

House Resolution 211

By: Representative Williams of the 83rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to change the method of selection of
 2 members of the State Board of Education; to provide for nomination by the member of
 3 Congress representing the congressional district and election by a majority vote of certain
 4 members of the General Assembly; to change the term of office of members of such board;
 5 to provide for the completion of terms; to authorize the General Assembly to provide for
 6 election procedures and filling of vacancies; to provide for the submission of this amendment
 7 for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 SECTION 1.

10 Article VIII, Section II, Paragraph I of the Constitution is amended by striking subparagraph
 11 (a) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

12 "(a) There shall be a State Board of Education ~~which shall consist of one member from~~
 13 ~~each congressional district in the state appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the~~
 14 ~~Senate. The Governor shall not be a member of said board. The ten members in office on~~
 15 ~~June 30, 1983, shall serve out the remainder of their respective terms. As each term of~~
 16 ~~office expires, the Governor shall appoint a successor as herein provided. The terms of~~
 17 ~~office of all members appointed after the effective date of this Constitution shall be for~~
 18 ~~seven years. Members shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified. In the~~
 19 ~~event of a vacancy on the board by death, resignation, removal, or any reason other than~~
 20 ~~expiration of a member's term, the Governor shall fill such vacancy; and the person so~~
 21 ~~appointed shall serve until confirmed by the Senate and, upon confirmation, shall serve for~~
 22 ~~the unexpired term of office~~ composed of as many members as there are congressional
 23 districts in the state. The member of Congress from each congressional district shall
 24 nominate up to three persons and the member of the board from each congressional district
 25 shall be elected from such persons so nominated by a majority vote of the members of the
 26 House of Representatives and Senate whose respective districts are embraced or partly
 27 embraced within such congressional district meeting in caucus. The members of the board

1 in office on January 1, 2005, shall serve out the remainder of their respective terms. The
 2 General Assembly shall provide by law the procedure for the election of members and for
 3 filling vacancies on the board. Members elected on or after January 1, 2005, shall serve for
 4 terms of two years and until their successors are elected and qualified."

5 **SECTION 2.**

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

9 "() YES Shall the Constitution be amended so as to change the method of selection
 10 of members of the State Board of Education from appointment by the
 11 () NO Governor to nomination by the respective member of Congress and election
 12 by a majority of the members of the General Assembly whose respective
 13 districts are embraced or partly embraced within the congressional district;
 14 to change their terms of office from seven years to two years; to provide that
 15 members in office shall complete their terms of office; and to authorize the
 16 General Assembly to provide for procedures of election and filling
 17 vacancies?"

18 All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."

19 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If
 20 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall
 21 become a part of the Constitution of this state.