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2025 Code of Alabama
Title 11 - Counties and Municipal Corporations.
Title 2 - Provisions Applicable to Municipal Corporations Only.

Chapter 44E - Adoption of Mayor/commission/city Manager Form of Government in Class 5 Municipalities.
Article 9 - Code of Conduct and Penalties for Violations of This Chapter.
Section 11-44E-168 - Recall of Elected Official.

Universal Citation: AL Code § 11-44E-168 (2025)

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Signatures of those signing the petition along with residential addresses shall follow.

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The office holder's successor shall be named as prescribed elsewhere in this chapter.

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Article 1 - Abandonment of Commission Form of Government.
Section 11-44F-3 - Form of Government; Powers and Duties of Municipality.

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Section 11-44F-3 **Form of Government; Powers and Duties of Municipality.**

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The petition includes numbered pages 1 through 18.

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City Clerk <cityclerk@cityoftaylor.org>

City of Taylor

Mary Elizabeth Dial <MDial@almonline.org>

Wed, Apr 22, 2026 at 2:44 PM

To: City Clerk <cityclerk@cityoftaylor.org>
Cc: Rob Johnston <RJohnston@almonline.org>, Mikal Webb <MWebb@almonline.org>, Kaleb Beck <KBeck@almonline.org>

Sofia,

It was good to talk with you this afternoon. Like we discussed on the phone, there is no procedure laid out in Alabama state law for recalling an elected official; the only way to remove an elected official from office is through impeachment. The requirements for impeachment are laid out in Article VII of the Constitution of Alabama; Section 173 lists the offenses for which an elected official can be impeached, and Section 175 extends those same rules to county and municipal officials.

Title 36, Chapter 11 of the Alabama Code provides a more detailed explanation of the procedural requirements of the impeachment process.

Please let me know if you have any further question.

Mary Elizabeth Dial
Associate Counsel
Alabama League of Municipalities
(334) 262-2566
MDial@almonline.org



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Email received by Mr. Thompson from the Alabama League of Municipalities on 5-4-26

Mr. Thompson,

Thank you for your question. Under Alabama Code Sections 36-11-5 and 36-11-6, impeachment proceedings can be initiated by the Attorney General of the state, by the local district attorney, or by five resident taxpayers of the municipality.

The individuals who want to pursue this course of action would need to work with their own attorney in order to proceed.

Please let me know if you need any further information.

Copy of the Alabama Code Section Referenced

Section 36-11-1 Persons Subject to Impeachment and Removal from Office; Grounds for Impeachment Generally.

(a) The following officers may be impeached and removed from office: judges of circuit and probate courts, district attorneys, judges of the courts of appeals, district judges, sheriffs, clerks of the circuit courts, tax collectors, tax assessors, county treasurers, coroners, notaries public, constables and all other state officers not named in Section 173 of the constitution and all other county officers and mayors and intendants of incorporated cities and towns in this state.

(b) The officers specified in subsection (a) of this section may be impeached and removed from office for the following causes:

(1) Willful neglect of duty;

(2) Corruption in office;

(3) Incompetency;

(4) Intemperance in the use of intoxicating liquors or narcotics to such an extent in view of the dignity of the office and importance of its duties as unfits the officer for the discharge of such duties; or

(5) Any offense involving moral turpitude while in office or committed under color thereof or connected therewith.

Section 36-11-2 Disqualification from Holding Office a Ground for Impeachment.

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From: [redacted]
Date: Jun 12, 2026 at 9:41:51a.m.
To: RJohnston@almonline.org, MWebb@almonline.org, MDial@almonline.org, KBeck@almonline.org
Cc: [redacted] Brandon Martin [redacted] Billy Snell [redacted]

