature.</p> <p>(f) Reimbursement for expenses authorized pursuant to this section shall be paid in a timely manner that is consistent with expense reimbursement regulations jointly promulgated by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House pursuant to the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act. Such regulations shall, to the extent possible, mirror similar regulations applicable to state employees. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House may not discriminate between members of the Legislature regarding the timely reimbursement of authorized expenses.</p> <p>(g) The State Personnel Board may promulgate such rules as it deems necessary to enforce its responsibilities under this amendment and, in conjunction with the Comptroller, shall provide an annual report on compensation and reimbursement of expenses to members of the Legislature.</p> <p>Section 4. (a) The compensation and reimbursement for expenses provided in Sections 2 and 3 shall constitute the total amounts payable to the presiding officers and members of the Legislature, beginning with the terms commencing immediately after the 2014 General Election.</p> <p>(b) The Legislature may not increase, supplement, or otherwise enlarge the compensation or reimbursement for expenses payable to its members by this amendment.</p> <p>Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment shall be held in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Sections 284 and 285 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the election laws of this state.</p> <p>Section 3. The appropriate election official shall assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the following description of the substance or subject matter of the proposed constitutional amendment: "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to repeal the existing provisions for legislative compensation and expenses and establish the basic compensation of the Legislature at the median household income in Alabama; to require legislators to submit signed vouchers for reimbursement for expenses; and</p>	<p>to prohibit the Legislature from increasing the compensation or expenses payable to its members.</p> <p>"Proposed by Act _____."</p> <p>This description shall be followed by the following language: "Yes ( ) No ( )."</p> <p>HB357 <b>ENROLLED.</b> An Act,</p> <p>Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to become effective January 1, 2014, relating to corporations; to amend Section 229, as amended by Amendment 27 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 229 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, relating to the authority of the Legislature to pass general laws pertaining to corporations and other entities; to amend Section 239 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 239 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, relating to telephone and telegraph companies; to amend Section 240 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 240 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, relating to the ability of corporations to sue and be sued like natural persons; and to repeal Sections 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 236, 237, 243, 244, 245, and 246, respectively, of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, relating to private corporations and railroads and canals.</p> <p>BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:</p> <p>Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, is proposed and shall become valid as a part thereof, effective January 1, 2014, following approval by a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon and in accordance with Sections 284, 285, and 287 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended:</p> <p>PROPOSED AMENDMENT 1. Section 229 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended by Amendment 27, is amended to read as follows: "Section 229. The legislature shall pass no special act conferring corporate powers, but it shall pass general laws under which corporations may be organized and corporate powers obtained, subject, nevertheless, to repeal at the will of the legislature; and shall pass general laws under which charters may be altered or amended. The legislature shall, by general laws, provide for the payment to the</p>	<p>of a franchise tax by corporations organized under the laws of this state which shall be in proportion to the amount of capital stock; but strictly benevolent, educational or religious corporations or federal building and loan associations organized pursuant to an act of congress known as the Home Owners' Loan Act of 1933, as amended; and as the same may hereafter be amended, or building and loan associations organized under or authorized to do business by the laws of Alabama shall not be required to pay such a tax on their withdrawable or repurchasable shares. The charter of any corporation shall be subject to amendment, alteration, or repeal under general laws. Exemption of the shares of building and loan associations from franchise taxes heretofore provided by statute is ratified.</p> <p>"The Legislature shall pass general laws under which corporations and other entities may be organized, authorized to do business or conduct their affairs, operated, dissolved, and regulated; such laws, now existing or hereafter passed, shall be subject to amendment or repeal by general law. The Legislature, by general law, shall provide for the payment to the State of Alabama of a tax on the privilege of doing business in Alabama or being organized, incorporated, qualified, or registered under the laws of Alabama. Strictly benevolent, educational, or religious corporations shall not be required to pay such a tax on their withdrawable or repurchasable shares to the extent they have such shares."</p> <p>2. Section 239 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, is amended to read as follows: "Any association or corporation organized for the purpose, or any individual, shall have the right to construct and maintain lines of telegraph and telephone within this state, and connect the same with other lines; and the legislature shall, by general law of uniform operation, provide reasonable regulations to give full effect to this section. No telegraph or telephone company shall consolidate with or hold a controlling interest in the stock or bonds of any other telegraph or telephone company owning a complete competing line, or acquire, by purchase or otherwise, any other competing line of telegraph or telephone."</p> <p>3. Section 240 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, is amended to read as follows: "Section 240. All corporations shall have the right to sue, and shall be subject to be sued, in all courts in like cases as natural persons.</p> <p>"Dues from private corporations shall be secured by such means as may be prescribed by law, but in no case shall any stockholder be individually liable otherwise than for the unpaid stock</p>	<p>owned by him or her."