

House Resolution 471

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A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to require the General Assembly to
 2 provide by law for the creation of a Coastal Georgia Beach Preservation Trust Fund from
 3 which funds shall be disbursed for the purposes of restoring, managing, and preserving
 4 Georgia's coastal beaches; to provide for payments into the trust fund; to provide for the
 5 applicability of certain provisions of the Constitution; to provide for the submission of this
 6 amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 SECTION 1.

9 Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI of the Constitution is amended by adding a new
 10 subparagraph immediately following subparagraph (n), to be designated subparagraph (o),
 11 to read as follows:

12 "(o) The General Assembly is required to provide by law for the creation of a Coastal
 13 Georgia Beach Preservation Trust Fund from which funds shall be disbursed for the
 14 purposes of restoring, managing, and preserving Georgia's coastal beaches. The General
 15 Assembly may also provide by general law for the dedication and deposit into the trust
 16 fund of revenues raised from other specific sources for the purposes of the trust fund. The
 17 trust fund shall constitute a separate account in the state treasury. Trust fund proceeds shall
 18 be specifically identified by the Governor in the annual budget as a separate category
 19 entitled 'Coastal Georgia Beach Preservation Proceeds.' Funding for beach restoration,
 20 management, and preservation shall be appropriated to the Department of Natural
 21 Resources and shall be awarded by such agency through a competitive grant process. The
 22 General Assembly may provide by law for the administration of the trust fund and may
 23 provide for the sunset or termination of the trust fund or any or all of its revenue sources.
 24 Moneys paid into the trust fund shall not be subject to the provisions of Article III, Section
 25 IX, Paragraph IV(c), relative to lapsing of funds, or of Article VII, Section III, Paragraph
 26 II, relative to funds paid into the state treasury, except that moneys appropriated from the
 27 trust fund and not committed shall lapse back to the trust fund."

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 Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to require the General
6 Assembly to provide by law for the creation of a Coastal Georgia Beach
7 NO Preservation Trust Fund from which funds shall be disbursed for the
8 purposes of restoring, managing, and preserving Georgia's coastal
9 beaches?"

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

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