

Senate Resolution 277

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for the election of judges of the  
2 probate court on a nonpartisan basis; to provide for the submission of this amendment for  
3 ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

### 5 SECTION 1.

6 Article VI, Section VII of the Constitution is amended by striking Paragraph I in its entirety  
7 and inserting in lieu thereof a new Paragraph I to read as follows:

8 "Paragraph I. *Election; term of office.* All superior court ~~and~~ state court, and probate  
9 court judges shall be elected on a nonpartisan basis for a term of four years. All Justices of  
10 the Supreme Court and the Judges of the Court of Appeals shall be elected on a nonpartisan  
11 basis for a term of six years. The terms of all judges thus elected shall begin the next  
12 January 1 after their election. All other judges shall continue to be selected in the manner  
13 and for the term they were selected on June 30, 1983, until otherwise provided by local  
14 law."

### 15 SECTION 2.

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

19 "( ) YES Shall the Constitution be amended to provide for the election of judges of  
20 ( ) NO the probate court on a nonpartisan basis?"

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

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