

• **The Senate Committee passed SB99 by a favorable vote of 7-2** by a motion by Bradley Byrne, which was seconded by Senator Penn.

Those voting yes were: Senators Griffith, Byrne, Lindsey, Penn, Mitchell, Barron, and Ross.

Those voting no were: Senators Brooks and Orr.

Those who were absent were: Senators Bedford, Zeb Little and Sanders.

Please contact all the Senators. Thank those who voted yes, and ask those who were absent and who voted no to reconsider and support the Bill as it moves through the Senate.

Senate Constitution, Campaign Finance, Ethics & Elections Committee:

- Committee Chair, Pat Lindsey (D), District 22, Butler (205-459-2478) (334-242-7843) senbutler@aol.com
- Deputy President Pro Tem, Wendell Mitchell (D), District 30, Luverne (334-335-3449) (334-242-7883) wmitchell@faulkner.edu
- Senator Lowell Barron (D), District 8, Fyffe (256-623-2298) (334-242-7858) No email
- Senator Roger Bedford (D), District 6, Russellville (256-332-2880) (334-242-7862) senbedford@aol.com
- Senator Ben Brooks (R), District 35, Mobile (251-344-7744) (334-242-7882) benbrooksiii@aol.com
- Parker Griffith (D), District 7, Huntsville (256-536-7433) (334-242-7846) No email
- Senator Arthur Orr (R), District 3, Decatur (256-345-3861) (334-345-3861) No email
- Senator Bradley Byrne (R), District 32, Fairhope (251-433-3234) (334-242-7897) <mailto:Bradley.byrne@arlaw.com>
- Senator Zeb Little (D), District 4, Cullman (256-775-7707) (334-242-7855) Zeb@zeblittlelawfirm.com
- Myron Penn (D), District 28, Union Springs (334-738-4486) (334-242-7868) No email
- Quinton Ross (D), District 26, Montgomery (334-242-7880) No email
- Senator Hank Sanders (D), District 23, Selma (334-875-9264) (334-242-7860) No email

• **Speaker Pro Tem Demetrius Newton's "Let the People Vote" legislation was passed out of the House Committee by an 8 to 5 vote on April 11, 2007**, and now moves to the House Rules Committee to be placed on the Special Order Calendar for debate and a vote by the full House, hopefully soon.

Now is the perfect time to call the Representatives below to thank them for voting for these bills and to ask your Representative to support HB 98 when it comes to the House floor.

Please call and thank the following **House of Representatives Constitution and Elections Committee who voted for HB 98:**

- Chair, Randy Hinshaw (D), District 21, Madison (256-539-5441) (334-242-7733) No email
- Vice Chair, Tommy Sherer (D), District 13, Jasper (205-522-2348) (334-242-7694) tommysherer@yahoo.com
- George Bandy (D), District 83, Opelika (334-749-0051) (334-242-7721) No email
- Randy Davis (R), District 96, Daphne (251-442-2552) (334-242-7724) <mailto:mrmdavis14@aol.com>
- Joseph Mitchell (D), District 103, Mobile (251-208-5480) (334-242-7735) No email
- Mary Moore (D), District 59, Birmingham (205-322-0254) (334-242-7608) No email
- Jack Page (D), District 21, Gadsden (256-549-8287) (334-242-7742) reppage@bellsouth.net

- Patricia Todd (D), District 54, Birmingham (205-324-9822) (334-242-7718)
retodd@gmail.com

Please call and ask these **House Committee Members who voted against HB 98** to support HB 98 when it comes before the full House and to join you at the Rally on April 25th:

- Jay Love (R), Ranking Minority Member, District 74, Montgomery (334-224-0822) (334-242-7716) No email
- Greg Canfield (R), District 48, Vestavia (205-824-4734) (334-242-7763)
gcanfield@bellsouth.net
- Micky Hammon (R), District 4, Decatur (256-350-0375) (334-242-7709)
Mickyhammon@charter.net
- Chad Fincher (R), District 102, Semmes (251-649-2722) (334-242-7778)
Chadfincher@bellsouth.net
- Barry Mask (R), District 31, Tallassee (334-514-0904) (334-242-7782)
Jandb1860@juno.com

