

House Resolution 22

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A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that where state or federal law
 2 requires elections for public office or public votes on initiatives or referenda, or designations
 3 or authorizations of employee representation, the right of individuals to vote by secret ballot
 4 shall be guaranteed; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or
 5 rejection; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Section I of Article I of the Constitution is amended by redesignating Paragraph XXIX as
 9 Paragraph XXX and by inserting a new Paragraph XXIX to read as follows:

10 "Paragraph XXIX. *Right of secret ballot.* The right of individuals to vote by secret ballot
 11 is fundamental. Where state or federal law requires elections for public office or public
 12 votes on initiatives or referenda, or designations or authorizations of employee
 13 representation, the right of individuals to vote by secret ballot shall be guaranteed."

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 where
 19 state or federal law requires elections for public office or public votes on
 20 () NO initiatives or referenda, or designations or authorizations of employee
 21 representation, the right of individuals to vote by secret ballot shall be
 22 guaranteed?"

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