Legal Staff of Alabama League of Municipalities,

As a citizen of the city of Taylor, Alabama, we would appreciate your help and understanding as to information surrounding your feedback given about the recall petition submitted to the city clerk.
It is my understanding that you have been contacted by the city clerk Sophia Rogers of Taylor Alabama regarding a recall election for Mayor Robert Lamb. We have serious doubts in her integrity. Therefore, we have doubts she explained and represented what was given to her, and question the response she and the mayor pro temp provided to us. On April 21, 2026, the city clerk and the city council were given the attached recall petition in accordance with state code and law. She was also given the attached document which outlined the applicable law and code. Did she provide that to you?
The mayor pro temp gave a word document print out that appears to be cut and paste from emails that he and the clerk say originated from the League in response to validity of a recall. However, it does not provide any names of who provided the emails or legitimacy or qualifications of their response. This furthers the questionable integrity of the clerk and now the mayor pro temp as the lack of information appears to hide or prevent something. He appears to have become complacent with the clerk and mayor's actions, regardless of the citizens' concerns. The response gives no mention to the state code provided to the clerk and council. To summarize the response, the writer states the only way he or she knows to remove a mayor is through impeachment under Title 36, chapter 11 sections 5 & 6.
Is this an actual response from the League of Municipalities?
The state code which allows citizens to conduct a recall election is found under Title 11 which specifically applies to Municipalities. Section 11-44F-3 covers class 8 municipalities, such as Taylor, AL. It states mayors shall have the same powers and duties as other mayor-council municipalities organized under Title 11. Included under Title 11, in Section 11-44E-168, the duties and responsibilities of a mayor article 9 the code of conduct, which a code of conduct is a duty and responsibility, allows for the recall of a mayor.
While conducting a recall election is not a normal event in Alabama, it is allowed under state code and law. I understand you a likely not familiar with the circumstances that led our community to this point. Without going into detail, there has been substantial events and circumstances in the few short months since Mayor Lamb took office and Sofia Rogers was appointed as clerk, which led our citizens to this point. It is not a rumor or speculation that a recall petition might have been submitted. It was not haphazardly signed by a handful of random people no one can verify. It was done by the voting citizens of our city. The citizens are what make up our city and the city is what has participated in and supported your League. Not an incompetent mayor and clerk. To help you understand the seriousness of the situation along with the almost 100 other citizens (well over the 30% required), 3 of the 5 sitting council members signed this petition. I am including two them in this email as well. The names were verified with the list of voters from the secretary of state's office.
I believe we are owed a better response, just as I believe you should have been given a more accurate and full description of what was presented to the city clerk and city council. If for some reason the Alabama State Code and Law we referenced does not apply, please give our citizens a detailed legal explanation of why Alabama Code that specifically covers Municipal Corporations somehow doesn't count. If the city clerk is

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unwilling to execute her duties under state code, what recourse does the city council have? Please contact me if you have any questions on the issues at hand. The citizens of Taylor would appreciate your assistance and response.

Respectfully,

[redacted]
cell # [redacted]
Citizen of Taylor, Alabama

Taylor AL Recall Election Petition.pdf
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2025 Code of Alabama
Title 11 - Counties and Municipal Corporations.
Title 2 - Provisions Applicable to Municipal Corporations Only.

Chapter 44E - Adoption of Mayor/commission/city Manager Form of Government in Class 5 Municipalities.
Article 9 - Code of Conduct and Penalties for Violations of This Chapter.
Section 11-44E-168 - Recall of Elected Official.

Universal Citation: AL Code § 11-44E-168 (2025)

Section 11-44E-168 **Recall of Elected Official.**

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To the city clerk. We the following registered voters of _____ (name of municipality) do respectfully request that you instigate an election to be held for the purpose of recalling _____ (name of person) who holds the office of _____ (name of office)

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Signatures of those signing the petition along with residential addresses shall follow.

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Provided that a majority of registered voters vote for the recall, then the city clerk shall thereupon declare that office vacant and the office holder shall no longer be an elected official.

The office holder's successor shall be named as prescribed elsewhere in this chapter.

Chapter 44F - Class 8 Municipalities With Mayor-Council Form of Government.
Article 1 - Abandonment of Commission Form of Government.
Section 11-44F-3 - Form of Government; Powers and Duties of Municipality.

Universal Citation: AL Code § 11-44F-3 (2025)

Section 11-44F-3 **Form of Government; Powers and Duties of Municipality.**

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Recall Election Taylor, AL, 2nd email

From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]ov; clay.helms@sos.alabama.gov; jeff.elrod@sos.alabama.gov
Cc: [redacted]
Date: Friday, June 12, 2026 at 07:05 AM CDT

Alabama Secretary of State and Staff,

I sent the email below and have not received a response yet. We have now passed the 30-day time frame state code gives the city clerk to hold a recall election. The city clerk Sophia Rogers has not and refuses to hold the recall election as required by state code and law. We are seeking your assistance in helping your voting citizens in our small community protect their rights to have a legal say in their city government and stopping the incompetent behavior of a city official. We need and appreciate your help.

I have again attached the pertinent documents. The applicable state code, the signed petitions, and the list of voters supplied for the applicable election (Aug 2025). Please keep in mind the voter list was provided and the petition submitted to the clerk is based off previous election, not the one held this month (May 2026). And the petition was given to the clerk prior to this month's election, making the applicable voter list for the petition the previous election (Aug 2025).

