

House Resolution 90

By: Representative Jackson of the 161<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to remove the prohibition of pari-mutuel  
2 betting; to authorize dedication of revenue from taxation of pari-mutuel betting; to provide  
3 for related matters; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection;  
4 and for other purposes.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

### 6 SECTION 1.

7 Article I, Section II, Paragraph VIII of the Constitution is amended by striking subparagraph  
8 (a) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

9 "(a) Except as herein specifically provided in this Paragraph VIII, all lotteries, and the sale  
10 of lottery tickets, and all forms of ~~pari-mutuel betting~~ and casino gambling are hereby  
11 prohibited; and this prohibition shall be enforced by penal laws."

### 12 SECTION 2.

13 Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI of the Constitution is amended by inserting a new  
14 subparagraph to be designated as subparagraph (n) to read as follows:

15 "(n) The General Assembly is authorized to provide by general law for the use of revenue  
16 from taxation of pari-mutuel betting for the purposes of the HOPE scholarship program  
17 described in Article I, Section II, Paragraph VIII(c)(1) and programs relating to equestrian  
18 research, equestrian marketing, and equestrian scholarships."

### 19 SECTION 3.

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:

1    " YES   Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to remove the  
2                    constitutional prohibition against pari-mutuel betting and authorize the  
3     NO    dedication of revenue from taxation of pari-mutuel betting to the HOPE  
4                    scholarship program and programs relating to equestrian research,  
5                    equestrian marketing, and equestrian scholarships?"

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