Absent

- James Gordon (D), District 98, Saraland (251-476-7246) (334-242-7772)
James@jamesgordon.com
- Ken Guin (D), District 14, Carbon Hill (205-924-0061) (334-242-7674) No email

Thank you for your dedication to making the great State of Alabama all that she can be. **Please contact the legislators NOW - and urge all to vote YES on HB 98, to "Let the People Vote!"** You can find the name of your legislator at <http://www.legislature.state.al.us> or call your local library.

Please call your Representative and Senator and the members of the House and Senate Constitution Committees and ask them to support SB 99 and HB 98.

Please visit www.constitutionalreform.org or <http://www.legislature.state.al.us/> to get the contact information for your Representative, Senator and the Committee members.

ACTION NOW TO "LET THE PEOPLE VOTE"

These Senators and Representatives need to hear from people in their districts requesting passage of the bill that gives people the opportunity to vote on holding a Constitution Convention. (See talking points below)

This contact should be done at their home, their home office and/or at the Alabama Senate Office!

ACCR supporters from around the state should also contact these Legislators so they will understand the wide spread support for HB 98 and SB 99.

Also be sure you talk with your legislators, even if they are not on this committee, and express your desire that they support these bills.

How to find contact information for your legislator

You can find the name of your legislators <http://www.legislature.state.al.us> or call your local library.

Telephone numbers and emails are provided below. You can find more specific contact information for Committee Members at the following websites:

Senate Committee:

<http://www.legislature.state.al.us/senate/senatecommittees/senatecommittees.html#anchor539096>

If you know the name of your senator, you can call the Alabama Senate (M-F at 334-242-7800) and ask to speak to your Senator's administrator and tell the administrator you want your Senator to vote for SB 99. Please leave a message and/or speak with the Senator. The calls on a Bill are tracked.

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TALKING POINTS and ACTIONS

Between now and the end of the legislative session, the most important things you can do are:

1. Call and write your legislators and ask them to vote for HB 98 and SB 99 which would "Let the People Vote" on calling a Constitution Convention.
2. If the Legislator says they do support the Bill, thank them for their continuing support.

While you are making these contacts, don't forget to contact Speaker of the House Seth Hammett (334-242-7668); <mailto:mseth.hammett@alhouse.org> and Senate President Pro-Tem Hinton Mitchem (334-582-0619); Senatorhintonmitchem@mclo.org.

Also, arrange to meet your legislator in person and talk to them one-on-one in your community. They work for you and need to hear from you.

Here are a few talking points for you to use with your legislature or media contact:

Legislators should vote to pass the bill to "Let the People Vote" for a Constitution Convention. They should trust the people enough to let us vote on the question of calling a Constitution Convention.

If the people can be trusted to put them in office, they can be trusted to vote for or against a new

Constitution. It is the People's decision!

Tell those who are worried about "special interests" taking over the Convention, that there are safeguards in the Bills. First, 210 delegates (equally divided between men and women) mean that even if legislators or special interest advocates are delegates, they are balanced by other citizens. Secondly, no one can donate more than \$100 to any one candidate, so special interest groups can't flood any candidate with influence money. Lobbyists may provide nothing of value and the Media will follow the Convention carefully.

Citizens will have three chances to vote under the Bill. (1) They can vote in February of 2008 to approve or disapprove holding a Convention. (2) They can vote in June of 2008 to elect delegates to a Citizen Convention to write a new Constitution. (3) They can vote for or against the new Constitution in November of 2010.

Tell those who think writing a new constitution is "scary" that Alabama has done this six times and most states have rewritten their constitutions many times. Citizens were trusted to do this before and can be trusted to do this again.

Check out ACCR's website for more information and to get copies of the Bills:
<http://www.constitutionalreform.org>.