Respectfully,
[redacted]
cell # [redacted]
Citizen of Taylor, Alabama

On Sunday, April 26, 2026 at 11:47:24 AM CDT, [redacted] wrote:

Honorable Wes Allen,
Sir, as Alabama Secretary of State, the citizens of Taylor, AL need your assistance. The mayor of Taylor, Mr. Robert Lamb took office in November 2025. In the few short months since taking office, he has used his position to do relentless damage and harm to our city. In accordance with Alabama Code under Title 11, the citizens have submitted to the city clerk Sophia Rogers, on April 21, 2026, a recall petition demanding an election to recall the mayor, if that is the choice of the voting citizens.
The city clerk is a close friend of the mayor and only took the job after he won the election. She has helped him with his destructive path in managing our city's government. They have been caught lying to the city council, created a hostile work environment costing the city several valuable employees. He fired a legitimate police chief without cause in order to hire police officers who have been previously fired by the city, suspended from multiple other police departments throughout the state, and/or have ethics violations. He used one of those officers to remove citizens from a public city counsel meeting with threat of force. At another city council meeting he attempted to use the same officer to remove a sitting council member by force for stating his lack of trust in the mayor. They have slandered the previous mayor with theft because they did not understand how to balance or account for the city's money due to incompetence. He has not properly concluded a council meeting in months without storming out of the meeting. They have received multiple letters of intent to sue the city because of his actions, which will likely bankrupt the city at this pace. There are countless other incompetent actions and issues he has created for the city.
We have serious doubt the city clerk and mayor will follow the state code and laws applicable to allow the citizens to have the appropriate election. The mayor has already began calling voters he recognized on the petition to harass and intimidate them for signing the petition. Will you please help the citizens of Taylor to ensure voters have the right to protect their city before the damage gets any worse.
I have attached a copy of the AL Code that applies, a copy of the petition provided to the clerk, and a copy of the list of voters identified by the state in the previous election who signed the petition making it valid. Three sitting council

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members have signed the petition. Please contact the city and ensure they do the right thing and contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We appreciate your help and time.

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[redacted]
cell # [redacted]
Citizen of Taylor, Alabama

AL Code for Recall.pdf
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Taylor AL Recall Election Petition.pdf
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Voter List Taylor AL.pdf
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO SEEK JUDICIAL RELIEF
FORMAL DEMAND FOR COMPLIANCE WITH ALABAMA LAW AND INITIATION OF MAYORAL RECALL ELECTION

Date: September 14, 2026

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL, HAND DELIVERY, OR ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

City Clerk
City of Taylor, Alabama
1469 S. State Highway 605
Taylor, Alabama 36301

RE: MAYORAL RECALL PETITION DELIVERED APRIL 21, 2026 — DEMAND FOR COMPLIANCE WITH ALA. CODE §§ 11-44F-3, 11-44F-26, AND 11-44E-168

Dear City Clerk:

This correspondence constitutes formal notice and demand concerning the mayoral recall petition presented to and received by the City Clerk of the City of Taylor, Alabama, on **April 21, 2026**.

The petition was presented by registered voters for the purpose of initiating the statutory process for a recall election concerning the Mayor of the City of Taylor.

The City Clerk received the petition on April 21, 2026. Rather than initiate the statutory recall-election process, the City Clerk refused to do so.

I. APPLICABLE ALABAMA LAW

The City of Taylor operates as a Class 8 municipality with a mayor-council form of government.

Alabama Code § 11-44F-3 provides that a Class 8 municipality is governed by a mayor elected at large and a five-member council elected from single-member districts and **"shall have the same powers and duties as other mayor-council municipalities organized under Title 11."** (https://law.justia.com/codes/alabama/title-11/title-2/chapter-44f/article-1/section-11-44f-3/)

Section 11-44F-26 further provides that the Class 8 statutory provisions are supplemental to laws relating to the exercise of the powers, functions, and duties of the mayor of a Class 8 municipality. (https://law.justia.com/codes/alabama/title-11/title-2/chapter-44f/article-2/section-11-44f-26/)

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Alabama Code § 11-44E-168 provides a statutory procedure for the recall of an elected municipal official. The statute expressly provides that the mayor is subject to recall and establishes a procedure by which a registered voter may present a qualifying recall petition to the city clerk. (https://law.justia.com/codes/alabama/title-11/title-2/chapter-44e/article-9/section-11-44e-168/)

Importantly, § 11-44E-168 does not, on its face, state that its recall provisions apply exclusively to Class 5 municipalities, nor does it expressly exclude Class 8 municipalities from its operation.

Accordingly, § 11-44F-3 and § 11-44F-26 must be read together with the applicable mayor-council provisions of Title 11 unless a specific provision of Chapter 44F expressly conflicts with or supersedes those provisions.

No such conflict or exclusion has been identified to the petitioners.

II. THE PETITION WAS PRESENTED TO THE CITY CLERK

On **April 21, 2026**, the recall petition was physically presented to and received by the City Clerk of the City of Taylor.

The petition was presented for the purpose expressly contemplated by Alabama Code § 11-44E-168: to initiate an election for the recall of the Mayor.

The City Clerk did not initiate the recall-election process.

Instead, the City Clerk refused to proceed with the election.

The petitioners therefore contend that the City Clerk has failed and/or refused to perform a ministerial duty imposed by applicable Alabama law.

