

”Shall the following Amendments to the Constitution of Alabama be adopted?”  
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT STATEWIDE

**Explanation of Amendments on the November 3, 2020 Ballot**

**Amendment 1** (Relates to Suffrage - the right to vote in a political election)  
States that only a U.S. citizen who is 18 years old or older can vote in Alabama

A "yes" vote supports amending the Alabama Constitution to state that “only a citizen” of the U.S. who is 18 years old or older can vote in Alabama.

A "no" vote opposes amending the Alabama Constitution, thus keeping the existing language that says “every citizen” of the U.S. who is 18 years old or older can vote in Alabama.

**Amendment 2** (Relates to the State Judiciary) Makes changes to judicial law and court systems and procedures

A "yes" vote supports revising multiple sections of the state constitution concerning the state judiciary, including removing the authority of the Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court to hire the administrative director of courts and giving that authority to the Alabama Supreme Court as a whole.

A "no" vote opposes this amendment revising sections concerning the state judiciary, thereby preserving existing provisions, including the authority of the Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court to hire the administrative director of courts.

**Amendment 3** (Relates to the State Judiciary) Provide that a judge, other than a probate judge, appointed to fill a vacancy would serve an initial term until the first Monday after the second Tuesday in January following the next general election after the judge has completed two years in office

A "yes" vote supports amending the Alabama Constitution to provide that a judge, other than a probate judge, appointed to fill a vacancy would serve an initial term until the first Monday after the second Tuesday in January following the next general election after the judge has completed two years in office (rather than one year).

A "no" vote opposes amending the Alabama Constitution, thus keeping the current requirements that a judge appointed to fill a vacancy would serve an initial term until the first Monday after the second Tuesday in January following the next general election after the judge has completed one year in office, or the remainder of the original term of the judge elected to the office which is vacant, whichever is longer.

**Amendment 4** (Relates to Constitutional language) – Authorizes the state legislature during the 2022 regular session to recompile the Alabama Constitution and provide for its ratification

A "yes" vote supports authorizing the state legislature to recompile the Alabama Constitution during the 2022 regular state legislative session and provide for its ratification.

A "no" vote opposes authorizing the state legislature to recompile the Alabama Constitution during the 2022 regular state legislative session and provide for its ratification.

**Note:** *Amendments 5 and 6 are identical but refer to different counties. Amendment 5 refers to Franklin County and Amendment 6 refers to Lauderdale County. Amendments 5 and 6 require a majority vote of approval from voters STATEWIDE as well as a majority of voters of the respective counties, Franklin County or Lauderdale County, to become part of the Alabama Constitution.*

**Amendment 5** (Relates to Firearms) - Provides for a “stand your ground” law applicable to individuals in churches in Franklin County

A "yes" vote supports amending the Alabama Constitution to state that individuals have a right to stand their ground and may use deadly force in self-defense or in defense of another person in churches within Franklin county.

A "no" vote opposes amending the Alabama Constitution to state that individuals have a right to stand their ground and may use deadly force in self-defense or in defense of another person in churches within Franklin county.

**Amendment 6** (Relates to Firearms) - Provides for a “stand your ground” law applicable to individuals in churches in Lauderdale County

A "yes" vote supports amending the Alabama Constitution to state that individuals have a right to stand their ground and may use deadly force in self-defense or in defense of another person in churches within Lauderdale county.

A "no" vote opposes amending the Alabama Constitution to state that individuals have a right to stand their ground and may use deadly force in self-defense or in defense of another person in churches within Lauderdale county.