

The Senate Judiciary Committee offered the following substitute to HR 126:

## 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:

### SECTION 1.

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

8 "Paragraph III. *Persons not eligible to hold office.* No person who is not a registered  
 9 voter ~~or~~; who has been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude, unless that person's  
 10 civil rights have been restored and at least ten years have elapsed from the date of the  
 11 completion of the sentence without a subsequent conviction of another felony involving  
 12 moral turpitude; who is a defaulter for any federal, state, county, municipal, or school  
 13 system taxes required of such officeholder or candidate if such person has been finally  
 14 adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction to owe those taxes, but such ineligibility  
 15 may be removed at any time by full payment thereof, or by making payments to the tax  
 16 authority pursuant to a payment plan, or under such other conditions as the General  
 17 Assembly may provide by general law; or who is the holder of public funds illegally shall  
 18 be eligible to hold any office or appointment of honor or trust in this state. Additional  
 19 conditions of eligibility to hold office for persons elected on a write-in vote and for persons  
 20 holding offices or appointments of honor or trust other than elected offices created by this  
 21 Constitution may be provided by law."

### SECTION 2.

22 The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as  
 23 provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the  
 24 above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:  
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1       " YES   Shall the Constitution be amended so as to provide that certain officeholders  
2                           or candidates who are defaulters for federal, state, or local taxes shall be  
3        NO   ineligible to hold any public office in this state?"

4   All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."  
5   All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If  
6   such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall  
7   become a part of the Constitution of this state.