III. STATUTORY DEADLINE

Section 11-44E-168 establishes a **30-day period** following receipt of a qualifying recall petition within which the city clerk is required to make arrangements for the recall election.

More than 30 days have elapsed since the petition was presented to and received by the City Clerk on April 21, 2026.

Accordingly, the statutory period for initiating the recall election has expired.

The petitioners have nevertheless continued to allow the City and City Clerk an opportunity to correct the matter without judicial intervention.

IV. DEMAND FOR ACTION

These are the complainant's own allegations, posted as filed.

The undersigned hereby formally demands that the City Clerk:

1. Acknowledge in writing that the recall petition was received on April 21, 2026;
2. Identify the statutory authority relied upon in refusing to initiate the recall-election process;
3. Identify every provision of Alabama law upon which the City Clerk contends that § 11-44E-168 does not apply to a Class 8 mayor-council municipality;
4. Provide a written determination concerning the legal sufficiency of the petition, including the specific statutory basis for any determination that the petition is insufficient or invalid;
5. If the petition is determined to satisfy the statutory requirements, immediately initiate and make all arrangements required by Alabama law for the recall election;
6. Provide the petitioners with a written timetable identifying the steps the City will take to comply with the applicable recall provisions;
7. Preserve the original petition and all records relating to its receipt, review, processing, rejection, acceptance, or refusal to act; and
8. Preserve all electronic communications, emails, text messages, meeting records, notes, memoranda, legal opinions, correspondence, and other documents concerning the recall petition.

V. NOTICE OF INTENT TO SEEK JUDICIAL RELIEF

If the City Clerk continues to refuse to perform the duties required by applicable Alabama law, the undersigned intends to seek judicial relief without further notice.

Such relief may include, as appropriate, an action seeking a **writ of mandamus**, declaratory relief, injunctive relief, or other relief available under Alabama law to compel a public official to perform a mandatory statutory duty.

The petitioners further reserve the right to seek any other remedy available under Alabama law.

Nothing in this notice should be construed as a waiver of any claim, remedy, right, or legal position available to any petitioner or qualified elector.

VI. RIGHTS OF OTHER CITIZENS AND PETITIONERS

This notice is expressly **non-exclusive**.

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The undersigned does not claim to be the exclusive party entitled to seek enforcement of the statutory recall process.

Any other qualified elector, petitioner, resident, or citizen who believes that his or her rights are affected by the City's refusal to initiate the recall process may independently seek legal counsel and pursue any remedy available under Alabama law.

The undersigned further expressly reserves the right to seek to join with, associate with, or participate in an action brought by other citizens, and does not object to other qualified citizens seeking to join, intervene in, or otherwise participate in any judicial proceeding arising from the City's refusal to conduct the recall election, to the extent permitted by applicable law and procedural rules.

Likewise, nothing in this notice is intended to prevent another qualified citizen from assuming the role of plaintiff, becoming a named party, or pursuing the matter independently should the undersigned become unable or unwilling to continue the action.

The objective of this notice is therefore not to establish an exclusive individual claim, but to place the City and its responsible officials on formal notice that the petitioners contend that the statutory recall process has been improperly refused and that judicial enforcement may be necessary.

VII. PRESERVATION OF RIGHTS

The petitioners expressly reserve all rights and remedies.

Nothing contained in this notice shall be construed as limiting, waiving, releasing, or abandoning any claim or remedy that may become available after additional facts are established or additional legal authorities are identified.

The petitioners further reserve the right to supplement this notice after review of additional records, correspondence, municipal records, election records, or legal authorities.

The petitioners request a written response within **ten (10) calendar days** of receipt of this notice.

If the City Clerk maintains that she has no legal duty to initiate the recall election, please provide the complete statutory and legal basis for that position in writing, including identification of the provision of Chapter 44F that the City contends supersedes, limits, or excludes the recall provisions otherwise applicable to mayor-council municipalities under Title 11.

If no such provision exists, the petitioners demand that the City Clerk immediately commence the legally required recall-election process.

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Respectfully,

[redacted]

Cell phone [redacted]

Attachments:

1. Copy of Mayoral Recall Petition addressed to the city clerk with list of voter roll from the State of Alabama for the election previous to April 21, 2026.
2. Proof of Delivery/Receipt — April 21, 2026, Petition was delivered and presented at City Council meeting to the clerk and city council, and video can be provided.
3. Copy of supporting Alabama State Codes applicable to the petition, which was provided to the clerk with the petition.

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Any of the officers named in subsection (a) of Section 36-11-1 who shall be disqualified by law from holding office in this state may be impeached and removed from office on proceedings instituted and prosecuted in the manner provided in this chapter.

Section 36-11-3 Investigations of Alleged Misconduct or Incompetency of Public Officers by Grand Juries; Disposition of Grand Jury Reports.

