

House Resolution 1476

By: Representatives Harbin of the 118th, Martin of the 47th, May of the 111th, England of the 108th, Ehrhart of the 36th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide for veto sessions for the
2 General Assembly; to provide for the circumstances, call, and limitations for such sessions;
3 to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other
4 purposes.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

7 Article III, Section V, Paragraph XIII of the Constitution is amended by revising
8 paragraph (d) as follows:

9 "(d) During sessions of the General Assembly, any vetoed bill or resolution may upon
10 receipt be immediately considered by the house wherein it originated for the purpose of
11 overriding the veto. If two-thirds of the members to which such house is entitled vote to
12 override the veto of the Governor, the same shall be immediately transmitted to the other
13 house where it shall be immediately considered. Upon the vote to override the veto by
14 two-thirds of the members to which such other house is entitled, such bill or resolution
15 shall become law. All bills and resolutions vetoed during the last three days of the session
16 and not considered for the purpose of overriding the veto and all bills and resolutions
17 vetoed after the General Assembly has adjourned sine die may be considered at the next
18 session of the General Assembly or at a special veto session as provided in subparagraph
19 (f) of this Paragraph for the purpose of overriding the veto in the manner herein provided.
20 If either house shall fail to override the Governor's veto, neither house shall again consider
21 such bill or resolution for the purpose of overriding such veto."

22 SECTION 2.

23 Said Paragraph is further amended by adding a new subparagraph to read as follows:

24 "(f) If the Governor vetoes a bill or resolution during the last three days of a session
25 which are not considered for the purpose of overriding the veto or vetoes a bill or
26 resolution after the General Assembly has adjourned sine die, upon the concurrence of the

27 Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the General
 28 Assembly may be called into a special veto session. Such session shall be called by a joint
 29 call issued by the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
 30 which call shall identify the vetoed bills or resolutions which will be considered during the
 31 special veto session, the date of the beginning of such session, and the authorized length
 32 of such session which shall not exceed six legislative days. No matters shall be considered
 33 other than the overriding of the vetoes of the bills and resolutions identified in the call. If
 34 called, such special veto session shall be held only in the first quarter of the fiscal year
 35 following the adjournment sine die of the General Assembly."

36 **SECTION 3.**

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

40 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize a special
 41 () NO veto session upon the joint call of the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker
 42 of the House of Representatives for the limited purpose of overriding vetoes
 43 of bills and resolutions by the Governor?"

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