

House Resolution 903

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to require the General Assembly to  
2 provide by general law for a program to provide low-interest mortgage loans for teachers;  
3 first responder employees; federal, state, or local government employees; and members of  
4 the National Guard; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or  
5 rejection; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

### 7 SECTION 1.

8 Article VII, Section IIA is amended by adding a new Paragraph at the end thereof, to be  
9 designated Paragraph II, to read as follows:

10 "Paragraph II. *Mortgage loan program.* The General Assembly shall provide by general  
11 law for a program to provide low-interest mortgage loans for teachers; first responder  
12 employees; federal, state, or local government employees; and members of the National  
13 Guard. Such program may be funded in whole or in part through the issuance of bonds or  
14 the allocation of revenue from such source or sources as may be specified by the General  
15 Assembly, or both. Moneys paid into the program fund shall not be subject to the  
16 provisions of Article III, Section IX, Paragraph IV(c), relative to lapsing of funds, nor of  
17 Article VII, Section III, Paragraph II, relative to funds paid into the state treasury, except  
18 that moneys appropriated from the program fund and not committed shall lapse back to the  
19 program fund."

### 20 SECTION 2.

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

1     " YES    Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to require the General  
2                    Assembly to provide by general law for a program to provide low-interest  
3      NO    mortgage loans for teachers; first responder employees; federal, state, or  
4                    local government employees; and members of the National Guard?"

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