

Senate Resolution 1

By: Senator Harp of the 16th, Williams of the 19th, Mullis of the 53rd, Clay of the 37th, Seabaugh of the 28th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to allow public money to be used by
 2 religious or sectarian organizations and denominations and houses of worship for the purpose
 3 of providing public health or social services to people in need without regard to any
 4 recipient's religious affiliation, belief, practice, or lack thereof provided that no such public
 5 money shall be used for sectarian worship, instruction, or proselytization; to provide for the
 6 submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article I, Section II of the Constitution is amended by striking Paragraph VII and inserting
 10 in its place a new Paragraph to read as follows:

11 "Paragraph VII. *Separation of church and state.* No money shall ever be taken from the
 12 public treasury, directly or indirectly, in aid of any church, sect, cult, or religious
 13 denomination or of any sectarian institution. However, nothing in this Paragraph or any
 14 other provision of this Constitution shall prohibit the use of money from the public treasury
 15 to support public health or social service programs for people in need which are provided
 16 without regard to any recipient's religious affiliation, belief, practice, or lack thereof by
 17 religious or sectarian organizations, religious denominations, or individual houses of
 18 worship, provided that no such public money shall be used for sectarian worship,
 19 instruction, or proselytization."

20 **SECTION 2.**

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

- 1 " YES Shall the Constitution be amended so as to allow public money to be used
2 by religious or sectarian organizations and denominations and houses of
3 NO worship for the purpose of providing public health or social services to
 people in need without regard to any recipient's religious affiliation, belief,
 practice, or lack thereof, provided that no such public money shall be used
 for sectarian worship, instruction, or proselytization?"
- 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.