

House Resolution 850

By: Representatives Millar of the 59th, Jamieson of the 22nd, Snelling of the 99th, Rice of the 79th and Jennings of the 63rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for charter schools and special
 2 charter schools approved by the State Board of Education to receive state and local funds in
 3 the same manner as other public schools; to provide for the submission of this amendment
 4 for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

7 Article VIII, Section V of the Constitution is amended by striking Paragraph VII and
 8 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

9 "Paragraph VII. *Special schools.* (a) The General Assembly may provide by law for the
 10 creation of special schools in such areas as may require them and may provide for the
 11 participation of local boards of education in the establishment of such schools under such
 12 terms and conditions as it may provide, ~~but~~ Except for special charter schools approved
 13 by the State Board of Education, no bonded indebtedness may be incurred nor a school tax
 14 levied for the support of special schools without the approval of a majority of the qualified
 15 voters voting thereon in each of the systems affected. Charter schools and special charter
 16 schools approved by the State Board of Education shall receive state and local funds in the
 17 same manner as other public schools. Any special schools shall be operated in conformity
 18 with regulations of the State Board of Education pursuant to provisions of law. The state
 19 is authorized to expend funds for the support and maintenance of special schools in such
 20 amount and manner as may be provided by law.

21 (b) Nothing contained herein shall be construed to affect the authority of local boards of
 22 education or of the state to support and maintain special schools created prior to June 30,
 23 1983."

SECTION 2.

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2 The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as
3 provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the
4 above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

5 " YES Shall the Constitution be amended so as to provide for charter schools and
6 special charter schools approved by the State Board of Education to receive

7 NO state and local funds in the same manner as other public schools?"

8 All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."

9 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If
10 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall
11 become a part of the Constitution of this state.