

## **Proposal B**

### **2020 Alabama FFA State Constitution**

*For consideration by the delegates at the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Alabama FFA State Convention*

**NOTE:** An amendment to the State FFA Constitution may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the official delegates present at the State FFA convention.

**Submitted by:** 2019-2020 Alabama FFA State Officers: Will Aycock, President; Alyssa Glover, Vice-President; Terrance Crayton, Secretary; Megan Woodall, Treasurer; Ka'Shiya McKinney, Reporter; Garrett Springs, Sentinel.

**Subject:** Replacing the language in the State FFA Constitution as related to congressional modification of Public Law 105-225 otherwise known as the National FFA Federal Charter.

**Motion:** Move to amend the State FFA Constitution: *Article I. Section B. (Names and Purposes)* by striking out the current wording and replacing it with the text noted in Constitutional Item 1 (Attached),

**BACKGROUND/PURPOSE:** The Alabama FFA Executive Committee met to discuss changes to our state constitution to make it relevant in relation to the National FFA federal charter. The purpose of this amendment is to provide input on the language and wording of changes to the State FFA Constitution and Bylaws based upon congressional approval of a modified Federal Charter. The Alabama FFA Executive Committee has reviewed and thoughtfully considered the current federal character and developed the revised wording to the State FFA Constitution to make it match our federal charter.

**RATIONALE:** Modifies the language in support of the State FFA Federal Charter to make it relevant to National FFA Federal Charter.

**Item 1**  
**State FFA Constitution**

**Current Verbiage**

**Article I. Names and Purposes**

SECTION A. The name of this organization shall be the "Alabama FFA Association." The letters "FFA" and/or the words "Future Farmers of America" may be officially used to designate the organization, its chapters and/or members.

SECTION B. The objectives of the organization shall be consistent with Section 3 of the organization's federal charter, Public Law 105-225 (formerly Public Law 81-740). The organization shall cooperate with national and state government agencies and officials in vocational education to accomplish the following objectives:

1. To be an integral part of the organized instructional programs in agricultural education which prepare students for a wide range of careers in agriculture, agribusiness and other agriculture-related occupations.

2. To strengthen the confidence of students in themselves and in their work by developing desirable work habits and the effective usage of their time; by learning to assume responsibility; and by developing competencies in communications, human relations and other social abilities leading to the intelligent choice of a career and successful employment or entrepreneurship in the agricultural industry.

3. To provide agriculture-related programs and activities, which will develop pride, responsibility, leadership, character, scholarship, citizenship, patriotism and thrift; and which will improve the economic, environmental, recreational, and human resources of the community.
4. To encourage and recognize achievement in supervised agricultural experience programs, scholarship, leadership and other individual and group activities by providing awards to deserving members and chapters.

## **Proposed Verbiage**

### **Article I. Names and Purposes**

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SECTION B. The objectives of the organization shall be consistent with the organization's federal charter, **Public Law 116-7(formerly Public Laws 105-225 and 81-740)**. The organization shall cooperate with national and state government agencies and officials in **career and technical education** to accomplish the following objectives:

- 1. To be an integral component of instruction in agricultural education, including without limitation, agriculture, food, and natural resources. As such, the organization shall be intra-curricular to the agricultural education program, and will work with contextual classroom/laboratory instruction and work-based experiential learning in furtherance of a complete and comprehensive agricultural education program;**
- 2. To be an integral component in agricultural education, to prepare students for successful entry into productive careers in agriculture, food and natural resources, or connect students to relevant**

postsecondary educational pathways, focusing on the complete delivery of classroom and laboratory instruction, work-based experiential learning and leadership development;

3. To be a resource and support organization that does not select, control or supervise local chapter or individual member activities. The organization will develop educational materials, programs, services and events as a service to local agricultural education agencies;

4. To seek and promote inclusion and diversity in its membership, leadership and staff to reflect the organization's belief in the value of all human beings;

5. To create, foster and assist subsidiary chapters in state-or territory-approved agricultural educational programs and associations of those chapters in the States, territories, and possessions of the United States;

6. To build character and develop competent and assertive agricultural leadership

7. To increase awareness of the global and technological importance of agriculture, food and natural resources and its contribution to our well-being;

8. To promote the intelligent choice and establishment of a career in agriculture, food and natural resources;

9. To make available to local chapters and members, all official supplies, equipment, programs and services of the organization where applicable;

10. To cooperate with others, including state boards and officials for career and technical education, in accomplishing the foregoing purposes;

11. To engage in other activities, consistent with these purposes determined by the governing body to be for the best interests of the organization.