

Senate Resolution 970

By: Senators Adelman of the 42nd, Brown of the 26th, Seay of the 34th, Stoner of the 6th, Butler of the 55th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that all records and meetings
2 of any governmental body, political subdivision of the state, authority, or private corporation
3 performing a public purpose shall be open to the public; to provide for the submission of this
4 amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

7 Article III, Section VI of the Constitution is amended by adding a new Paragraph to read as
8 follows:

9 "Paragraph VIII. *Open meetings and open records.* All records and meetings of any
10 governmental body, political subdivision of the state, authority, or private corporation
11 performing a public purpose shall be open and accessible to the public. No exception to
12 this requirement shall be allowed unless it is adopted by a two-thirds vote of each house
13 of the General Assembly and approved by the Governor."

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 so as to provide that all
19 records and meetings of any governmental body, political subdivision of the
20 () NO state, authority, or private corporation performing a public purpose shall be
21 open and accessible to the public?"

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