

Senate Resolution 1172

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Sims of the 12th, Thompson of the 5th and Fort of the 39th

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to create an exception to the prohibition  
2 of pari-mutuel betting; to provide that the General Assembly is authorized to provide by  
3 general law for the creation of enterprise zones where pari-mutuel betting shall be permitted;  
4 to provide for related matters; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification  
5 or rejection; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 SECTION 1.

8 Article I, Section II, Paragraph VIII of the Constitution is amended by revising subparagraph  
9 (a) as follows:

10 "(a) Except as herein specifically provided in this Paragraph VIII, all lotteries, and the sale  
11 of lottery tickets, and all forms of ~~pari-mutuel betting~~ and casino gambling are hereby  
12 prohibited; and this prohibition shall be enforced by penal laws."

13 SECTION 2.

14 Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII of the Constitution is amended by revising  
15 subparagraph (c) as follows:

16 "(c)(1) The General Assembly is authorized to provide by general law for the creation of  
17 enterprise zones by counties or municipalities, or both. ~~Such~~ Any such general law may  
18 provide for:

19 (A) ~~Exemptions~~ exemptions, credits, or reductions of any tax or taxes levied within  
20 such zones by the state, a county, a municipality, or any combination thereof. Such  
21 exemptions shall be available only to such persons, firms, or corporations which create  
22 job opportunities within the enterprise zone for unemployed; and low; and moderate  
23 income persons in accordance with the standards set forth in such general law. Such  
24 general law shall further define enterprise zones so as to limit such tax exemptions,  
25 credits, or reductions to persons and geographic areas which are determined to be

26 underdeveloped as evidenced by the unemployment rate and the average personal  
 27 income in the area when compared to the remainder of the state; or  
 28 (B) Enterprise zones where pari-mutuel betting shall be authorized.  
 29 (2) The General Assembly may by general law further define areas qualified for creation  
 30 of enterprise zones and may provide for all matters relative to the creation, approval, and  
 31 termination of such zones."

32 **SECTION 3.**

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

36 "( ) YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to create an exception  
 37 to the constitutional prohibition against pari-mutuel betting and authorize  
 38 ( ) NO the General Assembly to provide by general law for the creation of  
 39 enterprise zones where para-mutuel betting shall be permitted?"

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