

Senate Resolution 1

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

ADOPTED SENATE**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, historic preservation, or social services to people in need without
 4 regard to any recipient's religious affiliation, belief, practice, or lack thereof provided that
 5 no such public money shall be used for sectarian worship, instruction, or proselytization or
 6 by entities that engage in any unlawful discrimination; to provide for the submission of this
 7 amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

8 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

9 **SECTION 1.**

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

12 "Paragraph VII. *Separation of church and state.* No money shall ever be taken from the
 13 public treasury, directly or indirectly, in aid of any church, sect, cult, or religious
 14 denomination or of any sectarian institution. However, nothing in this Paragraph or any
 15 other provision of this Constitution shall prohibit the use of money from the public treasury
 16 to support public health, historic preservation, or social service programs for people in
 17 need which are provided without regard to any recipient's religious affiliation, belief,
 18 practice, or lack thereof by separate charitable affiliates of religious or sectarian
 19 organizations, religious denominations, or individual houses of worship, provided that no
 20 such public money shall be used for sectarian worship, instruction, or proselytization, nor
 21 shall such public money be used by entities that engage in any unlawful discrimination."

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 allow public money to be used
2 by separate charitable affiliates of religious or sectarian organizations and
3 NO denominations and houses of worship for the purpose of providing public
4 health, historic preservation, or social services to people in need without
5 regard to any recipient's religious affiliation, belief, practice, or lack
6 thereof, provided that no such public money shall be used for sectarian
 worship, instruction, or proselytization, nor shall such money be used by
 entities that engage in any unlawful discrimination?"

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