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Members Named to Constitution Reform Commission

Montgomery -- Governor Bob Riley convened the organizational meeting this morning of his newly created Alabama Citizens' Constitution Commission in Montgomery.

Commission members from across the state gathered in the Joint Briefing Room of the Alabama State House to listen to the governor's direction, plan their course of action, and organize into committees. Each panel will study, debate and draft suggested amendments to the state constitution regarding limited home rule to county governments, the excessive earmarking of tax dollars, increased line-item veto power, a higher-vote threshold for tax increases and a recompilation of the state's lengthy and unorganized governing document.

Along with choosing former Secretary of State Jim Bennett to chair the committee and Birmingham lawyer Lenora Pate as its vice-chair, Gov. Riley appointed the following citizens to the commission:

- * Charles Allison, retired vice president and general counsel, Gulf States Paper, Tuscaloosa
- * Nancy Archuleta, CEO, MAVATEC, Huntsville
- * Stanley Batemon, chairman, Saint Clair County Commission, Ashville
- * Former Governor Albert Brewer, Cumberland School of Law, Samford University, Birmingham
- * Michael Ciamarra, vice president, Alabama Policy Institute, Birmingham
- * Charles Collat, owner, Mayer Electric, Birmingham
- * Sallie Creel, president, Alabama Car Rental, Birmingham
- * Mark Culver, chairman, Houston County Commission, Dothan
- * Mason Davis, attorney, Sirote & Permutt, Birmingham

- * Scott Douglas, executive director, Greater Birmingham Ministries
- * Retired Congressman Jack Edwards, Mobile
- * John W. Giles, president, Christian Coalition of Alabama, Montgomery
- * Catherine F. Golden, attorney, Fairhope
- * Justice Gorman Houston, Alabama Supreme Court, Montgomery
- * Robert Huffaker, attorney, Rushton, Stakely, Johnston & Garrett, Montgomery
- * McDowell Lee, Secretary of the Senate, Montgomery
- * Lynn B. Lowery, executive director, Historic Huntsville Foundation
- * Bob Ludwig, publisher, Huntsville Times
- * John Nixon, president, United Services Associates, Birmingham
- * Greg Pappas, Clerk of the House, Montgomery
- * Jimmy Parnell, Parnell Incorporated, Stanton
- * Freddie Patterson, government affairs director, Alabama Farmers Federation, Montgomery
- * Morris Savage, attorney, Bankhead & Savage, Jasper
- * Lisa Sharp, attorney, Balch & Bingham, Birmingham
- * Alex Sierra, owner, Sierra Mexicanisimo Restaurant, Arab
- * Karen Stanley, vice president, Stanley Construction, Huntsville
- * Dr. Bill Stewart, Professor Emeritus, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa
- * Rev. Eddie Thomas, pastor, Mary Magdalene Baptist Church, Abbeville
- * Bailey Thompson, professor, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa
- * Mike Waters, attorney, Balch & Bingham, Montgomery
- * Beth Whitehead, president, Alabama Physical Therapy Associates, Jackson
- * Tom Young, vice president, Intergraph, Huntsville

The following are members of the ACCC's Board of Technical Advisors:

- * Prof. Howard Walthall, director, State Constitutional Law Project, Cumberland School of Law, Samford University, Birmingham
- * Jim Williams, executive director, PARCA, Samford University, Birmingham
- * Prof. Bob Schaefer, University of Mobile
- * Justice Hugh Maddox, Montgomery
- * Judge John Patterson, Cragford
- * Prof. Jim Bryce, University of Alabama Law School, Tuscaloosa
- * Jerry Bassett, director, Legislative Reference Service, Montgomery
- * Bob McCurley, director, Alabama Law Institute, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa
- * Prof. Randolph Horn, Political Science Department, Samford University, Birmingham
- * Prof. Jess Brown, Political Science Department, Athens State University, Athens

The following are ACCC's committee assignments:

Limited Home Rule Committee

- * Bailey Thompson, co-chair
- * Sallie Creel, co-chair
- * Morris Savage
- * Alex Sierra
- * Karen Stanley
- * Greg Pappas
- * Stanley Batemon

- * Jimmy Parnell
- * Freddie Patterson

Technical Advisors

- * Jim Williams
- * Howard Walthall

Earmarking Committee

- * Robert Huffaker, co-chair
- * Nancy Archuleta, co-chair
- * Justice Gorman Houston
- * Bill Stewart
- * Rev. Eddie Thomas
- * Michael D. Waters

Technical Advisors

- * Howard Walthall
- * Jim Williams

Line-item Veto Committee

- * Gov. Albert Brewer, co-chair
- * Former Congressman Jack Edwards, co-chair
- * Scott Douglas
- * Lynn Lowery
- * Beth Whitehead
- * Charles Collat

Technical Advisors

- * Judge Hugh Maddox
- * Bob Schaeffer

Super Majority Committee

- * Tom Young, co-chair
- * John Nixon, co-chair
- * Catherine Golden
- * Mark Culver
- * Bob Ludwig
- * Charlie Allison

Technical Advisors

- * Judge John Patterson
- * Jim Brice

Recompilation Committee

- * Michael Ciamarra, co-chair

- * Lisa Sharp, co-chair
- * John Giles
- * Mason Davis
- * McDowell Lee

Technical Advisors

- * Jerry Bassett
- * Bob McCurley

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