

House Resolution 904

By: Representatives Callaway of the 81st, Benfield of the 67th, Cooper of the 31st, Westmoreland of the 104th, Burmeister of the 114th and others

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.