It shall be the duty of every grand jury to investigate and make diligent inquiry concerning any alleged misconduct or incompetency of any public officer in the county which may be brought to its notice; and, if, on such investigation and inquiry, it finds that such officer, for any cause mentioned in this chapter, ought to be removed from office, it shall so report to the court, setting forth the facts, which report shall be entered on the minutes of the court. If the officer so reported against is one of those included in Section 174, Article 7, of the constitution, the clerk of the court shall transmit a certified copy of such report to the Attorney General. If the officer so reported against is the presiding judge of the court, the report must not be made to the court or entered on the minutes; and, in such cases, the report of the grand jury must be signed by the foreman and countersigned by the district attorney, who must transmit the same to the Attorney General.

Section 36-11-4 Duty of Attorney General and District Attorneys to Institute and Prosecute Impeachment Proceedings.

It shall be the duty of the Attorney General to institute proceedings under this chapter and prosecute the same against any officer included in Section 174, Article 7, of the constitution, when the Supreme Court shall so order or when the Governor shall, in writing, direct the same or when it appears from the report of any grand jury that any such officer ought to be removed from office, for any cause mentioned in this chapter.

It shall be the duty of the district attorney to institute proceedings under this chapter and prosecute the same against any officer included in Section 175, Article 7, of the constitution when the circuit court of the county shall so order or when the Governor, in writing, shall direct the same or whenever it appears from the report of the grand jury that any such officer ought to be removed from office for any cause mentioned in this chapter.

Section 36-11-5 Manner of Institution of Impeachment Proceedings Generally; Proceedings in Name of State.

Proceedings under Sections 174 and 175 of Article 7 of the constitution shall be instituted in the name of the State of Alabama in the nature of an information by the Attorney General or a district attorney or upon the information of such other persons as are by this chapter allowed to institute the same. All such proceedings shall be conducted and all process shall issue in the name of the State of Alabama.

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Section 36-11-6 Institution of Impeachment Proceedings by Five Resident Taxpayers.

Any five resident taxpayers of the division, circuit, district, county, city or town for which the officer sought to be impeached was elected or appointed may institute proceedings of impeachment under Sections 174 and 175 of Article 7 of the constitution upon giving bond, with sufficient sureties, payable to the officer sought to be impeached, conditioned to prosecute the impeachment to effect and, failing therein, to pay all costs that may be incurred, which bond shall be taken and approved by the clerk of the court before which the proceedings are proposed to be instituted.

Section 36-11-7 Contents and Execution of Information Generally.

Such information shall be addressed to the court before which the trial is to be had and shall specify, with reasonable certainty, the offense, offenses or other grounds of impeachment charged against the officer within the provisions of Section 173 of Article 7 of the constitution and shall contain a succinct statement of the facts constituting the matters complained of and an appropriate prayer for process and relief and shall be signed by the Attorney General, district attorney or by counsel, as the case may be. When such information is by taxpayers, the names of such taxpayers must be joined as plaintiffs with the state.

Section 36-11-8 Verification of Information When Filed by Taxpayers; Costs Generally.

When the proceedings in impeachment are instituted by taxpayers, the information must be verified by the plaintiffs or any one of them. The costs shall be given against the unsuccessful party, as in other cases, to be collected by execution.

Section 36-11-9 Proceedings in Supreme Court - Issuance and Service of Order to Appear and Answer Information, Summons and Copy of Information; Setting of Trial Date, Granting of Continuances, Etc.

If such information shall be filed under Section 174 of Article 7 of the constitution, the Supreme Court, in term time, or a justice thereof, in vacation, shall make an order requiring the officer proceeded against to appear at a place and on a day, which may be either in term time or vacation, to be specified in the order and answer the information. The clerk of the court shall issue a summons, in which shall be set forth a copy of the order, directed to any sheriff of the State of Alabama, which, together with a copy of the information, shall be served on the defendant. If the summons is served 20 days before the day specified in the order, the defendant shall answer the information on the day specified; and, if the summons is served less than 20 days before the day so specified, the court, in term time, or a justice thereof, in vacation, shall on the day so specified make an order setting another day, not exceeding 20 days thereafter, on which the defendant shall answer the

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information. Another day may be set and another summons issued as often as may be necessary, and continuances may be granted in the discretion of the court, but the cases provided for in this section shall have precedence and priority over all other business in the court.

Section 36-11-10 Proceedings in Supreme Court - Summoning and Examination of Witnesses Generally; Appointment and Duties of Examiners; Conduct of Trial.

