

## Madison County Votes: A Nonpartisan Voter Outreach Initiative

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

This amendment will change Section 16 of the Alabama Constitution. Currently, Section 16 provides that before a person is convicted they shall be granted bail, except for a capital offense, and that a person shall not have to pay excessive bail in any case.

This amendment will change Section 16 to add crimes for which bail can be denied, to include murder, kidnapping in the first degree, rape in the first degree, sodomy in the first degree, sexual torture, domestic violence in the first degree, human trafficking in the first degree, burglary in the first degree, arson in the first degree, robbery in the first degree, terrorism, and aggravated child abuse of a child under the age of six. If the majority of the voters vote “yes” on Amendment 1, Section 16 of the Alabama Constitution will be changed.

If the majority of the voters vote “no” on Amendment 1, Section 16 of the Alabama Constitution will not be changed.

### **BALLOT STATEMENT FOR STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 2:**

This amendment will make clear that the state, a county, or a city/town may grant federal funds or other state funding to any public or private organization to expand access to high-speed Internet (broadband).

If the majority of the voters vote “yes” on Amendment 2, it will be clear that the state, a county, or a city/town will be allowed to grant federal funds or other state funding to any public or private organization to expand access to high-speed Internet (broadband).

If the majority of the voters vote “no” on Amendment 2, the state, a county, or a city/town may not be allowed to grant federal funds or other state funding to any public or private organization to expand access to high-speed Internet (broadband)

### **BALLOT STATEMENT FOR STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 3:**

Currently, the Governor has the power to postpone or reduce a death sentence to life in prison.

This amendment will require the Governor to notify the Attorney General and the victim's family before postponing or reducing a death sentence. Failure of the Governor to provide notice will void the Governor's action and allow the Attorney General to seek a new execution date from the Alabama Supreme Court.

If the majority of the voters vote “yes” on Amendment 3, the Governor will be required to provide notice to the Attorney General and to the victim's family prior to postponing or reducing a death sentence to life in prison.

If the majority of the voters vote “no” on Amendment 3, the Governor will not be required to provide notice.

### **BALLOT STATEMENT FOR STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 4:**

This amendment requires any bill passed by the state legislature during an election year which affects how a general election is held must take effect at least six months before the general election.

If the majority of the voters vote “yes” on Amendment 4, any bill passed by the state legislature during an election year which affects how a general election is held must take effect at least six months before the general election.

If the majority of the voters vote “no” on Amendment 4, any bill passed by the state legislature which affects how the general election is held can take effect any time before the general election.

### **BALLOT STATEMENT FOR STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 5:**

If the majority of the voters vote “yes” on Amendment 5, the outdated words “orphans’ business” will be removed from the Alabama Constitution.

If the majority of the voters vote “no” on Amendment 5, the outdated words “orphans’ business” will remain in the Alabama Constitution

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### **BALLOT STATEMENT FOR STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 6:**

This amendment provides that cities/towns already allowed to collect a special property tax may use those tax dollars to directly “pay-as-you-go” for construction projects instead of going into debt.  
If the majority of the voters vote “yes” on Amendment 6, “pay-as-you-go” will be allowed.  
If the majority of the voters vote “no” on Amendment 6, “pay-as-you-go” will not be allowed.

### **BALLOT STATEMENT FOR STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 7:**

Currently, the Alabama Constitution provides that some counties and cities/towns may use public funds to sell public property, lend their credit, or become indebted for economic development purposes.  
Amendment 7 will give all counties and cities/towns those same powers.  
Currently, the governing body is required to give notice of its proposed action in the newspaper having the largest circulation in the county or city/town.  
Amendment 7 will allow the public notice to be given in any newspaper in circulation in the county or city/town. If the majority of the voters vote “yes” on Amendment 7, the Alabama Constitution will be changed.  
If the majority of the voters vote “no” on Amendment 7, the Alabama Constitution will not be changed.

### **BALLOT STATEMENT FOR STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 8:**

This amendment applies only to Shelby County.  
If the majority of the voters vote “yes” on Amendment 8, certain privately owned sewage treatment plants in Shelby County will be regulated by the Alabama Public Service Commission.  
If the majority of the voters vote “no” on Amendment 8, certain privately owned sewage treatment plants in Shelby County will not be regulated by the Alabama Public Service Commission.

### **BALLOT STATEMENT FOR STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 9:**

This amendment applies only to the Town of Lake View in Tuscaloosa and Jefferson Counties.  
If the majority of the voters vote “yes” on Amendment 9, certain privately owned sewage treatment plants in the Town of Lake View in Tuscaloosa and Jefferson Counties will be regulated by the Alabama Public Service Commission.  
If the majority of the voters vote “no” on Amendment 9, certain privately owned sewage treatment plants in the Town of Lake View in Tuscaloosa and Jefferson Counties will not be regulated by the Alabama Public Service Commission.

### **BALLOT STATEMENT FOR STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 10:**

This amendment depends upon the approval of the official Constitution of Alabama of 2022. This amendment provides that any new amendments will be properly organized.  
This amendment will not change any court decision related to any provision of the previous Alabama Constitution.  
If the majority of the voters vote “yes” on Amendment 10 and the Constitution of Alabama of 2022 is approved, any new amendments will be properly organized into the new state constitution.  
If the majority of the voters vote “no” on Amendment 10, any new amendments on this ballot will not be automatically added to the new state constitution.