

Senate Resolution 49

By: Senators Harp of the 29th, Shafer of the 48th, Hill of the 32nd, Schaefer of the 50th, Pearson of the 51st and others

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.* ~~No~~ Except as permitted or required by
 11 the United States Constitution, as amended, 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 of Georgia be amended in a manner consistent with
 19 () NO the United 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.