

Senate Resolution 136

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the Supreme Court does  
 2 not have appellate jurisdiction in divorce, alimony, child support, and child custody cases;  
 3 to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other  
 4 purposes.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

### 6 SECTION 1.

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

9 "Paragraph III. *General appellate jurisdiction of Supreme Court.* Unless otherwise  
 10 provided by law, the Supreme Court shall have appellate jurisdiction of the following  
 11 classes of cases:

12 (1) Cases involving title to land;

13 (2) All equity cases except those involving divorce, alimony, child support, or child  
 14 custody or modification or contempt of those judgments;

15 (3) All cases involving wills;

16 (4) All habeas corpus cases;

17 (5) All cases involving extraordinary remedies;

18 ~~(6) All divorce and alimony cases;~~

19 ~~(7)~~(6) All cases certified to it by the Court of Appeals; and

20 ~~(8)~~(7) All cases in which a sentence of death was imposed or could be imposed.

21 Review of all cases shall be as provided 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 that the Supreme  
2     NO        Court does not have appellate jurisdiction in divorce, alimony, child  
                                 support, or child custody cases or for modification or contempt of  
                                 those judgments?"

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