In all original proceedings commenced under this chapter in the Supreme Court, either party shall have compulsory process to compel the attendance of witnesses, to be issued by the clerk of the court and served by the marshal of the court or by any sheriff of the state. Such witnesses shall be sworn and examined on the trial in open court. The examination of such witnesses shall be conducted and defaulting witnesses shall be subject to similar proceedings and penalties as in criminal cases in the circuit court; but, on the written consent of the defendant, the court or a justice thereof, in term time or vacation, may appoint one or more examiners, whose duty it shall be, jointly or severally, as may be directed in the order of appointment, to take and certify by such day as may be fixed in the order of appointment the evidence against and for the defendant on the several specifications contained in the information, and the charges shall be tried by the court on such evidence so taken and certified and such documentary evidence as may be offered. The court for the trial and impeachment may sit or continue its sessions at any time without reference to the terms as prescribed by law.

Section 36-11-11 Proceedings in Supreme Court - Powers of Examiners as to Witnesses.

The examiner or examiners so appointed shall have power to issue subpoenas for witnesses, which shall be served by the sheriff of the proper county or by any special constable appointed by such examiner or examiners, to compel the attendance of witnesses by attachment, to punish for contempt by fine or imprisonment in the county jail and to administer oaths to witnesses, and the oaths administered by such examiners shall, in all respects, be deemed and held to be lawful oaths.

Section 36-11-12 Proceedings in Supreme Court - Rights of Parties as to Proceedings Before Examiners.

Either party shall have the right to appear before the examiner by himself and counsel and, to this end, shall have five days' notice of the time and place of his sittings; each party shall have compulsory process to compel the attendance of witnesses; and, from the rulings of the examiner on any question of the admissibility and legality of evidence offered, either party may reserve an exception, to be decided by the Supreme Court.

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Section 36-11-13 Proceedings in Circuit Court - Issuance and Service of Order to Appear and Answer Information, Summons and Copy of Information; Setting of Trial Date and Granting of Continuances Generally.

If such information is filed in the circuit court, the judge of such court shall make an order requiring the officer proceeded against to appear at a place and on a day to be specified in the order and answer the information. The clerk of the court shall issue a summons, in which shall be set forth a copy of the order, directed to any sheriff of the state of Alabama, and which, together with a copy of the information, shall be served on such defendant. Another day may be set and other summons issued as often as may be necessary, and continuances may be granted in the discretion of the court.

Section 36-11-14 Proceedings in Circuit Court - When Case Stands for Trial; Conduct of Trial Generally; Right to Jury Trial.

When the information is filed in the circuit court, if the summons is served 20 days before the day specified in the order, such case shall stand for trial on that day; and, if the summons is served less than 20 days before the day specified in the order, then the court shall on the day specified in the order make an order setting another day on which the defendant shall answer the information and the case stand for trial. The case shall have precedence and priority over all other business in such court and, shall be proceeded with in all respects as civil actions are conducted, with the right to either party to except to the rulings of the court and to reserve such exceptions as in civil actions. The defendant shall be entitled to a trial by jury on any issue of fact, whenever he demands the same.

Section 36-11-15 Appeals to Supreme Court from Judgment of Circuit Court - Authorization and Procedure Generally.

From any final judgment or decision entered by any circuit court in proceedings under this chapter, an appeal shall lie to the Supreme Court in favor of the unsuccessful party. Notice of appeal must be filed within 42 days after the judgment is entered. Notices of appeal shall be given as in other cases. Such appeal shall have precedence and priority over all other appeals.

Section 36-11-16 Appeals to Supreme Court from Judgment of Circuit Court - Requirement of Security for Costs; Effect of Appeal as to Judgment of Conviction.

If the appeal is taken by the state in cases instituted in its name by the Attorney General or a district attorney, no security for costs shall be required. In all other cases, security for costs shall be required as in appeals to the Supreme Court in civil actions, and such appeal shall not suspend the judgment of conviction.

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Section 36-11-17 Duties, Liabilities and Fees of Sheriffs, Etc., for Service of Process, Etc.; Compensation of Examiners; Payment of Fees, Costs, Etc.

The sheriff, coroner or constable to whom process is issued under the provisions of this chapter shall perform all the duties as sheriffs are required to perform them, shall be liable to all the penalties to which sheriffs in similar cases are liable and shall be entitled to the same fees as sheriffs are entitled to for similar services. The examiners shall be entitled to such compensation as the Supreme Court may determine as fair equivalent for the services performed. All such fees and compensation shall be taxed in the bill of costs, but no costs shall be adjudged against the state nor against the successful plaintiffs on a return of "no property found" against the defendant, but may be paid out of the Treasury in all cases when the Governor thinks it right to pay the same.

Section 36-11-18 Execution of Process, Etc., Where Sheriff or Clerk of Court Subject to Impeachment Proceedings.

In all cases in which the sheriff is the party accused, all process relating to the case shall be executed by the coroner of the county or, if there is no coroner, then by such other person as may be appointed by the court or a judge in vacation. If the accused is the clerk of the court, then the court or judge thereof shall appoint a special clerk, who shall be some reliable and responsible person and who shall perform and discharge all the duties of the office as to this particular case, under the direction of the court or the judge thereof, until such case is finally determined, and who shall be liable to all penalties prescribed by law for any misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance in the discharge of the duties of such office.

