

# SAMPLE BALLOT

## **BALLOT STATEMENT FOR STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 1:**

### **1. The text of the statewide ballot measure, including sponsors, cosponsors, and the text of the question that will appear on the statewide ballot:**

Proposed by: Act No. 2021-326 (House Bill 565, 2021 Regular Legislative Session)

Bill Sponsor: Representative Ledbetter

Cosponsor: Representative Kitchens

*Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, authorizing the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds of the State of Alabama of up to \$85,000,000 for the purposes of the improvement, renovation, equipping, acquisition, provision, construction, and maintenance of Alabama state parks under the jurisdiction of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and public historical sites and public historical parks under the jurisdiction of the Alabama Historical Commission.*

Proposed by Act 2021-326.

*This description shall be followed by the following language: "Yes ( ) No ( )."*

### **2. A summary of and the text of any implementing legislation directly related to the statewide ballot measure:**

The Alabama Legislature enacted Act 2021-409 which would implement this constitutional amendment if it is approved by the voters. Act 2021-409 will provide for the organization and powers of the Alabama State Parks Enhancement Authority and provide the necessary framework prescribing how the bonds, authorized by Act 2021-326, are sold.

### **3. The placement of the statewide ballot measure on the statewide ballot:**

This proposed Constitutional Amendment will appear on the Ballot after election of statewide and local offices and will be the first constitutional amendment for voter consideration. The proposed Constitutional Amendment will be listed as "Statewide Amendment 1."

### **4. A plain language summary of the statewide ballot measure, which shall include, at a minimum, the legal or constitutional authority for its passage, the effect of the statewide ballot measure if it is passed, including its cost and source of funding, and the effect of the statewide ballot measure if it is defeated.**

This amendment will authorize the State of Alabama to borrow money to improve, renovate, equip, acquire, provide, construct and maintain state parks, public historical sites and public historical parks.

The total amount the State may borrow will not exceed \$85,000,000.00.

Of this total amount:

1. \$80,000,000.00 shall be used to improve, renovate, equip, acquire, provide, construct and maintain state parks under the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

2. \$5,000,000.00 shall be used to improve, renovate, equip, acquire, provide, construct and maintain public historical sites and public historical parks under the Alabama Historical Commission. The Alabama Historical Commission cannot use any part of the borrowed money at the Confederate Memorial Park in Marbury, Alabama.

Any additional funds will be given to the Alabama Forestry Commission for it to improve, renovate, acquire, provide, construct, equip and maintain state forests.

If the majority of the voters vote "yes" on Amendment 1, the State of Alabama can borrow \$85,000,000.00 to benefit Alabama's state parks, public historical sites and public historical parks.

If the majority of the voters vote "no" on Amendment 1, the State of Alabama cannot borrow \$85,000,000.00 to benefit Alabama's state parks, public historical sites and public historical parks.

There are no costs to Amendment 1.

The Constitutional authority for passage of Amendment 1 is set forth in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901. These sections outline the method a constitutional amendment may be put to the people of the State for a vote.