

House Resolution 1228

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A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly by
 2 general law to provide for additional penalties or fees in any case in any court in this state
 3 in which a person is adjudged guilty of any offense against the criminal or traffic laws of this
 4 state or an ordinance of a political subdivision of this state; to provide that the General
 5 Assembly by general law may allocate such additional penalties or fees for the specific
 6 purpose of funding any and all costs or any portion of the costs for providing uninsured
 7 trauma care services by all public and private hospitals in this state that maintain trauma care
 8 centers; to provide that the General Assembly may provide by general law for the
 9 administration of such fund by such authority as the General Assembly may determine; to
 10 provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other
 11 purposes.

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

13 **SECTION 1.**

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

16 "(n) The General Assembly is authorized to provide by general law for additional
 17 penalties or fees in any case in any court in this state in which a person is adjudged guilty
 18 of an offense against the criminal or traffic laws of this state or an ordinance of a political
 19 subdivision of this state. The General Assembly is authorized to provide by general law
 20 for the allocation of such additional penalties or fees for the specified purpose of funding
 21 any and all costs or any portion of the costs for providing uninsured trauma care services
 22 by all public and private hospitals in this state that maintain trauma care centers. Moneys
 23 appropriated for such purposes shall not lapse. The General Assembly may provide by
 24 general law for the administration of such fund by such authority as the General Assembly
 25 shall determine."

SECTION 2.

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

5 " YES Shall the Georgia Constitution be amended so as to provide that the General
6 Assembly by general law may provide for additional penalties or fees in any
7 NO case in any court in this state in which a person is adjudged guilty of an
8 offense against the criminal or traffic laws of this state or an ordinance of
9 a political subdivision of this state and may allocate such additional
10 penalties or fees for the purpose of funding any and all costs or any portion
11 of the costs for providing uninsured trauma care services by all public and
12 private hospitals in this state that maintain trauma care centers?"

13 All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."

14 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If
15 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall
16 become a part of the Constitution of this state.