Section 36-11-19 Drawing of Jury Where Member of County Commission, Etc., Subject to Impeachment Proceedings.

Whenever any information for the impeachment of any member of a county commission, jury commission or other board charged by law with the duty of drawing petit juries is filed in any court in this state having jurisdiction to hear and determine such information, or whenever any article of impeachment or other proceedings for the impeachment of any such member are filed or commenced in any such court, the judge of the circuit court shall, in the manner provided by law, draw the jury for the trial of such cases.

Section 36-11-20 Amendments Allowed in Trial of Case; Matters as to Which Evidence May Be Introduced.

In all cases instituted under the provisions of this chapter, any and all amendments necessary to a trial of the case upon its merits shall be allowed. Witnesses may testify to any facts or circumstances within their knowledge which may show or tend to show that

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the accused has been guilty of any of the offenses or delinquencies charged against him or is incompetent, as the case may be; and, in like manner, the accused must have a similar right to introduce like evidence to show that he has not been guilty of the offenses or delinquencies charged against him or that he is not incompetent, as the case may be.

Section 36-11-21 Fees and Compensation of Witnesses Generally; Statement to Be Filed by Examiner as to Fees and Compensation to Which Witnesses Entitled; Payment of Fees and Compensation of State Witnesses Before Supreme Court When Proceedings Instituted on Information of Attorney General.

Witnesses in impeachment cases are entitled to the same fees and compensation as witnesses in civil cases in the circuit court, to be certified in the same manner and taxed and collected as costs.

The examiner must file with his return a statement showing the names of witnesses examined by each party and the fees and compensation to which they are entitled.

When the proceeding is upon the information of the Attorney General, the fees of witnesses on the part of the state attending before the Supreme Court must be paid out of the treasury on warrant of the Comptroller, drawn upon the certificate of the clerk showing the fees and compensation to which the witness is entitled and the approval of the Attorney General endorsed thereon; but the same must be taxed as costs and, if collected of the defendant, must be by the clerk paid into the Treasury.

Section 36-11-22 Preparation of Final Record of Impeachment Proceedings.

The clerk or, if he is the accused, the person acting as clerk of the court in which the trial is held shall make and preserve a final record of the proceedings in all respects as clerks of the circuit courts are required to do of trials held therein, and all laws applicable thereto are made applicable to final records and proceedings under this chapter.

Section 36-11-23 Certification of Vacancy in Office Upon Final Judgment of Conviction.

It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Supreme Court in all cases when final judgment of conviction is entered in that court, on appeal or otherwise, forthwith to certify the vacancy thus created to the appointing power with a copy of the judgment. In like manner, the clerk of the circuit court or person designated to act as clerk shall certify to the appointing power any final judgment of conviction entered in such court from which no appeal is taken.

Section 36-11-24 Proceedings Under Chapter Not to Be Barred by Statutes of Limitations; Effect of Judgment Under Chapter Generally; Indictment, Etc., of Accused.

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No statute of limitation shall be valid as a bar to any of the proceedings provided for by this chapter. The penalties in cases arising under the provisions of this chapter shall not extend beyond the removal from office and the disqualification from holding office under the authority of this state for the term for which the accused was elected or appointed, but the accused shall be liable to indictment, trial and punishment as prescribed by law.

Section 36-11-25 Proceedings Where Defendant Has Removed, Absconded, or Secreted Himself.

If, in any case of proceedings for impeachment or removal from office under this chapter, the defendant has removed, absconded or secreted himself so that the summons cannot be served on him personally, the sheriff or other officer to whom the summons is issued shall serve the same by leaving a copy thereof at the office of the defendant, if known, or at his last place of residence; and the sheriff shall forthwith publish in some newspaper published in the county or, if no newspaper is published in the county, in the newspaper published nearest thereto a copy of the summons and notice to the defendant where a copy thereof has been left for him. The sheriff shall make return of the summons as in other cases, stating the facts, and such service shall be as valid to all intents and purposes as personal service on the defendant; and, if the defendant fails to appear pursuant to the summons, whether served personally or as provided by this section, the court shall cause the plea of not guilty to be entered for him and the trial shall proceed as in other cases.

