

Senate Resolution 64

By: Senators James of the 35th, Cheeks of the 23rd, Harbison of the 15th, Walker of the 22nd, Tate of the 38th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for four-year terms of office
2 for members of the Georgia Senate; to provide for submission of this amendment for
3 ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 SECTION 1.

6 Article III, Section II, Paragraph V of the Constitution is amended by striking said Paragraph
7 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

8 "Paragraph V. *Election and term of members.* (a) (1) The members of the ~~General~~
9 ~~Assembly~~ House of Representatives shall be elected by the qualified electors of their
10 respective districts for a term of two years and shall serve until the time fixed for the
11 convening of the next General Assembly.

12 (2) Effective with members elected for terms beginning in 2003 or thereafter, the
13 members of the Senate shall be elected by the qualified electors of their respective
14 districts for a term of four years and shall serve until the time fixed for the convening of
15 the next General Assembly.

16 (b) The members of the General Assembly in office on June 30, 1983, shall serve out the
17 remainder of the terms to which elected.

18 (c) The first election for members of the General Assembly under this Constitution shall
19 take place on Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1984, and subsequent elections
20 biennially for members of the House of Representatives and quadrennially for members
21 of the Senate on that day until the day of election is changed by law."

22 SECTION 2.

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

1 " YES Shall the Constitution be amended so as to provide for four-year terms of
2 office for members of the Georgia Senate effective with members elected
3 NO for terms beginning in 2003 or thereafter?"

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.