

House Resolution 1474

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A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the counties of this state
 2 shall not be bound by any future general law of this state requiring the expenditure of county
 3 funds at any time when the General Assembly has not appropriated and made available to
 4 the counties sufficient funds to enable the counties to comply with such law; to provide for
 5 submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 SECTION 1.

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

10 "Paragraph VIII. *Unfunded mandates to counties not binding*. The counties of this state
 11 shall not be bound by any general law of this state requiring the expenditure of county
 12 funds at any time when the General Assembly has not appropriated and made available to
 13 the counties sufficient funds to enable the counties to comply with such law. This
 14 Paragraph shall apply only with respect to general laws enacted after January 1, 2009."

15 SECTION 2.

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

19 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide that the
 20 counties of this state shall not be bound by any future general law of this
 21 () NO state requiring the expenditure of county funds at any time when the
 22 General Assembly has not appropriated and made available to the counties
 23 sufficient funds to enable the counties to comply with such law?"

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.