

## House Resolution 139

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly by  
 2 general law to provide for the imposition and collection of charges to telephone subscribers  
 3 in this state for the specific purpose of funding any and all costs or any portion of the costs  
 4 of providing trauma services by public and private hospitals and medical facilities in this  
 5 state that maintain trauma centers; to provide that the General Assembly may provide by  
 6 general law for the administration of such fund by such authority as the General Assembly  
 7 may determine; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection;  
 8 and for other purposes.

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI of the Constitution is amended by adding a new  
 12 subparagraph (o) to read as follows:

13 "(o) The General Assembly is authorized to provide by general law for the imposition  
 14 and collection of charges to telephone subscribers in this state for the specified purpose of  
 15 funding any and all costs or any portion of the costs of providing trauma services by public  
 16 and private hospitals and medical facilities in this state that maintain trauma centers.  
 17 Moneys appropriated for such purposes shall not lapse. The General Assembly may  
 18 provide by general law for the administration of such fund by such authority as the General  
 19 Assembly shall determine."

20 **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:

24     " YES    Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide that the  
25                    General Assembly by general law may provide for the imposition and  
26      NO     collection of charges to telephone subscribers in this state for the purpose  
27                    of funding any and all costs or any portion of the costs of providing trauma  
28                    services by public and private hospitals and medical facilities in this state  
29                    that maintain trauma centers?"

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