

Senate Resolution 12

By: Senators Pearson of the 51st, Rogers of the 21st, Williams of the 19th, Tolleson of the 20th, Mullis of the 53rd and others

A RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by general law for the payment of rewards to the first person or firm or combination thereof which puts down and brings in the first commercial oil well in this state and to the first person or firm or combination thereof which puts down and brings in the first commercial natural gas well in this state; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

The Constitution of Georgia is amended in Article III, Section VI, Paragraph VI by revising subparagraph (b) as follows:

"(b)(1) All laws heretofore adopted under Article III, Section VIII, Paragraph XII of the Constitution of 1976 in force and effect on June 30, 1983, shall continue in force and effect and may be amended if such amendments are consistent with the authority granted to the General Assembly by such provisions of said Constitution; provided, however, that the provisions of subparagraph (3) of said provision of the Constitution of 1976 shall be superseded by subparagraph (2) of this subparagraph.

(2) The General Assembly may provide by general law for the payment of rewards to the first person or firm or combination thereof which puts down and brings in the first commercial oil well in this state and to the first person or firm or combination thereof which puts down and brings in the first commercial natural gas well in this state. The amount of any such rewards, the minimal amounts of daily production required to qualify as commercial wells, and the authority for determining whether such wells are producing such minimal amounts of daily production shall be as established by general law. Such law shall provide for the distribution of the amount of the reward between the persons or firms which drill or cause to be drilled said wells and the contractors who furnish such equipment, among such workers and employees actually engaged in the job, and to the

27 mineral, gas, or property owners where the wells are drilled. Said law shall provide for
28 the method of payments by the Governor."

29 **SECTION 2.**

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

33 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the General
34 Assembly to provide by general law for the payment of rewards to the first
35 () NO person or firm or combination thereof which puts down and brings in the
36 first commercial oil well in this state and to the first person or firm or
37 combination thereof which puts down and brings in the first commercial
38 natural gas well in this state?"

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