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168. In each precinct not lying within, or partly within, any city or incorporated town of more than fifteen hundred inhabitants, there shall be elected by the qualified electors of such precinct not exceeding two justices of the peace, and one constable. Where one or more precincts lie within, or partly within, a city or incorporated town having more than fifteen hundred inhabitants, the legislature may provide by law for the election of not more than two justices of the peace and one constable, for each of such precincts, or an inferior court for such precinct or precincts, in lieu of all justices of the peace therein. Justices of the peace, and the inferior courts in this section provided for, shall have jurisdiction in all civil cases where the amount in controversy does not exceed one hundred dollars, except in cases of libel, slander, assault and battery, and ejectment. The legislature may provide by law what fees may be charged by justices of the peace and constables, which fees shall be uniform throughout the state. The right of appeal from any judgment of a justice of the peace, or from any inferior court authorized by this section, without the prepayment of costs, and also the term of office of such justices, and of the judges of such inferior courts, and of notaries public, shall be provided for by law. The governor may appoint notaries public without the powers of a justice of the peace, and may, except where otherwise provided by an act of the legislature, appoint not more than one notary public with all of the powers and jurisdiction of a justice of the peace for each precinct in which the election of justices of the peace shall be authorized.

169. In all prosecutions for rape and assault with intent to ravish, the court may, in its discretion, exclude from the courtroom all persons, except such as may be necessary in the conduct of the trial.

170. The style of all processes shall be "The State of Alabama," and all prosecutions shall be carried on in the name and by the authority of the same, and shall conclude "against the peace and dignity of the state."

171. The legislature shall have the power to abolish any court, except the supreme court and the probate courts, whenever its jurisdiction and functions have been conferred upon some other court.

172. Nothing in this article shall be so construed as to abridge the term of office of any officer now in office.

Article VII

Impeachments

173. The governor, lieutenant-governor, attorney-general, state auditor, secretary of state, state treasurer, superintendent of education, commissioner of agriculture and industries, and justices of the supreme court may be removed from office for willful neglect of duty, corruption in office, incompetency, or intemperance in the use of intoxicating liquors or narcotics to such an extent, in view of the dignity of the office and importance of its duties, as unfits the officer for the discharge of such duties, or for any offense involving moral turpitude while in office, or committed under color thereof, or connected therewith, by the senate sitting as a court of impeachment, under oath or affirmation, on articles or charges preferred by the house of representatives. When the governor or lieutenant-governor is impeached, the chief justice, or if he be absent or disqualified, then one of the associate justices of the supreme court, to be selected by it, shall preside over the senate when sitting as a court of impeachment. If at any time when the legislature is not in session, a majority of all the

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members elected to the house of representatives shall certify in writing to the secretary of state their desire to meet to consider the impeachment of the governor, lieutenant-governor, or other officer administering the office of governor, it shall be the duty of the secretary of state immediately to notify the speaker of the house, who shall, within ten days after receipt of such notice, summon the members of the house, by publication in some newspaper published at the capitol, to assemble at the capitol on a day to be fixed by the speaker, not later than fifteen days after the receipt of the notice to him from the secretary of state, to consider the impeachment of the governor, lieutenant-governor, or other officer administering the office of governor. If the house of representatives prefer articles of impeachment, the speaker of the house shall forthwith notify the lieutenant-governor, unless he be the officer impeached, in which event he shall notify the secretary of state, who shall summon, in the manner herein above provided for, the members of the senate to assemble at the capitol on a day to be named in said summons, not later than ten days after receipt of the notice from the speaker of the house, for the purpose of organizing as a court of impeachment. The senate, when thus organized, shall hear and try such articles of impeachment against the governor, lieutenant-governor, or other officer administering the office of governor, as may be preferred by the house of representatives.

174. The chancellors, judges of the circuit courts, judges of the probate courts, and judges of other courts from which an appeal may be taken directly to the supreme court, and solicitors and sheriffs, may be removed from office for any of the causes specified in the preceding section or elsewhere in this Constitution, by the supreme court, under such regulations as may be prescribed by law. The legislature may provide for the impeachment or removal of other officers than those named in this article.

175. The clerks of the circuit courts, or courts of like jurisdiction, and of criminal courts, tax collectors, tax assessors, county treasurers, county superintendents of education, judges of inferior courts created under authority of section 168 of this Constitution, coroners, justices of the peace, notaries public, constables, and all other county officers, mayors, intendants, and all other officers of incorporated cities and towns in this state, may be removed from office for any of the causes specified in section 173 of this Constitution, by the circuit or other courts of like jurisdiction or a criminal court of the county in which such officers hold their office, under such regulations as may be prescribed by law; provided, that the right of trial by jury and appeal in such cases shall be secured.

176. The penalties in cases arising under the three preceding sections shall not extend beyond removal from office, and disqualifications from holding office, under the authority of this state, for the term for which the officer was elected or appointed; but the accused shall be liable to indictment and punishment as prescribed by law.

Article VIII

Suffrage and Elections

177. Every male citizen of this state who is a citizen of the United States, and every male resident of foreign birth, who, before the ratification of this Constitution, shall have legally declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States, twenty-one years old or upwards, not laboring under any of the disabilities named in this article, and possessing the qualifications required by it, shall be an elector, and shall be entitled to vote at any election by the people; provided, that all foreigners who have legally declared their intention to become