

The Senate Judiciary Committee offered the following substitute to SR 721:

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to prohibit courts from ordering the
 2 General Assembly to take any action to create or increase taxes or appropriations; to reaffirm
 3 that the power of appropriation of state revenues is reserved exclusively to the General
 4 Assembly; to limit the power of courts on matters involving appropriation of public money;
 5 to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other
 6 purposes.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

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

"SECTION XI. LIMITATIONS

12 Paragraph I. *Limitation on jurisdiction; appropriations.* No court of this state shall have
 13 the power to order the General Assembly to take any action to create or increase any tax,
 14 fee, or appropriation.

15 Paragraph II. *Appropriations by the General Assembly.* The power of appropriation of
 16 state revenues is reserved exclusively to the General Assembly and such powers shall
 17 remain inviolate. Appropriations determined by the General Assembly for any Act or
 18 program shall be within the sole discretion of the General Assembly and no court of this
 19 state shall have the power to declare an Act or program unconstitutional based upon the
 20 exercise of this discretion."

SECTION 2.

21 The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as
 22 provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the
 23 above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:
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1 " YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to prohibit courts from
2 ordering the General Assembly to take action to create or increase taxes or
3 NO appropriations; to reaffirm that the power of appropriation of state revenues
4 is reserved exclusively to the General Assembly; and to limit the power of
5 courts on matters involving appropriation of public money?"

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