

## House Resolution 1345

By: Representatives Smith of the 129<sup>th</sup>, Burkhalter of the 50<sup>th</sup>, Roberts of the 154<sup>th</sup>, Sailor of the 93<sup>rd</sup>, Walker of the 107<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution, in a manner consistent with the United States  
 2 Constitution, so as to prevent discrimination in the public funding of social services by  
 3 allowing religious or faith based organizations to receive public aid, directly or indirectly,  
 4 for the provision of such services; 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 I, Section II of the Constitution is amended by striking Paragraph VII in its entirety  
 9 and inserting in lieu thereof a new Paragraph VII to read as follows:

10 "*Paragraph VII. Separation of church and state. No Except as permitted or required by*  
 11 *the United States Constitution, as amended, no money shall ever be taken from the public*  
 12 *treasury, directly or indirectly, in aid of any church, sect, cult, or religious denomination*  
 13 *or of any sectarian institution."*

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 in a manner consistent with  
 19 ( ) NO the United States Constitution so as to prevent discrimination in the public  
 funding of social services by allowing religious or faith based organizations  
 to receive public aid, directly or indirectly, for the provision of such  
 services?"

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