

House Resolution 1117

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that persons who have not  
 2 obtained a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent are not eligible to hold any office  
 3 or appointment of honor or trust in this state; to provide for the submission of this  
 4 amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

### 6 SECTION 1.

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

9 "Paragraph III. ***Persons not eligible to hold office.*** No person who is not a registered  
 10 voter; who has been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude, unless that person's  
 11 civil rights have been restored and at least ten years have elapsed from the date of the  
 12 completion of the sentence without a subsequent conviction of another felony involving  
 13 moral turpitude; who is a defaulter for any federal, state, county, municipal, or school  
 14 system taxes required of such officeholder or candidate if such person has been finally  
 15 adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction to owe those taxes, but such ineligibility  
 16 may be removed at any time by full payment thereof, or by making payments to the tax  
 17 authority pursuant to a payment plan, or under such other conditions as the General  
 18 Assembly may provide by general law; who has not obtained a high school diploma or its  
 19 recognized equivalent; or who is the holder of public funds illegally shall be eligible to  
 20 hold any office or appointment of honor or trust in this state. Additional conditions of  
 21 eligibility to hold office for persons elected on a write-in vote and for persons holding  
 22 offices or appointments of honor or trust other than elected offices created by this  
 23 Constitution may be provided by law."

**SECTION 2.**

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

5 "( ) YES Shall the Constitution be amended so as to require persons holding offices

6 ( ) NO or appointments of honor or trust in this state to have obtained a high school

7 diploma or its recognized equivalent?"

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

9 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If

10 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall

11 become a part of the Constitution of this state.