

House Resolution 293

By: Representatives Porter of the 143rd, Smyre of the 132nd, Gardner of the 57th, Buckner of the 130th, Thomas of the 100th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to authorize the General Assembly to
 2 provide by general law for the dedication of revenues derived from certain fees or
 3 assessments to any one or more state programs for the protection, preservation, management,
 4 remediation, and restoration of natural resources; to provide for the submission of this
 5 amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article III, Section IX, Paragraph VI of the Constitution is amended by adding a new
 9 subparagraph to read as follows:

10 "(o)(1) The General Assembly may provide by general law for the dedication of revenues
 11 derived from certain fees or assessments to any one or more state programs for the
 12 protection, preservation, management, remediation, and restoration of natural resources,
 13 so as to offset, in whole or in part, the costs to the state of implementing and
 14 administering such program or programs. Such general law may provide that such
 15 revenues so derived and dedicated shall not lapse.

16 (2) Any such general law enacted prior to and in effect on January 1, 2011, is hereby
 17 ratified."

18 **SECTION 2.**

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

22 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the General
 23 Assembly to provide by general law for the dedication of revenues derived
 24 () NO from certain fees or assessments to any one or more state programs for the
 25 protection, preservation, management, remediation, and restoration of
 26 natural resources?"

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