

House Resolution 210

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## 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 election by a majority vote of  
 3 certain members of the General Assembly; to change the term of office of members of such  
 4 board; to provide for the completion of terms; to authorize the General Assembly to provide  
 5 for election procedures and filling of vacancies; to provide for the submission of this  
 6 amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

### 8 SECTION 1.

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

11 ~~“(a) There shall be a State Board of Education which shall consist of one member from~~  
 12 ~~each congressional district in the state appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the~~  
 13 ~~Senate. The Governor shall not be a member of said board. The ten members in office on~~  
 14 ~~June 30, 1983, shall serve out the remainder of their respective terms. As each term of~~  
 15 ~~office expires, the Governor shall appoint a successor as herein provided. The terms of~~  
 16 ~~office of all members appointed after the effective date of this Constitution shall be for~~  
 17 ~~seven years. Members shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified. In the~~  
 18 ~~event of a vacancy on the board by death, resignation, removal, or any reason other than~~  
 19 ~~expiration of a member’s term, the Governor shall fill such vacancy; and the person so~~  
 20 ~~appointed shall serve until confirmed by the Senate and, upon confirmation, shall serve for~~  
 21 ~~the unexpired term of office composed of as many members as there are congressional~~  
 22 ~~districts in the state. The member of the board from each congressional district shall be~~  
 23 ~~elected by a majority vote of the members of the House of Representatives and Senate~~  
 24 ~~whose respective districts are embraced or partly embraced within such congressional~~  
 25 ~~district meeting in caucus. The members of the board in office on January 1, 2005, shall~~  
 26 ~~serve out the remainder of their respective terms. The General Assembly shall provide by~~  
 27 ~~law the procedure for the election of members and for filling vacancies on the board.~~

1 Members elected on or after January 1, 2005, shall serve for terms of two years and until  
 2 their successors are elected and qualified."

3 **SECTION 2.**

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

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

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

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