

House Resolution 1079

By: Representatives Jacobs of the 80th, Lindsey of the 54th, Hamilton of the 23rd, Levitas of the 82nd, and Jones of the 46th

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the General Assembly may
 2 provide by law for the creation of townships; to provide for the powers, funding, and
 3 operation of such townships; to provide for the exercise of zoning powers by townships; to
 4 provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other
 5 purposes.

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 SECTION 1.

8 Article IX of the Constitution is amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

9 "Section IX.
 10 Townships

11 "Paragraph I. *Creation of Townships.* The General Assembly may by general law
 12 provide for the creation of townships. Such townships shall have such powers and duties
 13 as may be provided by law. The General Assembly shall provide by law for the method
 14 of funding and taxation for such townships and for the operation and governance of such
 15 townships."

16 SECTION 2.

17 Said article is further amended by revising Paragraph IV of Section II as follows:

18 "Paragraph IV. *Planning and zoning.* The governing authority of each county and of
 19 each municipality may adopt plans and may exercise the power of zoning. This
 20 authorization shall not prohibit the General Assembly from enacting general laws
 21 establishing procedures for the exercise of such power. In addition, the General Assembly
 22 may by law authorize townships to adopt plans and exercise the power of zoning."

SECTION 3.

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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 authorize the

6 () NO General Assembly by law to create townships and to authorize the General

7 Assembly by law to authorize townships to exercise the power of zoning?"

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

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