

House Resolution 1336

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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 the election of Justices of the Supreme Court from districts; to  
 3 provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other  
 4 purposes.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

### 6 SECTION 1.

7 Article VI, Section VII of the Constitution is amended by striking Paragraph I and inserting  
 8 in lieu thereof a new Paragraph I to read as follows:

9 **"Paragraph I. Election; term of office.** All superior court and state court judges shall  
 10 be elected on a nonpartisan basis for a term of four years. All Justices of the Supreme  
 11 Court and the Judges of the Court of Appeals shall be elected on a nonpartisan basis for a  
 12 term of six years. The terms of all judges thus elected shall begin the next January 1 after  
 13 their election. All other judges shall continue to be selected in the manner and for the term  
 14 they were selected on June 30, 1983, until otherwise provided by local law. The General  
 15 Assembly shall be authorized to provide by general law for the election of Justices of the  
 16 Supreme Court from districts."

### 17 SECTION 2.

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

21 "( ) YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the General  
 22 Assembly to provide by general law for the election of Justices of the  
 23 ( ) NO Supreme Court from districts?"

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

25 All persons desiring to vote against ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If

- 1 such amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall
- 2 become a part of the Constitution of this state.