

Senate Resolution 560

By: Senators Lee of the 29th, Smith of the 52nd and Shafer of the 48th

**ADOPTED SENATE**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution, in a manner consistent with the United States  
2 Constitution, so as to prevent discrimination in the public funding of social services by  
3 allowing religious or sectarian organizations to receive public aid, directly or indirectly, for  
4 the provision of such services; to provide for the submission of this amendment for  
5 ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

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

10 "Paragraph VII. *Separation of church and state.* Except as permitted or required by the  
11 United States Constitution, as amended, no ~~No~~ money shall ever be taken from the public  
12 treasury, directly or indirectly, in aid of any church, sect, cult, or religious denomination  
13 or of any sectarian institution."

14 **SECTION 2.**

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

18 "( ) YES Shall the Constitution be amended in a manner consistent with the United  
19 ( ) NO States Constitution so as to prevent discrimination in the public funding of  
social services by allowing religious or sectarian institutions to receive  
public aid, directly or indirectly, for the provision of such services?"

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

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