

House Resolution 138

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A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the Governor shall convene
 2 the General Assembly whenever actual revenues decline by 3 percent or more relative to the
 3 revenue estimate on which appropriations for that fiscal year are based and one-half of the
 4 members to which each house is entitled submit a written request for such special session to
 5 the Governor; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and
 6 for other purposes.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article V, Section II, Paragraph VII of the Constitution, relating to special sessions of the
 10 General Assembly, is amended by redesignating subparagraph (c) as subparagraph (d) and
 11 adding a new subparagraph (c) to read as follows:

12 "(c) The Governor shall convene the General Assembly in special session for the purpose
 13 of addressing the state budget and matters related thereto whenever actual revenues decline
 14 by 3 percent or more relative to the revenue estimate on which appropriations for that fiscal
 15 year are based and one-half of the members to which each house is entitled submit a
 16 written request for such special session to the Governor, with a copy to the Secretary of
 17 State. The General Assembly may convene itself if, after receiving such request, the
 18 Governor fails to do so within three days, excluding Sundays."

19 **SECTION 2.**

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

23 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide that the
 24 General Assembly may be called into special session whenever a budget
 25 () NO shortfall of 3 percent or more is projected?"

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