</p> <p>4. The following sections of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to private corporations and railroads and canals are repealed: Section 230, relating to the cancellation of certain corporate charters; Section 231, relating to limitation on remitting forfeiture of corporate charters; Section 232, as amended by Amendment 473, relating to foreign corporations doing business in the state; Section 233, relating to corporations being restricted to business authorized by the charter; Section 234, relating to restrictions on the issuance of corporate stocks and bonds; Section 236, relating to security for dues from private corporations and liability of stockholders; Section 237, relating to issuance of preferred stock by corporations; Section 243, specifying that the regulation of railroad companies is vested in the Legislature; Section 244, relating to prohibiting the giving of free passes or discount tickets to members of the Legislature or officers exercising judicial functions; Section 245, relating to railroads not giving rebates or bonuses and deceiving or misleading the public as to rates; and Section 246, relating to acceptance of article as a prerequisite to benefits to future legislation.</p> <p>Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment shall be held in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Sections 284 and 285 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the election laws of this state.</p> <p>Section 3. The appropriate election official shall assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the following description of the substance or subject matter of the proposed constitutional amendment: "Proposing an amendment to the private corporation provisions of Article 12 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to become effective January 1, 2014, to continue the authority of the Legislature to pass general laws pertaining to corporations and other entities; to continue the authority of the Legislature to regulate and impose a business privilege tax on corporations and other entities; and to repeal various provisions concerning private corporations, railroads, and canals.</p> <p>"Proposed by Act _____."</p> <p>This description shall be followed by the following language: "Yes ( ) No ( )."</p> <p>HB358 <b>ENROLLED.</b> An Act,</p> <p>Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to amend Section 247 now appearing as Section 247 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama</p>	<p>of 1901, as amended, relating to the general power of the Legislature regarding banks and banking, effective January 1, 2014, to include in that section existing provisions concerning unlimited duration, prohibitions on political subdivisions being stockholders or lending credit, and bank examination requirements; and to repeal the following Sections of Article XIII, relating to banks and banking: Section 248 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 248 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended; Section 249 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 249 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, relating to maximum rate of interest; Section 253 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 253 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, relating to public officers and semiannual reports by banks; to repeal Amendment 154 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 254 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 254 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, relating to examinations of banks by public officers and semiannual reports by banks; to repeal Amendment 154 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 255.01 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, relating to issue bills to circulate as money; Section 249, relating to bills or notes issued as money redeemable in gold or silver and specifying laws may not sanction suspension of the specie payments; Section 251, as amended by Constitutional Amendment 51, relating to termination of business; Section 252, relating to maximum rate of interest; Section 253, relating to state and political subdivisions not to be stockholders in banks or lend credit thereto; and Section 254, relating to examinations of banks by public officers and semiannual reports by banks.</p> <p>3. Section 255.01, relating to non-residents making mortgage loans, is repealed on the contingency that a new Article XII is adopted as a part of the Alabama Constitution which repeals existing Section 232 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, and on the contingency that a bill is enacted that repeals Sections</p>	<p>as amended:</p> <p>PROPOSED AMENDMENT 1. Section 247 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, is amended to read as follows: "Section 247. Authority of Legislature Restricted- (a) The Legislature shall not have the power to establish or incorporate any bank or banking company or moneyed institution for the purpose of issuing bills of credit or bills payable to order or bearer, except under the conditions prescribed in this Constitution. No bank shall be established otherwise than under a general banking law. (b) There shall be no limit of time for the duration of a corporation organized as a bank or banking company, and it shall not be necessary to renew or extend the life or charter of any such corporation now existing. All extensions of the life or charter of any such corporations are ratified and confirmed. (c) Neither the state, nor any political subdivision thereof, shall be a stockholder in any bank, nor shall the credit of the state or any political subdivision thereof be given or lent to any banking company, banking association, or banking corporation. (d) The Legislature, by appropriate laws, shall provide for the examination, by some public officer, of all banks and banking institutions, through its president or such other officer as the Legislature may designate, shall make a report under oath of its resources and liabilities at least twice a year."</p> <p>2. The following sections of Article XIII of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to banks and banking, are repealed: Section 248, relating to banking laws being general, specie basis, and the authority to issue bills to circulate as money; Section 249, relating to bills or notes issued as money redeemable in gold or silver and specifying laws may not sanction suspension of the specie payments; Section 251, as amended by Constitutional Amendment 51, relating to termination of business; Section 252, relating to maximum rate of interest; Section 253, relating to state and political subdivisions not to be stockholders in banks or lend credit thereto; and Section 254, relating to examinations of banks by public officers and semiannual reports by banks.</p> <p>3. Section 255.01, relating to non-residents making mortgage loans, is repealed on the contingency that a new Article XII is adopted as a part of the Alabama Constitution which repeals existing Section 232 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, and on the contingency that a bill is enacted that repeals Sections</p>	<p>10A-2-15.01 and 10A-2-15.02, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the consequences of a foreign corporation transacting business without registration, and which provides that Sections 10A-1-7.21 through and including Section 10A-1-7.24, Code of Alabama 1975, shall instead apply to a foreign corporation transacting business without registering with the Secretary of State. END OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT</p> <p>Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment shall be held in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Sections 284 and 285 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the election laws of this state.