

Court Procedure

Chief Justice: "All persons having business before the Honorable, the Supreme Court of the State of Alabama, are admonished to draw near and give their attention, for the Court is now sitting. God save the United States and this Honorable Court!"

Chief Justice: "Delegate _____, you have been called before this Honorable Court to plead and justify your bill under the laws set forth by the Alabama Constitution. What say ye?"

Delegate: "Honorable Court, my name is _____, author of Bill No. ____, entitled _____.

The delegate will read through their bill and then state their argument **for the constitutionality of the bill. The general time allotted is ten minutes (not including the reading), to include questions presented by the Court.**

**If the delegate runs over the time allotted, the Chief Justice will gently tap the end of the gavel*
gavel**

Chief Justice: "Thank you, delegate. We are now going to hear arguments from our Attorney General."

Attorney General: "Honorable Court, delegate, my name is _____ and I am speaking on behalf of the state of Alabama as its Attorney General."

The Attorney General has ten minutes for statements, to include questions presented by the Court.

Attorney General: "Thank you, Your Honor."

Chief Justice: "Thank you delegate and Attorney General _____. We will now go into deliberation."

The delegate and Attorney General leave and the Court has five minutes to deliberate, after which the delegate and the Attorney General will be let back into the courtroom.

Chief Justice: "Delegate _____, We, the Honorable Supreme Court of the State of Alabama, find your bill to be (unconstitutional / constitutional) under the provisions that it (violates / supports) _____. Thank you, you are dismissed."

**Proposal to Challenge Bill
Constitutionality
Before the
Alabama Collegiate Supreme Court**

Regarding

(Circle One) House Senate Bill No. _____

Author: _____

In the space below, briefly summarize the proposal of the bill you would like to challenge:

In the space below, briefly state your argument(s) *against* the bill's constitutionality.

Your Name: _____

Delegation: _____

Chamber: _____

Subpoena to Testify
BEFORE THE
Alabama Supreme Court

Attention: _____

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear to plead and justify your bill before the State of Alabama Supreme Court at:

Supreme Court Chambers State House Room # 617 March ____, 20__ Hearing at _____ AM PM (Kindly report five minutes prior.)

WE REQUEST that your bill be defended based in the following areas:

This subpoena shall remain in effect until you are granted leave to depart by the Court or by an officer acting on behalf of the court.

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