

Senators Thompson of the 33rd, Brown of the 26th, Tate of the 38th, Seay of the 34th, Thomas of the 2nd and others offered the following substitute to SR 560:

#### 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:

#### SECTION 1.

8 Article I, Section II of the Constitution is amended by striking Paragraph VII and inserting  
 9 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."

#### SECTION 2.

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