

House Resolution 1223

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that all records and meetings  
 2 of any government, authority, or private corporation performing a public purpose shall be  
 3 open to the public; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or  
 4 rejection; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

### 6 SECTION 1.

7 Article III, Section VI of the Constitution is amended by adding at the end thereof a new  
 8 Paragraph VIII to read as follows:

9 "Paragraph VIII. *Open meetings and open records.* All records and meetings of any  
 10 governmental body, political subdivision of the state, authority, or private corporation  
 11 performing a public purpose shall be open and accessible to the people. No exception to  
 12 this requirement shall be allowed unless it is adopted by a two-thirds' vote of each house  
 13 of the General Assembly and approved by the Governor."

### 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 so as to provide that all  
 19 records and meetings of any governmental body, political subdivision of the  
 20 ( ) NO state, authority, or private corporation performing a public purpose shall be  
 21 open and accessible to the people?"

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