

1 HB78
2 184742-3
3 By Representative Johnson (R) (Constitutional Amendment)
4 RFD: Local Legislation
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would propose a local
9 constitutional amendment relating to Coosa County;
10 to provide for additional payments from the Alabama
11 Trust Fund to the Forever Wild Land Trust to
12 reimburse Coosa County for lost ad valorem tax
13 payments as a result of the acquisition of property
14 by the Forever Wild Land Trust.

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16 A BILL
17 TO BE ENTITLED
18 AN ACT
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20 To propose an amendment to the Constitution of
21 Alabama of 1901, relating to Coosa County; to provide for
22 additional payments from the Alabama Trust Fund to the Forever
23 Wild Land Trust to reimburse Coosa County for lost ad valorem
24 tax payments as a result of the acquisition of property by the
25 Forever Wild Land Trust.

26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1 Section 1. The following amendment to the
2 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, is proposed and shall become
3 valid as a part of the Constitution when all requirements of
4 this act are fulfilled:

5 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

6 Effective for the ad valorem tax year commencing
7 after the ratification of this amendment, in addition to any
8 money paid to the Forever Wild Land Trust pursuant to
9 Amendment 860 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, the
10 additional amount of money as may be necessary shall be paid
11 to the Forever Wild Land Trust from the Alabama Trust Fund to
12 be used exclusively to reimburse and compensate Coosa County
13 for lost ad valorem tax revenue as a result of property that
14 was previously subject to county ad valorem taxes prior to
15 being acquired or having been acquired by the Forever Wild
16 Land Trust. The amount of reimbursement paid to Coosa County
17 each tax year by the Forever Wild Land Trust shall be based on
18 the ad valorem taxes paid on the property prior to
19 acquisition. The payments shall be a first priority for
20 payment by the Forever Wild Land Trust provided no obligation
21 of a contract on the effective date of the ratification of
22 this amendment is impaired. This amendment shall be
23 self-executing.

24 Section 2. An election upon the proposed amendment
25 shall be held in accordance with Section 284 and Section
26 284.01 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing
27 as Section 284 and Section 284.01 of the Official

1 Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as
2 amended, and the election laws of this state.

3 Section 3. The appropriate election official shall
4 assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional
5 amendment on the election ballot and shall set forth the
6 following description of the substance or subject matter of
7 the proposed constitutional amendment:

8 "Relating to Coosa County, proposing an amendment to
9 the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide for additional
10 payments from the Alabama Trust Fund to the Forever Wild Land
11 Trust to reimburse Coosa County for lost ad valorem tax
12 payments as a result of the acquisition of property by the
13 Forever Wild Land Trust.

14 "Proposed by Act _____"

15 This description shall be followed by the following
16 language:

17 "Yes () No ()."