

House Resolution 904

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the creation of the Cancer  
 2 Care Trust Fund; to provide for disbursements for specified purposes; to authorize allocation  
 3 of gifts for the trust fund's purposes to the trust fund; to authorize appropriations to the trust  
 4 fund; to provide that moneys in the trust fund shall not lapse at the end of a fiscal year; to  
 5 provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other  
 6 purposes.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

### 8 SECTION 1.

9 Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI of the Constitution is amended by redesignating the  
 10 second subparagraph (k), proposed by Ga. L. 1998, p. 1688, as subparagraph (l), and  
 11 inserting a new subparagraph to be designated subparagraph (m) to read as follows:

12 "(m) The General Assembly is authorized to provide by general law for the creation of  
 13 a Cancer Care Trust Fund from which funds shall be provided, in order of priority, for  
 14 medical expenses of persons diagnosed with cancer who do not have health insurance  
 15 because they lack the means to provide for or the ability to obtain health insurance; for  
 16 medical expenses of persons diagnosed with cancer who have health insurance and who  
 17 need assistance with paying extraordinary medical expenses not paid by health insurance;  
 18 and for research or other needs related to cancer. The General Assembly is authorized to  
 19 provide for allocation to the trust fund of contributions and gifts for the purposes of the  
 20 trust fund and to appropriate state moneys to the trust fund. The trust fund shall not be  
 21 subject to the provisions of Article III, Section IX, Paragraph IV(c), relative to the lapsing  
 22 of funds."

### 23 SECTION 2.

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

1     " YES    Shall the Constitution be amended to authorize the creation of the Cancer  
2                    Care Trust Fund for the purpose of paying medical expenses of persons  
3      NO    diagnosed with cancer who have no health insurance or need help with  
4                    extraordinary expenses unpaid by their insurance and for research and other  
5                    needs relating to cancer; to provide for allocation of gifts, contributions,  
6                    and moneys for these purposes to the trust fund; and to authorize  
7                    appropriations by the General Assembly to the trust fund?"

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.