- 1 HB8
- 2 144939-5
- 3 By Representative Jones (Constitutional Amendment)
- 4 RFD: Public Safety and Homeland Security
- 5 First Read: 05-FEB-13
- 6 PFD: 12/07/2012

1	<u>ENGROSSED</u>
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4	A BILL
5	TO BE ENTITLED
6	AN ACT
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8	Proposing an amendment to Article I, Section 26 of
9	the Constitution of Alabama of 1901; to provide that every
10	citizen has a fundamental right to bear arms and that any
11	restriction on this right would be subject to strict scrutiny;
12	and to provide that no international treaty or law shall
13	prohibit, limit, or otherwise interfere with a citizen's
14	fundamental right to bear arms.
15	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
16	Section 1. The following amendment to the
17	Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, is proposed and
18	shall become valid as a part thereof when approved by a
19	majority of the qualified electors voting thereon and in
20	accordance with Sections 284, 285, and 287 of the Constitution
21	of Alabama of 1901, as amended:
22	PROPOSED AMENDMENT
23	"Article I, Section 26
24	"(a) That every Every citizen has a fundamental
25	right to bear arms in defense of himself or herself and the
26	state. Any restriction on this right shall be subject to
27	strict scrutiny.

1	(b) No citizen shall be compelled by any
2	international treaty or international law to take an action
3	that prohibits, limits, or otherwise interferes with his or
4	her fundamental right to keep and bear arms in defense of
5	himself or herself and the state, if such treaty or law, or
6	its adoption, violates the United States Constitution."
7	Section 2. The provisions of this act are severable.
8	If any part of this act is declared invalid or
9	unconstitutional, that declaration shall not affect the part
10	which remains.
11	Section 3. An election upon the proposed amendment
12	shall be held in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the
13	Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Sections 284
14	and 285 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of
15	Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the election laws of this
16	state.
17	Section 4. The appropriate election official shall
18	assign a ballot number for the proposed constitutional

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

"Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide that every citizen has a fundamental right to bear arms and that any restriction on this right would be subject to strict scrutiny; and to provide that no international treaty or law shall prohibit, limit, or

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otherwise interfere with a citizen's fundamental right to bear arms.

"Proposed by Act _____."

This description shall be followed by the following language:

"Yes () No ()."
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3	House of Representatives
4 5 6 7	Read for the first time and referred to the House of Representatives committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security
8 9 10 11	Read for the second time and placed on the calendar 1 amendment 06-FEB-13
12 13 14	Read for the third time and passed as amended
15 16 17 18	Jeff Woodard Clerk