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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

Title: A Bill that Restores Voting Rights to the Homeless and the Incarcerated

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COLLEGIATE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA

1 Section I: Definitions

2 Electoral Fraud - Any manipulation or illegal interference with the election and/or voting
3 process.

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5 Incarcerated - Any person(s) who are currently imprisoned or confined in a jail or prison.

6 Transient (Homeless) - Any person(s) being without a permanent place of residence.

7 Voter Suppression - Any strategic obstruction or influence used to impede voter rights.

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9 Section II: Objective

10 It is hereby illegal to discriminate against or to violate the rights of the Homeless and the
11 Incarcerated to vote. In 2018, Alabama had a homeless population of 17,546, the
12 majority being students, and 7.62% of Alabama's total population in 2016 were
13 convicted felons.

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15 Section III: Execution

16 Upon enactment of this bill, there shall no longer be an address requirement while
17 registering to vote. Voting polls will now be established in all federal prisons. Homeless
18 shelters will now be required to provide written ballots for all residents.

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20 Section IV: Violations

21 Upon the act of committing voter suppression:

22 If facilities and/or organizations are found to obstruct voter rights, they will be
23 immediately charged with a fine.

24 Upon the act of committing electoral fraud:

25 Any person(s) or organization found in committing electoral fraud will be prosecuted
26 with felony charges.

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28 Section V: All laws, acts, provisions, or parts of laws contained in the Constitution of the
29 State of Alabama in conflict with any provision of this act are hereby repealed.

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31 Section VI: This act shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval
32 by the Governor or its otherwise becoming of a law