</p> <p>Section 3. The appropriate election official shall assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the following description of the substance or subject matter of the proposed constitutional amendment: "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, effective January 1, 2014, to amend Section 247 relating to the authority of the Legislature concerning banks and banking, to repeal various other provisions of Article XIII concerning banks and banking; and to repeal Amendment 154 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 255.01 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, subject to the contingency that a new Article XII of the state constitution is adopted that repeals existing Section 232 of the state constitution, and subject to the contingency that Sections 10A-2-15.01 and 10A-2-15.02, Code of Alabama 1975, are repealed.</p> <p>"Proposed by Act _____."</p> <p>This description shall be followed by the following language: "Yes ( ) No ( )."</p> <p>HB404 <b>ENROLLED.</b> An Act,</p> <p>Proposing a local constitutional amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to Lawrance County, to prohibit any municipality located entirely outside of Lawrance County from imposing any municipal ordinance or regulation, including, but not limited to, any tax, zoning, planning, or sanitation regulations, and any inspection service in its police jurisdiction located in Lawrance County and to provide that a municipality prohibited from imposing any tax or regulation under this amendment shall not provide any regulatory function or police or fire protection services in its police jurisdiction located in Lawrance County, other than public safety mutual aid. "Proposed by Act _____."</p> <p>This description shall be followed by the following language: "Yes ( ) No ( )."</p> <p>HB12 <b>ENROLLED.</b> An Act,</p> <p>Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, (i) to provide that the authority of the State to issue general obligation bonds pursuant to Amendment No. 666 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended [Section 219.04], in aggregate principal amounts (which may exceed the principal amount of general obligation bonds being refunded) determined by the Bond Commission established pursuant to Section IX of Amendment</p>	<p>ISLATURE OF ALABAMA: Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, is proposed and shall become valid as a part of the Constitution when all requirements of this act are fulfilled:</p> <p>PROPOSED AMENDMENT A municipality located entirely outside of Lawrence County is prohibited from imposing any municipal ordinance or regulation, including, but not limited to, any tax, zoning, planning, or sanitation regulations, and any inspection service in its police jurisdiction located in Lawrance County. A municipality prohibited from imposing any tax or regulation under this amendment shall not provide any regulatory function or police or fire protection services in its police jurisdiction located in Lawrance County, other than public safety mutual aid. Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment shall be held in accordance with Amendment 555 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 284.01 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the election laws of this state.</p> <p>Section 3. The appropriate election official shall assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the following description of the substance or subject matter of the proposed constitutional amendment: "Relating to Lawrance County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to prohibit any municipality located entirely outside of Lawrance County from imposing any municipal ordinance or regulation, including, but not limited to, any tax, zoning, planning, or sanitation regulations, and any inspection service in its police jurisdiction located in Lawrance County and to provide that a municipality prohibited from imposing any tax or regulation under this amendment shall not provide any regulatory function or police or fire protection services in its police jurisdiction located in Lawrance County, other than public safety mutual aid. "Proposed by Act _____."</p> <p>This description shall be followed by the following language: "Yes ( ) No ( )."</p> <p>HB12 <b>ENROLLED.</b> An Act,</p> <p>Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, (i) to provide that the authority of the State to issue general obligation bonds pursuant to Amendment No. 666 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended [Section 219.04], in aggregate principal amounts (which may exceed the principal amount of general obligation bonds being refunded) determined by the Bond Commission established pursuant to Section IX of Amendment</p>	<p>be subject to the aggregate principal amount limitations contained in said amendments; provided, that at no time shall the aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds (including, without limitation, general obligation refunding bonds) issued pursuant to the provisions of said amendments be outstanding in excess of \$750 million, and (ii) to allow the issuance by the State of general obligation refunding bonds under the authority of Amendment No. 666 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended [Section 219.04], subject to certain minimum savings thresholds and limitations of maximum average maturity. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA: Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, is proposed and shall become valid as a part thereof when approved by a majority of the qualified electors of the State voting thereon at an election held in accordance with Sections 284, 285 and 287 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended:</p> <p>PROPOSED AMENDMENT (a) Anything in Amendment No. 666 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended [Section 219.04], or Amendment No. 796 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended [Section 219.04], to the contrary notwithstanding, the authority granted to the State of Alabama to become indebted and to sell and issue its interest-bearing general obligation bonds, in addition to all other bonds of the state, under Amendment No. 666 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901 [Section 219.04], as amended by Amendment No. 796 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901 [Section 219.04], shall not be subject to the limitations on aggregate principal amount imposed by Section VIII of said Amendment No. 666 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended [Section 219.04], as modified by paragraph (a) of Amendment No. 796 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended [Section 219.04]; provided, that at no time shall the aggregate principal amount of such general obligation bonds (including, without limitation, general obligation refunding bonds) then outstanding be in excess of \$750 million.</p> <p>(b) General obligation refunding bonds may be issued by the State from time to time pursuant to the authority contained in Amendment No. 666 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended [Section 219.04], in aggregate principal amounts (which may exceed the principal amount of general obligation bonds being refunded) determined by the Bond Commission established pursuant to Section IX of Amendment</p>