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1 Senator Stoner of the 6th offered the following amendment:

2 Amend SR 49 by striking from line 1 of page 1 to the last line of such amendment and
3 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

4 "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly by
5 general law to provide for public funding of social services provided by separate charitable
6 affiliates of religious or sectarian organizations pursuant to contracts for the provision of
7 such services and to provide for conditions and requirements relative to such contracts; to
8 provide that the General Assembly may appropriate federal funds received by the state; to
9 provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other
10 purposes.

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

12 **SECTION 1.**

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

15 Paragraph VII. *Separation of church and state.* (a) Except as provided in
16 subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, no ~~No~~ money shall ever be taken from the public
17 treasury, directly or indirectly, in aid of any church, sect, cult, or religious denomination
18 or of any sectarian institution.

19 (b) The General Assembly is authorized to provide by general law for the public funding
20 of social services to be provided pursuant to a contract between the State of Georgia or any
21 department or agency of the state and any separate charitable affiliate of a religious or
22 sectarian organization. Each such contract shall be subject to the following terms and
23 conditions:

24 (1) No public funds received pursuant to such contract shall be used or expended,
25 either directly or indirectly, by any such separate charitable affiliate of a religious or
26 sectarian organization for sectarian worship, religious instruction, or proselytizing;

27 (2) Any such separate charitable affiliate of a religious or sectarian organization which
28 receives such public funds shall provide an annual accounting of the use of such funds
29 in such manner as provided by law and shall be subject to audit by the state regarding the
30 expenditure of such funds;

1 () YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the General
2 Assembly by general law to provide for public funding of social services
3 () NO provided by separate charitable affiliates of religious or sectarian
4 organizations pursuant to contracts for the provision of such services, to
5 provide for conditions and requirements relative to such contracts, and to
6 authorize the General Assembly to appropriate federal funds received by the
7 state?'

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 such
10 amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall
11 become a part of the Constitution of this state."