

Summary of Draft Bill for 2006 with Timeline

Convention Call

- **Special Election in November 7, 2006. Special Election at the same time as the General Election.**
- **Alabama Fair Campaign Practices act will apply.**
- **Convention called if majority of voters voting in the election shall approve.**

Delegate Selection

- **210 delegates elected, two from each House districts; one male and one female**
- **Elections will be non partisan**
- **\$50 qualifying fee is required.**
- **Requirements: 21 year old prior to election, 3 year Alabama residency, 1 year in district prior to election ; live in the district while serving (same as Alabama House of Representatives)**

Delegate Races

- **Delegate election is first Tuesday in April 2007, Run-off is the Last Tuesday in April, 2007**
- **Candidates for delegate shall qualify not less than 60 days prior to delegate election, 2 February. One race will be for male, and another race for female .**
- **Elections will be non-partisan.**
- **Fair campaign practices shall apply with added restriction below.**

Reporting Rules / Financial Limits

- **Candidate is prohibited from accepting more than \$100 from any one source including in-kind contribution. No listing to define source . Should a run off be necessary it is considered to be a separate race and under same limitation**
- **Upon election the delegate is subject to the Alabama Ethics Act.**
- **100 Limits of in-kind contributions included.**
- **No contribution accepted after filing last FCPA report due five-ten days before election. No post election contributions**
- **If individual receives \$1000, or this is received on his behalf, that individual is a candidate even if not filed with Secretary of State.**
- **Fair Campaign Practices Act applies.**

Lobbyist Restriction

- Lobbyist defined the same as 36-25-1(17) and (18)
- Lobbyist must register by May 1, 2007 under the State Ethics Commission , file reports as required and comply with Alabama Code of Ethics, until final convention proposal or concludes,
- Additionally each lobbyist shall report to State Ethics Commission under oath expenditures made by him or relative for lobby activities on the first and 15th day of the month beginning May 1, 2007 while Conventions exist.
- Delegates shall be prohibited from receiving a thing of value in association with duties as delegate.

The Convention

- Delegates convene the first Tuesday following the second Monday in July 2007, July 10, 2007
- Legislature considers supplemental appropriation in 2007 Legislative session
- Delegates organize and elect President and any officers deemed necessary and continue at time and place designated by President
- Delegates provided supplies in same manner as legislature for 60 days
- Convention terminates and may not continue beyond May 1, 2008 .

Compensation

- Same expense allowance as legislators on meeting days.
- 60 Convention meeting days.
- Per diem and Legislative expenses may be received up to 60 days.
- No duplicate payments to legislators serving as delegate should he be on other state business on same day.

New Document

- Single Constitution document presented for yes or no vote.

Ratification (Amendment 714, requiring vote by people, passed Nov 02)

- Governor will call an election within one week of the filing of a proposed new constitution
- Election on a new constitution document will occur at 2008 general election (Nov 2008.)
- New Constitution takes effect as of the following January 1, 2009 .
- Process is 2 years and 1 month from the vote to call a convention passed to implementation of new Constitution!)

TIME LINE in Enabling Legislation

January- April 2006	Legislative session to consider Call for Convention
November 7, 2006	at General Election; Vote on Convention Call
February 2, 2007 (Friday)	Must Qualify for Delegate race (60days prior)
April 3, 2007 (Tuesday)	Election of Delegates
April 24, 2007 (Tuesday)	Run-off elections of Delegates
May 1, 2007 (Monday)	Ethics Commission Lobbyist reporting required
July 10, 2007 (Tuesday)	Convention Convenes
May 1, 2008 (Wednesday)	Convention must end
November 2008	Ratification vote on the new Constitution offered
January 1, 2009	New Constitution goes into effect (if ratified)