

## Senate Resolution 12

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that no law providing for or  
 2 increasing any state purpose tax shall become effective unless approved by a two-thirds'  
 3 majority of each branch of the General Assembly; to provide for the submission of this  
 4 amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

## 6 SECTION 1.

7 Article VII, Section I, Paragraph I of the Constitution is amended by striking Paragraph I in  
 8 its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

9 "Paragraph I. *Taxation; limitations on grants of tax powers.* (a) The state may not  
 10 suspend or irrevocably give, grant, limit, or restrain the right of taxation and all laws,  
 11 grants, contracts, and other acts to effect any of these purposes are null and void. Except  
 12 as otherwise provided in this Constitution, the right of taxation shall always be under the  
 13 complete control of the state.

14 (b) No law proposing or increasing any state purpose tax as defined by general law shall  
 15 take effect unless and until approved by two-thirds' of the members of each branch of the  
 16 General Assembly in a roll-call vote."

## 17 SECTION 2.

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

21 "( ) YES Shall the Constitution be amended so as to provide that no law providing for  
 22 or increasing any state purpose tax as defined by general law shall take  
 23 ( ) NO effect unless and until approved by a two-thirds' majority of each branch of  
 24 the General Assembly?"

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

26 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If

- 1 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall
- 2 become a part of the Constitution of this state.