

House Resolution 622

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A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the powers of the Board
 2 of Regents of the University System of Georgia shall be exercised subject to Acts of the
 3 General Assembly approved by the Governor; to provide for submission of this amendment
 4 for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

7 Article VIII, Section IV, Paragraph I of the Constitution is amended by striking
 8 subparagraphs (b) through (f) and inserting in their place new subparagraphs to read as
 9 follows:

10 "(b) The board of regents shall have the exclusive authority to create new public colleges,
 11 junior colleges, and universities in the State of Georgia, subject to approval by majority
 12 vote in the House of Representatives and the Senate. Such vote shall not be required to
 13 change the status of a college, institution or university existing on the effective date of this
 14 Constitution. The government, control, and management of the University System of
 15 Georgia and all of the institutions in said system shall be vested in the Board of Regents
 16 of the University System of Georgia; provided that such government, control, and
 17 management shall be subject to control by Act of the General Assembly approved by the
 18 Governor.

19 (c) All appropriations made for the use of any or all institutions in the university system
 20 shall be paid to the board of regents ~~in a lump sum~~, with the power and authority in said
 21 board to allocate and distribute the same among the institutions under its control in such
 22 way and manner and in such amounts as will further an efficient and economical
 23 administration of the university system; provided that such allocation and distribution shall
 24 be subject to control by any appropriations Act or other Act of the General Assembly
 25 approved by the Governor.

26 (d) The board of regents may in such manner as may be provided by law hold, purchase,
 27 lease, sell, convey, or otherwise dispose of public property, execute conveyances thereon,

1 and utilize the proceeds arising therefrom; may exercise the power of eminent domain in
 2 the manner provided by law; and shall have such other powers and duties as provided by
 3 law.

4 (e) The board of regents may in such manner as may be provided by law accept bequests,
 5 donations, grants, and transfers of land, buildings, and other property for the use of the
 6 University System of Georgia.

7 (f) The qualifications, compensation, and removal from office of the members of the
 8 board of regents shall be as provided by law."

9 **SECTION 2.**

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

13 "() YES Shall the Constitution be amended so as to provide that the powers of the
 14 Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia shall be exercised
 15 () NO subject to Acts of the General Assembly approved by the Governor?"

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

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