

House Resolution 126

By: Representative Everett of the 163rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that certain persons who are
2 defaulters for federal, state, or local taxes shall be ineligible to hold any public office in this
3 state; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for
4 other purposes.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article II, Section II of the Constitution is amended by striking Paragraph III and inserting
8 in its place a new Paragraph III to read as follows:

9 "Paragraph III. Persons not eligible to hold office. No person who is not a registered voter
10 or; who has been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude, unless that person's civil
11 rights have been restored and at least ten years have elapsed from the date of the
12 completion of the sentence without a subsequent conviction of another felony involving
13 moral turpitude; who is a defaulter for any federal, state, county, municipal, or school
14 system taxes required of such person if such person has been finally determined to owe
15 those taxes and is more than 12 months delinquent in payment thereof, but such
16 ineligibility may be removed at any time by payment thereof or by entering into a payment
17 plan which has been approved by the applicable taxing jurisdiction but only when
18 payments under such plan are not in arrears; provided that such person has control over any
19 entity that is determined to be delinquent; or who is the holder of public funds illegally
20 shall be eligible to hold any office or appointment of honor or trust in this state. Additional
21 conditions of eligibility to hold office for persons elected on a write-in vote and for persons
22 holding offices or appointments of honor or trust other than elected offices created by this
23 Constitution may be provided by law."

SECTION 2.

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 that certain persons who
6 are defaulters for federal, state, or local taxes shall be ineligible to hold any
7 () NO public office in this state?"

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.