

House Resolution 1085

By: Representatives Smith of the 113th, Martin of the 47th, Scheid of the 22nd, Royal of the 171st, Ehrhart of the 36th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that no tuition increase for any
 2 institution in the University System of Georgia shall take effect in any fiscal year unless such
 3 increase was adopted by the board of regents prior to submission of the draft of a general
 4 appropriations bill for that fiscal year; 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 VIII, Section IV, Paragraph I of the Constitution is amended by striking subparagraph
 9 (b) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

10 "(b) The board of regents shall have the exclusive authority to create new public colleges,
 11 junior colleges, and universities in the State of Georgia, subject to approval by majority
 12 vote in the House of Representatives and the Senate. Such vote shall not be required to
 13 change the status of a college, institution or university existing on the effective date of this
 14 Constitution. The government, control, and management of the University System of
 15 Georgia and all of the institutions in said system shall be vested in the Board of Regents
 16 of the University System of Georgia; provided, however, that no tuition increase for any
 17 institution in said system shall take effect in any fiscal year unless such increase was
 18 adopted by the board of regents prior to submission of the draft of a general appropriations
 19 bill for that fiscal year required by Article III, Section IX, Paragraph II(a)."

20 **SECTION 2.**

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

1 " YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide that no
2 tuition increase for any institution in the University System of Georgia shall
3 NO take effect in any fiscal year unless such increase was adopted by the board
4 of regents prior to submission of the draft of a general appropriations bill for
5 that fiscal year?"

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.